

President's Report – 2025/2026

Tim Mckee, President

The 2025/2026 season was a great success, thanks to our excellent staff, engaged Board of Directors, dedicated program coordinators, hard working race committee, and multitude of keen volunteers. Despite some challenging weather conditions early in the season, our grooming team kept the trails in exceptional condition all season long, allowing us to deliver high-quality programs, races and community events.

Board and Governance

Following the end of the season, the Board completed a self review as well as a review of the Strategic Plan to help identify our strengths, areas for improvement and to ensure focus is maintained where needed. We have 6 departing board members this year but a strong slate of applicants with diverse backgrounds and skills.

Staff

We are very happy to welcome Emilie Cayer-Huard as our new General Manager. Emilie comes to us with over 20 years of experience in tourism management, 8 as a senior leader. Emilie also has a long history with the KNC, serving previously as a Jack Rabbit Coordinator and as a Jack Rabbit and Track Attack coach.

Many thanks to both Daniel Childress, our former General Manager and Anna Malvin, our former Program Coordinator. They have moved on to other roles, and we wish them success and thank them for their contributions to the club. Both Daniel and Anna made contributions that were positive and long lasting.

Facilities and Trails

There were no major improvements to the trails this season, but the Groomer Replacement Committee did make the recommendation to the Board to replace our aging 2013 Prinoth Groomer with a newer machine. This recommendation was reviewed and accepted by the Board. We are very excited to share that we will be renting a 2026 Prinoth Bison for the 2026/2027 season. This ensures reliable operation and the ability to offer the consistent high-quality skiing that Kimberley is known for. If the decision to purchase the unit is made, 100% of the rental fees can be applied towards the purchase. This arrangement allows us to remain eligible to apply for funding through the BC Capital Gaming Grant to help with the purchase.

The new Welcome Center officially opened this past November. The building was a much-needed addition and helped solve many issues, including ski equipment storage and distribution for the programs and access to a year-round washroom.

Thank you for reading and being an engaged and supporting member of the KNC. See you on the trails!