



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022 - 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
Diep Duong, Yellowknife Ski Club representative
Sharon Irwin, Fort Smith Ski Club representative
Sarah Pruys, 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 (December 14, 2021)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of December 14, 2021 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post December 14, 2021 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

3 Action Items (December 14, 2021)

Board members noted the progress of the December 14, 2021 action items.

4 Strategic Plan

The 2016-2020 strategic plan is up for review. President Shawne Kokelj said much of the plan is still pertinent but the board should review progress and reaffirm objectives.

Shawne suggested clubs review the plan and see if there are any major revisions required, and asked if anyone wanted to take the lead on this project.

Yellowknife Ski Club representative John Stephenson suggested at each board meeting the board discuss one pillar of the plan. He thinks a report on the 2016-2020 plan would be beneficial to highlight CCNWT's accomplishments and note progress on the objectives.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to review or familiarize themselves with the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan and note any major revisions that are needed.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to review status of objectives in plan by the next board meeting and present the board with a draft report.

5 President's Notes

Shawne noted the Yellowknife Ski Club is hosting the territorial ski races this year, and that CCNWT has begun posting about territorials on social media. She suggested waiting to see how to best spend the travel funding for territorials given the evolving Covid-19 situation, and noted money is available not just for High Performance and Track Attack youth, but for all skiers.

She said an Expression of Interest went out looking for high performance coaches and asked clubs to circulate the call if they haven't yet done so, and thanked the clubs which have shared the email. Administrator Sarah Pruy noted three people have already emailed the administrators to express interest.

Sport North is expected to provide TSOs an update on Arctic Winter Games tryouts by the end of January. Sarah read Bill Othmer's email to the board, which went as follows:

"We're still compiling the results of the AWG '23 survey with the goal of supplying the Gov. with selection options for the TSO's. After we meet with the Gov. then we'll bring in the TSO's for a zoom meeting. Our timeframe was to have a plan of attack/options by the end of Jan...still hoping this will occur.

Is X-Country Skiing considering holding AWG '23 selections this winter?

As far as CWG's is concerned, it's status quo in that area regarding how the TSO's select its Team."

Shawne also noted CCNWT has received a list of coaches and officials from Nordiq Canada, should any clubs require this information.

She said the executive is meeting with MACA on Monday to discuss club funding. Volunteer Roxane Poulin has summarized the clubs' key points and questions for the discussion, which Shawne can forward to clubs. Shawne said the tone of the

presentation is to partner with MACA to support all clubs and community skiing in the NWT. The executive and Roxane are working on a handout to share with MACA. They are hopeful for a positive initial discussion and expect the conversation will be ongoing.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to ask YK Ski Club how CCNWT can support them in hosting territorials.

ACTION ITEM: Shawne to share notes from Roxane with the clubs.

6 Coach Training Update

Allison McArdle from Calgary is scheduled to lead a Community Coaching course in Inuvik over January 22-23, a Community Coaching course in Yellowknife over January 25-28, and a Learn to Train course in Yellowknife over January 29-20. Meanwhile, the Hay River Ski Club is hosting a CANSI course over January 28-30 and a Community Coaching course over January 29-30.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to connect with Karen Johnston about CANSI instructor certification in Hay River.

7 Covid-19

i) CCNWT Covid-19 Policy Update

The policy was passed by consensus.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to post the policy on nwtski.com.

8 Club Updates

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB

- Youth programming is running as normal (no indoor training though)
- HP youth no longer going to Canmore for ski race
- Skigo still happening
- World Snow Day - free trail access, no indoor activities
- 110 youth registered for Jackrabbits
- Can't meet demand for adult lessons (instructors need CANSI courses)
- Frostbite 50 confirmed for March 19

INUVIK SKI CLUB

- Full operation starts up around end of January
- Grooming has started, but membership sales haven't started yet
- Membership usually needs to borrow skis
- Put up post to hire student to hand out skis for three hours on the weekend (need to find more funding to hire student for longer).

HAY RIVER SKI CLUB

- Around 20 for youth skiing programming
- Christmas scavenger hunt ski over the holidays

- Good turnout for World Snow Day - lots of new people checking out the club, gear, and trails
- Birding Ski was postponed until February
- Full Moon snowshoes on monthly basis - partner with Town which lends equipment
- CANSI/CC scheduled for the end of the month
- Have board meeting Jan 19

FORT SMITH SKI CLUB

- Lots of Jackrabbits this year
- Cold weather has made programming difficult
- Candy Cane Lane event at Christmas
- Tried a bingo before Christmas, not great turnout so will try again
- Planned a Snow Day event and offered free trail access.
- Town was going to have event at the Landslide, asked Ski Club to groom track - not sure if it happened
- Looking into doing races on Feb 19-20
- Online Auction Feb 12
- Loppet plans
- Looking into getting a second ski thing to set two sets of tracks at once, wondering about recommended spacing - John will look.

Action item: **Administrators** to monitor Covid-19 restrictions.

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7 PM.

Action item: **Administrators** to confirm next board meeting date (Tuesday, February 15, 2022) 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.