



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT  
Board Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2022 – 8:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting**

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**BY ZOOM**

David Mahon, President

Lisa McShane

Shawne Kokelj

Tess Forbes, Inuvik Ski Club representative

Gary Magee, Yellowknife Ski Club representative

John Stephenson, Yellowknife Ski Club alternate representative

Ollie Williams, Administrator

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM.

**1 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**2 Approval of Minutes (November 9, 2022)**

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of November 9, 2022 were approved.

***ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post November 9, 2022 minutes on [nwtski.com](http://nwtski.com) and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.***

**Action Items (November 9, 2022)**

Board members noted the progress of the November 9, 2022 action items.

**3 Arctic Winter Games & Canada Winter Games**

**i) AWG**

AWG trials were held in Yellowknife over December 8-10. Twenty-six youth tried out for Team NT in three age categories and 21 youth were selected (older age categories were not filled as there were not enough athletes).

Trials included a day of team building activities and preparation, a classic individual start race, and a free technique mass start race. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered, coached, and tried out this year.

Team NT for 2023 AWG in Fort McMurray will include athletes from Yellowknife, Fort Good Hope and Fort Smith:

*U14 Boys*

Benjamin Lothian  
Toryn Wheler  
Jordi Casas  
Noah Koop

*U14 Girls*

Liliana Marrai  
Emily Lothian  
Kaylee Kelly  
Breya Rabaska

*U16 Boys*

Adam Clinton  
Nikolas Hawkins  
Cormac Stewart

*U16 Girls*

Leah McShane  
Neve Mahon  
Anna Curran  
Isibelle Manuel

*U18 Boys*

Morgan Young  
Makoa Kokelj  
Malachi Morin  
Joseph Curran

*U18 Girls*

Skyra Pike  
Talia Ehrlich

Shawne noted this is the NT's biggest team in a long time.

**ii) CWG**

Trials were waived for CWG by the selection committee, which offered spots to all youth who filled out an expression of interest form and who have demonstrated a previous and ongoing commitment to training and racing.

*The CWG Team NT includes:*

Leah McShane  
Nikolas Hawkins  
Neve Mahon  
Skyra Pike  
Talia Ehrlich  
Anna Curran  
Joseph Curran  
Morgan Young  
Adam Clinton  
Malachi Morin

**iii) Other**

- The orders for race suits and warm-up suits have been submitted and should be completed within the next few days.
- Mike Argue is going to do an inventory for ski wax, which will clarify what additional wax needs to be purchased.
- Sport North is now requiring the TSO to collect payment from all athletes participating in the AWG. Administrator Sarah Pruys will email parents/guardians of athletes about this, as well as to begin to arrange travel dates for out of town athletes.

***ACTION ITEM: Administrators to email AWG Team NT parents/guardians regarding the \$400 fee and to email athletes not based in Yellowknife about travel arrangements to Yellowknife to catch the charter (Administrators also need to confirm responsibility for potential Yellowknife accommodations before and after the charter to PEI for out-of-town athletes).***

**4 Coaching**

i) Professional Development Schedule

CC - Fort Smith - December 3-4, 2022 - Completed

CC - Yellowknife - November 26-27, 2022 - Completed

L2T - Yellowknife - February 10-12, 2022 with Allison McArdle

Advanced Classic and Advanced Skate Skiing with Allison McArdle (TBC) - February 9 & February 12, 2022

CANSI - In Hay River in January or February with the Madsens.

Adult Ski Training - Inuvik - March 11-12, 2022 (Yellowknife instructor - Jennifer Stranart has been confirmed.

***ACTION ITEM: Administrators to book travel and accommodations for Allison McArdle and Jennifer Stranart.***

***ACTION ITEM: Coaches must have licenses for the new season:***  
<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=29372>

**5 Nordiq Canada Equity Funding**

Ollie provided an update on the project, which is running according to plan. All five proposed host communities have been welcoming of the project – Ulukhaktok has been switched in for Paulatuk in order to better support a growing ski program in the community.

Annika is project managing and working to build local capacity by including NWT-based facilitators and instructors where possible.

Any excess funding once travel and basic expenses are accounted for will be directed to equipment. Fort Providence has requested Indigenous-language trail signage as a legacy item following its week-long program as part of this project.

Ollie is due to meet with Annika prior to the Christmas break for a further update.

## 6 Club Funding

Clubs have been notified of their club funding for the year and cheques have been mailed to clubs. David asked for clubs to promote CCNWT's sponsorship of these events and for photos to help mark them. We're in the last year of our funding, David said, and it's really important that we make sure everybody understands that things happen because of that funding.

## 7 Insurance

Following the distribution of the action items to the board, David heard back from Nordiq Canada clarifying that "anything greater than a cut needing a bandaid should be reported" using the incident report form and submitted to Nordic Canada.

**Action item: Clubs to fill out and return director and officer liability forms.**

## 8 Club news and updates

### *Inuvik Ski Club*

- Waxing clinic held by request
- Received loppet funding
- Most of board on Christmas vacation

### *Yellowknife Ski Club*

- Held AWG trials, trails in great shape
- People being trained to run Frostbite 50
- Committee to make trails clearer e.g. signage
- Candy Cane Day on Sunday, weather was good, good numbers

## 9 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 7pm.

**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 9:06 PM.