



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021 - 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

BY TELECONFERENCE

Shawne Kokelj, President
Tracey Pope, Vice-President
David Mahon, Director
Tess Forbes, Inuvik Ski Club representative
Julia Gyapay, Hay River Ski Club representative
Sharon Irwin, Fort Smith Ski Club representative
Diep Duong, Yellowknife Ski Club representative
Sarah Pruys, Administrator
Ollie Williams, Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2 Approval of Minutes (September 15, 2021)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of September 15, 2021 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post September 15, 2021 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

3 Action Items (September 15, 2021)

Board members noted the progress of the September 15, 2021 action items.

President Shawne Kokelj stressed the importance of clubs advising administrators of their coaching needs for their clubs.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to send administrators (nwtski@gmail.com) a list of current coaches and their certifications, as well as send a list of coaching needs for their clubs.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to ensure anyone coaching more than seven hours is registered on <https://thelocker.coach.ca/>.

4 **Budget**

Shawne will send out the budget for email approval. She noted CCNWT receives \$100K per year from MACA in funding, and that CCNWT is currently in year two of a three year funding cycle. CCNWT is allowed to carry some money over within each funding cycle. Factors influencing this budget include Covid-19 monies carried over from last year and the expectation next year will be an expensive year due to both Canada Winter Games and Arctic Winter Games both being held.

Shawne noted the Hay River Ski Club sent an email on the evening of the meeting outlining its operating budget concerns and asked CCNWT to support more operational costs. The CCNWT executive will meet to discuss a response.

ACTION ITEM: Shawne to send out budget to club representatives and executive. **Club representatives** to approve budget by email.

5 **Ski Events**

i) Club Events

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to send a list of events to administrators for insurance purposes. If events change later in the season, please let the administrators know. **Administrators** will add the events to the nwtski.com website.

ii) Territorials

Shawne explained clubs can apply to host territorial ski races through the club funding application process, where they can indicate their interest in hosting and the funding they require to host the event.

Julia Gyapay, the Hay River Ski Club representative, indicated the Hay River club is interested in hosting territorials this year.

iii) Community Events

Thor Gohl in Fort Providence has indicated he would like to host ski races, a loppet, and a ski clinic in his community this year. He has connected with the Hay River club about event planning and some members have volunteered to travel to Fort Providence to assist with the events. CCNWT has received \$5,000 in RYSE funding to assist with the Fort Providence events.

CCNWT has also received \$15,700 in funding for five ski clinics/coach training sessions in the five Sahtu communities.

Spirit North is hiring a coordinator for the Beaufort Delta region to teach skiing and other sports, and CCNWT has asked Spirit North to indicate if it needs any support for these clinics.

7 Club Funding Applications

Ollie noted application forms for club funding will be sent to clubs this week. Clubs can apply for funding in four categories: Event Grants, Territorial Championships Grant, High Performance (HP) | Track Attack (TA) Grants, and Professional Services Grants.

The deadline for grant submissions to CCNWT is November 14. Administrators encouraged clubs to apply for what they think they'll need, and to email nwtski@gmail.com if they have any questions. Administrators encouraged clubs to advise of their coaching needs so the executive has a better idea of how to maximize funding for coach training. Shawne noted the total amount to be distributed will be in the budget.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to send club funding applications to clubs by October 22. Clubs to submit completed applications by November 14.

8 Arctic Winter Games 2023

The technical package for the Arctic Winter Games 2023 has been distributed. Feedback is due to MACA by October 29.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to send feedback on the cross country skiing technical package to administrators by October 29.

9 COVID-19

Many other jurisdictions will likely require mandatory vaccination for ski races. CCNWT will need to review the current Covid-19 situation and health care provisions in other jurisdictions before sending volunteer coaches and athletes to races.

No policies or guidance on mandatory vaccination have been issued by Nordiq Canada or Sport North yet.

10 Club Updates

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB

- Registration is open for the year, early registration ends first week of November
- Facility back for member use as of November 4
- Programming starting soon

INUVIK SKI CLUB

- Losing president next year, hoping to find replacement at AGM in November
- Considering hosting a series of events throughout the year similar to last year

HAY RIVER SKI CLUB

- Asked about Covid-19 guidelines this year and any additional measures that should be taken. CCNWT is waiting on Nordiq Canada, Sport North, and local restrictions before providing guidance
- Will share list of events soon
- Club wants to host territorials
- Received RYSE funding for the Pat Bobinski Memorial Ski Races (PABs) and wants this event to double as the territorial ski races over March 26-27. Julia asked any clubs with conflicting events let her know
 - Club will also hold snowshoe races for people less comfortable with skiing
- Chase the Ace fundraiser underway to raise money for the club's operational expenses
- Club sent several questions to the executive and administrators about the budget, asked if CCNWT will write letter of support for club to submit to MACA, and asked if other clubs could share their funding breakdowns
- Julia is stepping down as the events coordinator and is moving to YK in February. The club is looking for someone to replace her as the club's CCNWT representative

FORT SMITH SKI CLUB

- Sharon stepped down as treasurer but will keep doing the club's books as no replacement was found
- Programming starting first weekend in November
- Interested to see if they get same membership numbers this year, think unlikely since many people who signed up last year never used the club
- Club was vandalized in the spring, the doors were kicked in but nothing was stolen
- They are having equipment issues, need to save for repairs and new equipment
- Membership lives in the NWT but the club is in Alberta, so they are working through which jurisdiction's rules to follow.

11 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held November 16, 2021 at 7 PM.

Action item: **Administrators** to confirm next board meeting date (November 16, 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 8:00 PM.