



**CROSS COUNTRY NWT
Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting**

BY ZOOM

David Mahon, President

Lisa McShane, Director

Tess Forbes, Inuvik Ski Club representative

John Stephenson, Yellowknife Ski Club representative (alternate)

Kerry Wheler, Yellowknife Ski Club representative (club president)

Gary Magee, Yellowknife Ski Club representative

Ashley Coombs, Hay River Ski Club

Sharon Irwin, Fort Smith Ski Club

Sarah Pruys, Administrator

Call to Order

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

1 Approval of Agenda

2 Approval of Minutes (March 8, 2023)

The minutes of the regular board meeting minutes of March 8, 2023 were approved.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to update and post March 8, 2023 minutes on nwtski.com and distribute minutes to the CCNWT board and clubs.

Action Items (March 8, 2023)

Board members noted the progress of the March 8, 2023 action items.

3 Coach Training

Yellowknife Ski Club is working to organize L2T Dryland or T2T Dryland in Spring 2023 – once dates are finalized all clubs will be invited. Yellowknife also hosts a CC course every fall. There is less interest in a CC course in Inuvik.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs to let administrators know if they have L2T Dryland certified coaches who may want to become a Learning Facilitator this spring.

ACTION ITEM: Clubs are encouraged to let administrators know what kind of training they'd like for their coaches in the 2023-24 season.

4 Safe Sport

Safe Sport is a national dialogue around safety in sports and the universal code of conduct to prevent and address maltreatment in sports. All sports nationally will adopt similar codes of conduct to help ensure athlete safety. There are two avenues to getting safe sport policies – Nordiq Canada (sport policies) or MACA-developed policies (territorial policies).

There will be a requirement from MACA to adopt either MACA or Nordiq Canada's policies. Nordiq Canada has told us we must have policies adopted by 2024-25. MACA has not specifically said when policies are mandatory, but they will be required soon. Nordiq Canada plans to launch an implementation guide this summer. MACA does not have a definitive timeline but has also stated they will offer implementation support.

One set of policies has to do with behaviour of people participating in the sport; and the second set of policies looks at addressing behaviours.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators to circulate Safe Sport policy drafts and videos about Safe Sport.

5 Nordiq Canada Equity Funding

DATES

March 12-17 Fort Good Hope

March 20-24 Łútsël K'é

March 26-31 Whatì

April 2-6 Fort Providence

March 31-April 2 Inuvik

April 24-May 1 Ulukhaktok

6 Strategic Plan update

No update.

7 WCLC Funding Application 2023-2026

MACA three-year funding agreement wraps up this year, and then we will apply for funding for the next three years. The new funding comes with a commitment to implementing safe sport policies (we can follow Sport North or Nordiq Canada's policy drafts), ensuring gender equity, and some other conditions.

MACA has indicated we should apply for the same amount of funding as we received in 2022-23. The Yellowknife Ski Club suggested this may be the time to advocate for more funding, given clubs are responsible for maintaining their own facilities.

The Hay River Ski Club reiterated their club is in jeopardy without the reinstatement of legacy funding. They are planning to send out another press release updating the community about the situation.

The Inuvik Ski Club said there have been offers to purchase equipment for their club, but no offers to help with bills for things like heating.

The Fort Smith Ski Club has raised money for some new equipment but has some unexpected bills coming up that they need to find money for.

The Yellowknife Ski Club has a good relationship with the city. The city's fundraising director secured \$25,000/year in funding from the city for the next two years (2021-22 was the first year of a three-year funding agreement). Chalet rental fees support operations.

Fort Smith said local businesses are good about helping out with \$500-\$1000 prizes or cash donations when clubs were asked about seeking corporate sponsorship.

ACTION ITEM: Administrators and clubs to continue discussions with MACA about operations and maintenance and report back at CCNWT meetings.

9 Club news and updates

Fort Smith Ski Club

- Season ended March 25

Yellowknife Ski Club

- Held Loppet - 450 participants (470 signed up)
- Nordiq Cross - April 15
- Board is working on insurance questions about the Banting hut rentals
- AGM in June - working on board succession, will also have dinner and awards, an announcement of incoming board
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Inuvik Ski Club

- Still have snow
- Closing rental program at the end of April
- Received \$1000 from MACA for club signage
- Held ski festival around April 1 (had attendants from Paulatuk)
- Had 26 loppet participants (first day of spring break)
- Spirit North held programming last week in Inuvik
- May have problems with ski club roof – need to look at it in the spring

Hay River Ski Club

- Territorials were a hit (tied to 3rd PABS)
 - Yellowknife sent contingent
- Went to YK for Polar Cup and Loppet
- Nordiq Cross was a fun event
- Season ended around April 12
- Hoping to jointly host Chase the Ace with the golf course

- Have wind-up parties planned for biathlon and Jackrabbits

10 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting and AGM potential dates will be circulated soon.

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 8:18 PM.