



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

BY TELECONFERENCE

Shawne Kokelj, President
Tracey Pope, Vice-President
David Mahon, Director
Tess Forbes, Inuvik Ski Club representative
Ashley Coombs, Hay River 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 7:04 PM.

1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2 Approval of Minutes (November 16, 2021)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of November 16, 2021 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post November 16, 2021 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

3 Action Items (November 16, 2021)

Board members noted the progress of the November 16, 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 Sport North Forum

Administrators Sarah Pruys and Ollie Williams sat in on Sport North's forum in late November.

Introduction to Creating Inclusive Sport for 2SLGBTQ+ Youth (Jacq Brasseur)

- Good background on identities in the 2SLGBTQ+ acronym
- How to create safe, inclusive spaces in sport
- Scenarios and how to handle them (ie trans athletes and gendered sport categories)

A Path to Reconciliation in Sport (NTRC)

- History of sport in residential schools
- TRC recommendations related to sport
- List of other resources to check out

Safe Sport (Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada)

- Basically goes through the safe sport mechanism where people can report inappropriate behaviours and the pathway followed after complaints comes in
- Talked about trauma-informed approach
- From Bill Othmer: "The SDRCC indicated that they hope to invite "signatories" sometime after March. Sport North is working with MACA to ensure that all the TSO's are covered once it's initiated. From the sounds of it, it appears the three northern governments are considering being one "signatory", but nothing confirmed at this stage. Regarding coverage, I got the impression that it'll cover all items under the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS), and the processes/steps for the items."

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to again request this presentation from Sport North to share with clubs.

Covid Vaccination Policy FAQ (Sport Law)

- Policy examples (which we forwarded on from Sport North prior to our last board meeting) and talked about these documents
- Sport North has asked GNWT for direction re vaccine requirements for Canada Games

MACA's RYSE (regional youth sporting event funding) is under review following some feedback about how it's difficult to spend (usually we get around \$5K to bring 3+ communities together, which isn't very easy). They didn't ask for feedback during the presentation, but we are thinking we'll send something/see when they will be engaging with TSOs for the review.

AWG Trial Scheduling: MACA is considering changing how trials are run for AWG. We have been given three options: TSOs coordinate trials, Sport North coordinates trials, or we have the choice to either coordinate trials or ask Sport North to do it. The executive suggested Sport North continue to coordinate the logistical side of the trials, and that CCNWT ask for more say in when the trials and travel to the trials are scheduled. The Administrators have passed this information along to Sport North.

5 Club Funding Applications

Ollie noted cheques have been mailed to clubs for High Performance and Track Attack programming, as well as for events.

President Shawne Kokelj suggested how money is applied on and dispersed for professional development services be re-examined soon to make scheduling training easier.

She reminded clubs of CCNWT's [NCCP Course Registration and Fee Policy](#), which explains which course costs are the responsibility of CCNWT, clubs, and participants. This year, CCNWT has successfully applied for additional funding from the Aboriginal Sport Circle NWT to help cover costs typically borne by clubs and participants.

The Yellowknife Ski Club representative John Stephenson noted Yellowknife can host territorials, but requested CCNWT's assistance helping other clubs with travel and accommodations logistics.

The executive met with former HP coaches to discuss coach training needs given the AWG and CWG will both take place early in 2023. Shawne suggested CCNWT put out a call for expressions of interest from people interested in being HP coaches.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators and Shawne to draft call for expressions of interest from people interested in being HP coaches.

6 Covid-19

Ollie noted he circulated an updated Covid-19 policy to clubs on December 14, and asked for feedback by Tuesday, December 21.

The updated policy covers proof of vaccination data storage and notes people travelling out of territory for events must be vaccinated. The policy is not designed to supersede other policies, but can guide clubs and activities when a club policy is not in effect.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to provide feedback on CCNWT vaccination policy by Tuesday, December 21.

7 Club Updates

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB

- Events held: Candy Cane Ski on December 12, Chix on Stix Costume event on November 28, Snow Show on November 20.
- All Trails are packed (not groomed or track set).
- Firearms Officer, RCMP is in town this week - meeting him December 15 for casual-hello meeting - our range certificate is good until 2023.
- Coaching Courses planned: Community Coaching January 24- 28 (evenings); Learn to Train - January 28 - 30
- Skigo Bingo underway - to January 10
- Ski Lessons, Waxing Lessons and all programs are underway

- New Program - Learn to Frostbite 50 - registration open - starting in new year
- World Snow Day is January 16 - registration closes tomorrow December 15
 - https://world-snow-day.com/Event_Registration
 - <https://www.world-snow-day.com/>
- Access to buildings, participation in events or programs requires vaccination which allowed larger numbers in the buildings
- Orders placed for uniforms, toques and headbands
- Significant GNWT rentals of the chalet - Isolation Centre September 13 - October 4, Corrections Training - October 12 - November 23
- Some additional GNWT bookings since then.
- Application in the works for City Grant - due January 10.
- 2028 - when NWT will likely host AWG, may be political enthusiasm to hold it in Inuvik, opportunity to bid is coming up
- 2031 - NWT is on calendar for CWG - possibly YK - would require city council approval

INUVIK SKI CLUB

- Held AGM, now have 8-9 people on the board
- Carolyn is back on the board as a member at large
- Furnace broke, bill is \$1600
- Lock also broke, \$200 bill
- Snowmobile is broken - rough financial month
- Working on app to hire students to hand out equipment
- Accessibility issue - most people with membership rely on borrowing skis
- Everyone is excited about coaching clinic, found a potential LF candidate

HAY RIVER SKI CLUB

- Held Polar Cup competition this weekend, tried to recruit new volunteers
 - A few competitors came down from Yellowknife
- Sent out second press release - reiterated funding crisis
- Asked for update re MACA funding letter
 - Shawne said CCNWT has asked volunteer who is professional facilitator who will help put material together for meeting with MACA, no date set yet for this meeting with MACA

FORT SMITH SKI CLUB

- Not in attendance

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 18, 2021 at 7 PM.

Action item: **Administrators** to confirm next board meeting date (Tuesday, January 18, 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 7:54 PM.