



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2022 – 7:40 PM
Zoom Meeting**

BY ZOOM

David Mahon, President
Tess Forbes, Inuvik Ski Club representative
Ashley Coombs, Hay River Ski Club representative
Diep Duong, Yellowknife Ski Club representative
John Stephenson, Yellowknife Ski Club alternate
Sharon Irwin, Fort Smith Ski Club representative
Sarah Pruys, Administrator
Ollie Williams, Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 PM.

1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2 Approval of Minutes (April 12, 2022)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of April 12, 2022 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post April 12, 2022 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

3 Action Items (April 12, 2022)

Board members noted the progress of the April 12, 2022 action items.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to reach out to members for expressions of interest regarding serving on the CCNWT Board..

4 CWG and AWG Selection Committees

Tess Forbes and Sharon Irwin will form the coach selection committee for the 2023 CWG and AWG.

***ACTION ITEM: Administrators** to circulate applications as soon as is practicable after the deadline. **Tess** and **Sharon** to reach a decision and communicate this to the Administrators..*

5 MACA Discussions

David and the Administrators will continue to advance discussions on club funding support with MACA, with the involvement of facilitator Roxane Poulin.

***ACTION ITEM: Administrators** to arrange meeting with MACA.*

6 Hay River Flooding

A huge amount of work is required to recover Hay River's ski trails following flooding in the community.

Diep asked if MACA is working with the club or if insurance is in place. Ashley said the club had been told there was no insurance or coverage via the government. Assessors are going around, the club is waiting to hear on some of those reports.

David asked what the timeline is like for the club, given the sheer amount of work but the need to prioritize equipment elsewhere. How long might it be before the club knows costs and dates for equipment? Ashley did not expect the club to be waiting an extremely long period, though the land remains wet and muddy with water pooling in places along the trails. The club needs to wait a little to get in there. Large equipment will be needed to move large trees that have fallen.

Administrators suggested the sum of \$20,000 could be provided as an emergency relief fund, with the potential to revise this sum if the damage proved beyond that sum.

John noted Hay River had been hit with the loss of core funding and now the flood, but would be down the list in terms of priority compared to home and infrastructure and would need to get on contractors' lists.

The release of \$20,000 in assistance to Hay River Ski Club was approved by the Board.

***ACTION ITEM: Administrators** to issue \$20,000 to Hay River Ski Club.*

7 Budget 2022-23

Ollie suggested that the Board outline requirements for the year ahead and staff will draft a budget accordingly.

John suggested directing some funds toward operations annually, at an initial level of \$10K per club. Ashley seconded that.

David likes the idea of options placed in front of the board as there is only so much money. The challenge is to balance where that money goes. Skiing is one of the only sports expected to pay for infrastructure and that's a big message to MACA. Wouldn't want to lose some of the good stuff started, like services offered to clubs outside Yellowknife, and training. We need to understand what those trade-offs are, where that would come from.

Diep liked the suggestion of taking away some options and looking to restructure some of the funding allocation. In an ideal world we get unlimited money but if we're only given \$100K a year, how do we allocate that money the best way possible? Right now, it is not allocated to O&M. If we did put an allocation for that in, after the three years is over, are they going to increase our budget or do we now have to find \$40K from the existing \$100K and move that money around?

Tess said clubs do need operational funding to stay open. ASC has helped the Inuvik club run this year.

Sharon agreed with Tess but said she also agreed with everybody. It's the problem of ageing equipment needing to be replaced, high insurance bills, there are just so many costs.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to report back with budget proposals for end-of-June meeting.

7 Club Updates

INUVIK SKI CLUB

- Had a lot of snow and a crazy long winter
- Things have now wrapped up
- Overall, a super great season
- Everybody seemed really positive. It's looking promising for next year

FORT SMITH SKI CLUB

- Received \$5,000 from the Healthy Horizons fund to buy ski equipment
- Received an added 10-percent funding from completion of another project's final report
- Facing a coach and executive shortage next year

HAY RIVER SKI CLUB

- PABS was really well-attended in March
- Came up to Yellowknife for Polar Cup 3
- Looking forward to working more with neighbouring clubs and maximizing strengths

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB

- Will be receiving \$25K per year for the next 3 years from City of YK
- AGM coming up

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7 PM.

Action item: **Administrators** to confirm next board meeting date with clubs and encourage clubs to send an alternate to the meeting if a club representative cannot attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.