



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

BY TELECONFERENCE

Shawne Kokelj, President

Tracey Pope, Vice-President

David Mahon, Director

Tess Forbes, Inuvik Ski Club representative

Kathleen Gilhooly, 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

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 (February 16, 2021)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of February 16, 2022 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post February 16, 2022 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

3 Action Items (February 16, 2022)

Board members noted the progress of the February 16, 2022 action items.

4 President's Notes

Land and Building Tenure for MACA - Shawne thanked clubs for sending in this information to administrators.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to compile club land and building tenure information and share with MACA.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to begin application for strategic planning funding.

Safe Sport - Administrators (Sarah) passed on Safe Sport information highlights from Nordiq Canada to clubs. MACA also plans to send an update on Safe Sport progress soon, and then CCNWT can begin drafting policies to ensure compliance prior to the next round of WCLP funding. They have previously indicated they would provide support to TSOs to ensure they are in compliance in time.

Coach Training - Administrators (Sarah) drafted guidelines for coach training responsibilities, which outlines the roles of Nordiq Canada, CCNWT, clubs, participants, and instructors when courses for coaches are held. The document is with the executive for review, and it will be shared with relevant parties prior to the next ski season.

Arctic Winter Games - CCNWT selected December 7-11, 2022 as the first choice of dates for tryouts for AWG, and expects to hear a final decision from Sport North soon.

Nordiq Canada Equity Initiative - New funding for programming targeting BIPOC, LGBT+, and newcomer/low income populations. Applications are due to Nordiq Canada by March 21.

ACTION ITEM: Shawne to confirm details of Nordiq Canada Equity Initiative grant with Nordiq Canada and share with clubs.

5 Covid-19

From the OCPHO:

Territorial Sports Organizations can lift their POV (proof of vaccination) requirements but are beholden to the bylaws of their municipality, however, municipalities still need to lift this requirement for their city facilities. ...

While this would no longer be a Public Health Order, establishments and organizations can still set up their own policies and be more restrictive than current requirements. Please note if you do maintain a POV policy, that the organization or establishment will need to support and respond to any concerns regarding exemptions for this policy and any challenges individuals might bring for the continued use.

The board decided CCNWT's COVID-19 Vaccination Policy & Safety Protocols policy would remain in place for now. Clubs have the flexibility to decide if they want to follow the CCNWT policy, follow their own policy, or have no proof of vaccination policy.

6 Community Updates

Sahtu (Local Sport Leaders funding) - Anna-Spring Doerfler, who lives in Fort Good Hope, is hosting ski clinics for youth and teachers/rec coordinators in all Sahtu communities this spring.

Tulita: March 9,10, 11

Deline: March 14, 15

Colville: March 17, 18

Fort Good Hope: February 8, March 21, 22

Norman Wells: 29, 30

Fort Providence (RYSE event) - Kerry Wheler or Bernadette Knox from the Yellowknife Ski Club will travel to Fort Providence over March 15-17 to host ski clinics and a 'Lap-a-Loppet' with Fort Providence youth and youth from nearby communities.

Beaufort Delta (Spirit North) - Spirit North is sending one staff to the Beaufort Delta from March 27 until May 20 to run ski programming and other active programming with schools in Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, Tsiigehtchic, Aklavik, and Fort McPherson. Julia Gyapay from the Yellowknife Ski Club may also provide support as a second facilitator. CCNWT has offered to contribute \$5000 to the flight costs for this capacity-building program.

8 Club Updates

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB

- Had board meeting on March 7
- Ski races/Territorials scheduled for March 12-13, but weather doesn't look good

- John - decided to postpone ski races until April 9-10, younger skiers can't compete in -15C or colder and the majority of the skiers are under
- Three families coming from Fort Smith, needed to give them notice
- Going to use this weekend to learn how to use the chip technology
- April 2-3 Polar Cup
- April 3 is YK Loppet
- Discussed Covid-19 protocol for remainder of the year, decided to keep things as status quo until next meeting (after which time emergency public order should be lifted)
- Frostbite 50 is March 19
- Next board meeting is April 4

INUVIK SKI CLUB

- Connor from Spirit North coming up soon
- Get lots of requests for youth programming but don't have capacity
- Holding International Women's Day Ski tonight (free skiing for women)
- Pi Day on Sunday - partnering with Aurora Research Institute who are donating staff, equipment, and orienteering equipment
- Have three students hired to "rent" out skis
- Skidoo is still broken
- Adult skis arrived today - ordered 11 sets last March and they just arrived
- Likely going to hire someone else to run ski programming for kids next week

HAY RIVER SKI CLUB

- Just held Polar Cup #2 this weekend
- Jackrabbits and Bunnyrabbits still taking place
- PABs last weekend in March, last big event Hay River is hosting
- Minister Shane Thompson may be touring ski club soon

FORT SMITH SKI CLUB

- Loppet cancelled due to local emergency (stay at home order, heavy police presence in town)
- Going to meet March 9 to consider rescheduling the Loppet

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Action item: **Administrators** to confirm next board meeting date (Tuesday, April 12, 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 7:40 PM.