

SLNC Board of Directors Candidates: 2018

Lynn Algra



1. Why I'm interested in running for the Board:

My family and I have enjoyed skiing and training here at Sovereign Lake Nordic Club (SLNC) for the past 6 years and now that we are living full time on the mountain I am in the position to contribute more of my time and skills to the Club. My 16 year old son is on the provincial development squad as a competitive biathlete and is currently in the Snow Sport academy. SLNC is our favourite nordic venue and has great potential for further programming and events, especially on the biathlon side and I would like to help in these efforts.

2. The following highlights would make me a valuable member of the Board:

- My 8 years of volunteer experience as the Biathlon Coordinator and Liaison with the Abbotsford Air Cadet Squadron and West Coast Nordic Club will allow me to continue utilizing my strong volunteer recruitment, social media marketing and communication skills.

- Being the Biathlon Provincial Advisor for both the 2016 Penticton and 2018 Kamloops BC Winter Games, I have developed a positive working relationship with the Games Society staff and a collaborative approach to engaging with Host Cities. As Sovereign Lake is the Biathlon venue for the 2022 BC Winter Games my relationships and experience will be an asset to SLNC as we prepare to host Biathlon at the upcoming 2022 BCWG.

- In addition to working on my NCCP Introduction to Competition Coaching Certification, I am currently on Vernon Secondary School PAC, involved with the Vernon Air Cadet Squadron, and support Biathlon BC Development Squad Team as Camp Coordinator.
- My 18 years experience as an Employment Counsellor / Office Manager will allow me to contribute in the areas of human resources / labour standards.

Even though we are new residents to the community, my family and I have strong connections to SLNC already bringing athletes and coaches from Biathlon BC, West Coast Nordic Club, and Whistler Nordic Development Centre here for training camps for the past 4 years. It's been great working with Troy, Bert and Laurie, Ron at Stussi Sport, and Eric DeNys. Looking forward to meeting and getting to know more SLNC families and neighbours!

Pat Pearce



My tenure with the SLNC Board started in 2009 and has continued until present. I sat as Chair for 5 years and filled the role of Vice Chair for a couple of the next 5 years. Although it's important to welcome new members to our Board, I believe it's also important for the club to have some continuity and stability on the Board, which comes from Board members, like myself, being willing to serve many terms.

My interests in the Sovereign Lake Nordic Club ranges from Programs, to Racing and to building a supportive community where skiers like myself can enjoy this sport along side others who love Nordic skiing. I've skied recreationally and competitively since 1984 and have volunteered as a Coach and a ski club Board member for much of that time. My passion for the sport continues to grow and I believe the strength of our organization inspires part of that passion. I'm prepared to play the long game - stay on the Board and work to keep the club vibrant and progressive.

Presently, I sit as the Programs Liaison to the Board and the Chief of Competitions for SLNC. I've also taken the job of being the Chief of Event – 3rd year running for Nor Ams and have stepped forward to Chief the Nationals Competition in 2020 if we're awarded this event.

I'm a Board member that's prepared to roll up my sleeves and get to work – to take on roles that can benefit the club as whole and commit to the work of ensuring SLNC continues to fulfill its mandate of providing a world class ski experience in a family friendly, club oriented environment.

Brent Ree



Brent has completed one term with the board and has been actively involved in the club for the past 5 years. He has 3 children that participate in the programs which has provided great insight to the inner workings of the club and the programs that are offered. He has volunteered at several events held at Sovereign and continues to learn from the strong group of volunteers.

Brent is a Managing Partner for a local general contracting company and has a diverse background in real estate and construction. With this work experience, he worked with the lodge committee and has been actively pursuing getting the new lodge with BC Parks. Some progress has been made but he would like to continue as a board member to see the lodge become a reality.

He also was a member of the human resource committee and would like to continue working with the board to offer his skills in operations management, finance and project management. Hosting the Nationals in 2020 and seeing the improvements that have been made over the past few years, Brent would like to continue assisting with the board and see Sovereign Lake Nordic Club continue to grow and progress.

Brian Wills



Brian Wills is a Fellow Certified Management Consultant.

Education and Designations: Bachelor of Science-Physics UBC, 1970; Licentiate in Accounting-UBC, 1976; Certified Management Consultant 1984.

Professional Associations and Leadership Roles: Mr. Wills is the Past President of Mountain Equipment Coop and Institute of Certified Management Consultants of BC. Current Treasurer of the Vernon Radio Control Club, Past Treasurer Nahanee Woods Strata, Past Board member Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

Experience in Management Consulting - He has performed extensive work for development projects, golf courses, condominiums, hotels, restaurants, ski resorts, convention centres and resorts. Services provided have included preparing business plans, financing documents, market studies, loan reviews and general management assistance.

Philosophy – Current Board Chair 2017/2018. I have been the Chair for the last 3.5 seasons. Sovereign has grown into a successful well-managed Club. Thank you to all the members for your support. I would like to continue for the next 2 years but not in the Chair role. I can contribute to the financial management and if possible contribute to resolving the lodge issue.