



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 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
Ashley Coombs, Hay River Ski Club representative
Diep Duong, Yellowknife Ski Club representative
John Stephenson, Yellowknife Ski Club representative
Sarah Pruys, Administrator
Ollie Williams, Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2 Approval of Minutes (October 19, 2021)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of October 19, 2021 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post October 19, 2021 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

3 Action Items (October 19, 2021)

Board members noted the progress of the October 19, 2021 action items and noted one outstanding:

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

4 **Budget**

The budget was circulated for online vote but consensus to approve the budget was not reached. The board was then asked over email to review CCNWT's bylaws, which explain the consensus decision making process used by the board.

At the meeting, President Shawne Kokelj noted the turnover on the board, reviewed consensus-minus-one process, and opened the floor to questions about the budget.

Julia Gyapay, the Hay River Ski Club representative, asked if CCNWT can request operational funding from MACA in the next round of funding applications. Shawne noted the objective of the letter is to look for other funding mechanisms for club operational funding, and is hoping to address the lack of operational funding more immediately in this manner.

Currently, Shawne said, the Recreation and Sport Contribution applications do not entertain submissions for operational funding, although she encouraged clubs to also read the policy closely. During the last round of funding applications CCNWT was not allowed to apply for more funding than it had received in the previous cycle. At this time, MACA has not specified if similar restrictions will be imposed during the next application period.

All clubs approved the draft letter to MACA advocating for operational funding, and the next steps are to send the letter and prepare for the meeting with MACA. Julia asked who will be attending the meeting with MACA and Shawne suggested the initial discussion be a smaller group, such as the executive.

The budget was passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to send the letter to MACA.

5 **Club Funding Applications**

Clubs confirmed they have submitted their applications in full. Shawne noted approximately \$150,000 was applied for. The executive will review applications, taking into consideration coach training needs, and make a decision on how to disburse funds.

ACTION ITEM: Executives to allocate club funding.

7 **Covid-19**

Administrator Ollie Williams reviewed the Nordiq Canada and Sport North draft vaccine mandate policies and noted he had begun drafting a CCNWT version for people ages 12 and over which should be in line with policies clubs have also drafted.

Both Hay River and Yellowknife have already approved their own vaccine mandate policies. Yellowknife's policy says anyone over 12 years who enters a Yellowknife Ski Club building or participates in a program must be vaccinated (but members who only use the trails do not need to be vaccinated). Hay River's policy states if there are under 20 people inside the clubhouse vaccination is not required, but anyone over 12 who participates in a program or event must be vaccinated. During times when an event or program is happening, the clubhouse is not available to non-vaccinated members.

Following questions from clubs about checking and storing confirmation of proof of vaccination, Ollie said he would check with the office of the chief public health officer about proper protocols.

The board discussed that spectators off of the field of play at events, who do not need to pass an entrance or exit point, do not need to be vaccinated.

Shawne noted a high performance coach had asked if CCNWT would be providing guidance for travel during Covid-19, and the board discussed athletes and coaches over 12 will need to be vaccinated (as this will already be required within the NWT) and follow the neighbouring jurisdiction's Covid-19 protocols.

The board will meet to discuss updating the CCNWT policy when Covid-19 vaccines are made available to children ages five to 11.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to circulate draft CCNWT Covid-19 vaccination policy.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to ask the chief public health officer's office how clubs should check and store proof of vaccination information.

10 Club Updates

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB

- At the last meeting a few weeks ago the club discussed a vaccine policy for the facility and programming
- Snow Show is on November 20, looking forward to hosting an event

INUVIK SKI CLUB

- AGM on November 17 (lots of board members have left, down to a few people)
- Feeling optimistic about board
- Trails look good, prepping to groom trails
- No Covid-19 policy, will be using CCNWT's policy

HAY RIVER SKI CLUB

- During Covid-19 policy discussions the president and treasurer both resigned
- Have received nearly \$20,000 from various local businesses and organizations (ie NWT Power Corp, the Legion) for ski programming
- Chuck met with Hay River's rec director to begin discussions on how can Town support the club

- Town will submit funding proposals for upgrades at facilities (roof, windows, heating) on HRSC's behalf. Seeing if Town can be responsible for brushing trails in summer
- Trials are groomed, new signs are up
- Skiers are out!
- First biathlon practice was November 16
- Julia stepping down as club rep, Ashley Coombs is the new rep

FORT SMITH SKI CLUB

- Not in attendance

11 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7 PM.

Action item: **Administrators** to confirm next board meeting date (Tuesday, December 14, 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 8:02 PM.