



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2021 – After 7:00 PM AGM
Zoom Meeting**

BY TELECONFERENCE

Shawne Kokelj, President
Tracey Pope, Vice-President
Julia Gyapay, Hay River Ski Club representative
John Stephenson, Yellowknife Ski Club representative
Carolyn Hunter, Inuvik Ski Club representative
Sarah Pruys, Administrator
Ollie Williams, Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

1 Approval of Agenda

President Shawne Kokelj added “Proposed Budget” to the agenda.

2 Approval of Minutes (April 6, 2021)

The minutes of the regular board meeting of April 6, 2021 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post April 2021 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

3 Action Items (April 6, 2021)

Board members noted the progress of the April 6, 2021 action items.

Shawne noted CCNWT has met with Spirit North about 2020-21 programming and upcoming plans, while Tracey is clarifying next steps with Spirit North, so the action item to “brainstorm sponsors” is on hold until then.

ACTION ITEM: Tracey to meet with Spirit North about next steps.

Shawne noted she and Angie have almost finished drafting board roles and will pass that document to Administrators this week to promote.

ACTION ITEM: Shawne to send board roles to Administrators. Administrators to promote roles online and to clubs ahead of their next meetings and AGMs.

ACTION ITEM: Tracey to send the engagement survey results.

ACTION ITEM: Ollie to set up a meeting with YK Ski Club about the complaint resolution.

4 COVID-19

Federal funding for Covid-19 does not require any reporting.

5 Proposed 2021-22 Budget

The 2021-22 proposed budget is very similar to the 2020-21 budget, as CCNWT has three years of funding approved. Shawne added 2020-21 carried-over money into the budget (\$20K), because CCNWT received so much money for Covid-19 and from MACA it didn't spend its entire \$100K core funding last year. Shawne noted she doubled the meeting budget from \$2,500 to \$5,500 so the CCNWT board can meet in person and complete larger-scale planning. She also dedicated more money toward coach development because it is likely coaches will need to be sent south or facilitators will need to be brought north ahead of the AWG and CWG.

The draft budget doesn't need to be approved until September, once club representatives have had a chance to review it with their boards and are certain who their 2021-22 club representatives are.

ACTION ITEM: Club representatives to review 2021-22 proposed budget with their clubs.

10 Club Updates

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB

- Incredible season, record participation for all events
- Lots of good media coverage
- Extended season - people skiing late into May
- AGM is June 10
- Next meeting will be in September, will confirm club rep then

ACTION ITEM: John to add CCNWT to the Yellowknife Ski Club AGM agenda.

INUVIK SKI CLUB

- Great season, shout out to CCNWT for support
- Used Covid-19 money for student hire, well-received by community because equipment was available to everyone
- Have secured another \$10K to purchase more equipment
- This summer will work on trail maintenance, lighting, and securing funding for students to work in the club again
- Partnered with Aurora Research Institute and held an orienteering day (ski club provided equipment) and NWT Literacy 'ski and read' day
- Need to build capacity for when Carolyn moves

HAY RIVER SKI CLUB

- Thanked CCNWT for Covid-19 funding and support
- Last event was volunteer appreciation BBQ - Chuck bought a BBQ with his volunteer honoraria
- Phenomenal to see a number of people learning the sport and long-term members coming out to events
- Submitted Ski-At-School application for RYSE money to MACA

- Losing core operational funding (\$35K from NWT Lotteries). Executive has done some work on next steps (MLAs contacted), unsure of what the club's position will be next year
- Club applied for NGO stabilization funds while they work toward getting its funding restored
 - John suggested the club talk to the Town of Hay River as both the Yellowknife and Fort Smith clubs get core funding from their municipalities
- AGM date to be decided, usually in September

FORT SMITH SKI CLUB

- Not in attendance

9 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7 PM.

Tracey expressed gratitude to Shawne for her hard work over the past year.

Action item: **Administrators** to confirm next board meeting date (September 15, 2021) with clubs and encourage clubs to send an alternate to the meeting if a club representative cannot attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.