



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023 - 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

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David Mahon, President

Lisa McShane, Director

Tess Forbes, Inuvik Ski Club representative

Gary Magee, Yellowknife Ski Club representative

John Stephenson, Yellowknife Ski Club alternate representative

Sharon Firth, Fort Smith Ski Club representative

Ollie Williams, Administrator

Sarah Pruys, Administrator

Regrets: Ashley Coombs, Shawne Kokelj

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved following the addition of: Strategic Plan update, Nordiq Canada update (Fee Increase, Nordiq Canada Strategic Plan), and Social Media and Events.

2 Approval of Minutes (December 13, 2022)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of December 13, 2022 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post December 13, 2022 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

Action Items (December 13, 2022)

Board members noted the progress of the December 13, 2022 action items.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to ask Nordiq Canada for a list of coaches who have signed up for coaching licenses.

3 Arctic Winter Games & Canada Winter Games

i) AWG & CWG

Race suits and warm-up suits have been ordered and should arrive in time for the Games. Parents have been invoiced for clothing if necessary and some parents have also been reminded of the registration fee deadline this Friday, January 13.

Wax has been ordered. The only outstanding budget item is a car rental for the coaches to share and potentially ordering additional merch for CWG athletes.

Travel information has been shared by Sport North and regular meetings are occurring between Sport North, coaching teams, and mission staff for both games. Communication from Sport North regarding both Games and outstanding items is being forwarded on to coaches and parents as applicable.

AWG will also be held in 2024 so policy review will be needed again soon.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to ensure Sport North is paid coach and athlete fees on time (awaiting invoice from Sport North).

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. Waiting on Allison to confirm advanced courses.

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: Administrators/Hay River Ski Club to determine dates for Hay River professional development.

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

5 Nordiq Canada Equity Funding

Dates are confirmed for the following venues:

Fort Good Hope: week of March 13
Whati: week of March 27
Fort Providence: week of April 2
Ulukhaktok: week of April 24

Fort Resolution is tentatively planned for week of March 19 but is to be confirmed.

Spirit North has drafted a budget that is approximately \$10,000 under budget, which allows for flexibility and unexpected costs. Ollie is meeting with Spirit North later this week to review the budget.

Spirit North coaches that will be leading the ski festivals include: Leah Reid, Luke Finney, Mike Baker and Taylor Bell

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to confirm with Nordiq Canada that it is okay the Ulukhaktok event is held in late April.

Other possible community event include:

- Fort Providence (RYSE money received)

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to determine if this event should be combined with the NCEF ski festival.

- Fort Simpson (RYSE money applied on)
- Sahtu events (applied for funding for clinics/training in five Sahtu communities, have meeting with ASCNWT next week to further discuss)

6 Strategic Plan update

Administrators have a meeting with a consultant on Wednesday, January 11 to discuss next steps in strategic planning for the next five years. CCNWT can get approximately \$4000 from MACA for strategic planning. A Yellowknife-based firm called Lead Dog will be leading the processes. After Lead Dog meets with administrators, administrators suggest an initial meeting with Lead Dog and the executive before setting up a meeting with all clubs.

David brought up strategic planning and succession planning/long-term planning at the club level and asked clubs for their thoughts in a roundtable discussion. Fort Smith doesn't feel like there is a lot of energy for long-term planning. Yellowknife said their strategic plan is on their website and other clubs may want to take a look at it. Inuvik asked for time to consider.

Ollie noted the consultant may be able to help with succession planning as well as strategic planning. David noted a strategic plan should help with what clubs want to do, not take up more time.

7 Nordiq Canada update

i) Fee Increase

Nordiq Canada currently charges \$10 per member. They are considering increasing this fee to \$12 and there is a vote on this next week. The increase is proposed due to rising costs and the increase is likely to pass the vote.

ii) Nordiq Canada Strategic Plan

Nordiq Canada recently released its strategic plan and it's available online. There is a focus on higher performance athletes which may not resonate with NWT clubs.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to forward new strategic plan to clubs.

8 Social Media and Events

Hay River has confirmed it will be hosting territorials.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to forward photos and reports from CCNWT-funded events to CCNWT to share.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to add all club events to website.

9 Club news and updates

Fort Smith Ski Club

- December: Candy Cane Ski with Santa on December 10, Boxing Day Brunch on December 27
- January: Ski Yoga Tea on January 8, Grooming Orientation on January 8
- First loppet planning meeting is January 11
- Hoping more events will get planned soon
- Have 103 members

Yellowknife Ski Club

- Held Candy Cane Ski over the holidays; next event is World Snow Day on Sunday (free skiing)
- Adult novice ski lessons coming up on January 14, 22, 29
- Beginning talks with mountain bike club (insurance, sharing space, etc)
- Sunday, February 12 is NWT Ski Day

Inuvik Ski Club

- Soft opening this coming week after board meeting (open to people with their own skis)
- Held waxing clinic in December and will likely hold another soon
- Planning Ski Festival in Inuvik

10 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15 at 7pm (to be confirmed with the Hay River Ski Club first).

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 7:50 PM.