

# Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club

November 23, 2023

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## 2023/24 TNSC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

**President:** Dan McKnight

**Treasurer:** Russell Walker

**Secretary:** Russell Walker

**Special Events:** Pat Rieux

**Membership:** Jean Francois Blain

**Trails:** Jason Desilet

**Chalet:** Luc Brisson

**Instruction:** Isabelle Goulet/James

Goldsack

**Racing:** Anthony Story

**Public Relations:** Theo Cull



## President's Welcome

### Welcome to the 2023 – 2024 season!

There have been a number of changes on the club board this year. A number of long-time board members have stepped down after many years of volunteer service which included guiding the club through the pandemic and implementing a number of significant projects. Their contributions to the club are greatly appreciated.

I have replaced Russell Walker who has stepped down after several years as president, but is still on the board keeping the treasurer portfolio and taking on the position as secretary replacing Bev Foley who held that position for several years. I certainly appreciate having the benefit of Russell's knowledge and experience on the board and thank him for taking on the dual role.

Jean-Francois Blain has taken over the critical role of Director of Membership from Joanne Beeson who stepped down after many years of service. Luc Brisson is continuing as Chalet Director, Jason Desilet continues as Trails Director, Director of Instruction Isobel Goulet is joined by James Goldsack and Anthony Story maintains his role as Director of Racing. After two years in the role of Director of Special Events, Gail Menard stepped down at the end of last ski season to focus on her numerous roles in the local musical community. Patrick Rieux has joined the board as Director of Special Events.

Maybe you're interested in helping with TNSC special events but don't want to commit to taking on a Director role and attending monthly board meetings? If you'd be willing to coordinate just one of the special events through the ski season, the board would also be interested in hearing from you. This could also be an opportunity to be part of an Events committee that works together to organize exciting events for the ski community. Bring your own fresh ideas!

If you have an interest in helping in any of these ways with Special Events, whether as the Director or as part of a committee, please contact Dan McKnight (President; [presidenttjsc1986@gmail.com](mailto:presidenttjsc1986@gmail.com)), Pat Rieux (Director of Special Events; [patrieux@gmail.com](mailto:patrieux@gmail.com)), or Anthony Story (Director of Race; [anthonystory@yahoo.ca](mailto:anthonystory@yahoo.ca)).

The position of vice-president is also vacant. If anyone is interested in this position please contact me.

Many thanks to the outgoing directors, to those who are continuing in their positions and those who are stepping up as new directors. The Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club is an organization that is run by volunteers and would not exist without their efforts. All members are encouraged to help out in any way that they are able.

There are now electric heaters installed in the chalet and needed improvements in the garage. Solar panels have been installed which will greatly reduce our hydro bill and decrease the club's carbon footprint. A new well has been drilled which will give the club a reliable water supply and



we are replacing some of our rental skis. We are hoping to offer the replaced skis for sale at the annual used equipment sale planned for December 2. Stay tuned for further information.

A significant initiative that the club is undertaking this season is the implementation of Nordic Canada's Safesport Program which is focussed on creating a safe environment for athletes, coaches, staff and volunteers who have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive training and competitive environment that is free of abuse, harassment or discrimination – collectively referred to as maltreatment. Russell Walker is leading the implementation of this program. Club Safesport policies will be posted at the chalet and on our website.

The executive is looking forward to the coming season and wishes everyone happy skiing.

See you on the trails,

Dan McKnight

President

Temiskaming Nordic Ski club

## Membership

Hello TNSC members.

Both ski and snowshoe memberships are available to purchase using Zone4.ca's online registration system again this year. Links to the registration will be posted on the club's website or you can search Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club at Zone4.ca which will bring up a link to the registration form. There is an early bird rate for single adults and family memberships only until December 3rd, 2023. There will be a 15% increase for those paying after this date.

Members will be able to pick up their membership tags in a labelled box near the entrance to the chalet, at the start of the season. Please return the envelopes to the back of the box.

For daily passes and rental equipment, they will be available for purchase daily at the chalet during open hours. Fees will be posted on the website and inside the chalet. Note that daily ski passes will also be available for purchase on-line, using Zone4.ca.



Should more information be needed please direct any questions you might have to our email address: [temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com)

Jean-Francois Blain is the new membership director this year. We wish to thank outgoing director Joanne Beeson for doing an amazing job and making a huge difference for the club.

See you on the trails!

## Get Active in Temiskaming

As you may already know, TNSC has been a main beneficiary of the Get Active in Temiskaming's fund-raising walk/runs for many years. In order to earn this privilege, the club must provide at least 3 volunteers at each race. We are very grateful for the faithful volunteers who donate their time year after year. They have been responsible for the club receiving over \$2000 each year. Please consider volunteering for these worthwhile events. If more people volunteer, then each one could do only one event per year. It is a commitment of about 3 hours on the morning of each event, and does not require much training. Volunteers hand out water, pick up bibs, help at registration and other tasks.

If you are interested in helping out the club this way, please check off the box on your TNSC registration form for "Get Active" or contact one of the executive. Thanks in advance!

