



Cross Country NWT  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 @ 8pm

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Attendance: Sarah Pruys, Chris Paci, David Mahon, Lisa McShane, Belinda Whitford, John Stephenson, Allissa Sallans

Regrets: Holly Hesk Jones

Agenda		Notes	Decision/Action
1.	Agenda - review and approve		Approved as written.
2.	Minutes & Action Items - Oct 22, 2025  Minutes & Action Items - Nov 12, 2025		Moved to next meeting.
3.	Leadership Development	<a href="#">Coach Licenses reminder</a> <a href="#">Experience Records reminder</a> <a href="#">Officials Hub reminder</a>	<p>Please continue to encourage coaches to sign up for licences and send experience record to <a href="mailto:nwtski@gmail.com">nwtski@gmail.com</a></p> <p>We now have an Officials list from Nordiq Canada. Please get in touch if you'd like to know if there are any officials in your community.</p> <p>Officials Level 1 can be completed via The Locker.</p> <p>Officials Level 2 participants from September 2024 are not showing up on the list Nordiq Canada gave us, so they are looking into that.</p> <p>There are ongoing issues with Officials not showing up in SnowReg (seems to be a Canada-wide problem), so work to make sure people are getting credit for events they have worked is ongoing.</p>

4.	AWG 2026 (Sarah/Lisa)	<p>Trials update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Schedule</li> <li>• Race suits/warm-ups</li> </ul>	<p><b>Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 19 athletes registered, though only one competitive category (U14 Female). All athletes will still be required to try out and meet minimum requirements</li> <li>- One out-of-town athlete from Deline (Deline rec centre is handling chaperones and accommodations, CCNWT may need to help with getting athlete to and from trials venue)</li> </ul> <p><b>Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Still in progress</li> <li>- Head coach has suggested combining ages or genders to help speed things up. ie. u16 + u18 girls and u16 + u18 boys, but would like athletes practice race distances in the tech package.</li> <li>- May use manual timing as it would be much more cost effective (compared to ~\$870 for chips from Zone4).</li> <li>- Looking at how to collaborate with NWT Biathlon (most biathlon athletes are snowshoe athletes).</li> </ul> <p><b>Race Suits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Design approved by AWGIC</li> </ul> <p><b>Three-Year Cycle</b>  <i>From the AWGIC:</i>  Following careful review and deliberation by the AWGIC, the Committee has taken the decision to move the Arctic Winter Games from their biennial cadence to a three-year cycle for the upcoming period through 2032. This change is intended to support Games' sustainability and ensure the quality and integrity of the AWG experience for athletes, coaches, officials, cultural participants, and host communities. As we look beyond 2032, AWGIC's approach to future scheduling will be guided by our long-term viability objectives and by our understanding of the broader multi-sport calendar,</p>
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			<p>including the potential for timing conflicts with the Canada Games and other scheduling priorities. Any post-2032 direction will be communicated to jurisdictions well in advance.</p> <p>As a result of this temporary shift:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Arctic Winter Games, currently scheduled for 2028, will be held in 2029.</li> <li>• The Arctic Winter Games, currently scheduled for 2030, will be held in 2032.</li> </ul> <p><i>David:</i> Letter suggests they may also cut athlete numbers.</p> <p><i>Chris:</i> Longer time between AWG will change the excitement and appetite for the games. Governments are trying to manage expectations and cost. Are the AWG playing a role as a stepping stone to other competitive opportunities, or more of an important cultural and social opportunity?</p> <p><i>David:</i> We want to maintain the number of athletes we have competing now. Skiing has three age categories, lots of other sports only have two.</p>
5.	NWT Ski Championships	Hosting decision	<p>Yellowknife Ski Club will host NWT Ski Championships over April 11-12, 2026).</p> <p>Moving forward, NWT Ski Championships date should be set before year-end.</p>
6.	Safe Sport (David)	Safe Sport update	<p>The latest Safe Sport policies were distributed to the board this week.</p> <p>David summarized Safe Sport policy history. We need to implement these policies within UCCMS (either write our own, use Nordiq Canada's, or MACA's). We are using MACAs policy suite and tailoring policies to meet CCNWT needs. A third party will be handling serious complaints.</p>

			<p>Policies still need to be adopted by CCNWT (nearly at this stage). Then we will need to work on implementing them (with support from Sport Law).</p> <p>Action: Sarah to ask clubs what they need to be ready to vote on the policies.</p>
7.	Meeting Calendar	<p>December: Safe Sport</p> <p>January: Safe Sport/AWG 2026</p> <p>February: 2027 CWG</p> <p>March: Strategic Plan</p> <p>April:</p> <p>May: Wrap-up, AGM planning</p>	
8.	Club News and updates		<p><b>Yellowknife</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CWG is touring Yellowknife this week (as an option for 2035)</li> <li>- Learn to Frostbite is running as a club program</li> <li>- Lots of events planned (see events calendar)</li> <li>- Sport North CFEG - application has been submitted for trail brushing equipment</li> </ul> <p><b>Inuvik</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning in progress for the year ahead</li> <li>- AGM was last Wednesday (Dec 3)</li> <li>- Working on hiring youth to run clubhouse</li> <li>- Running a Christmas ski event</li> <li>- Sunrise Festival - guided ski, etc.</li> </ul>
12.	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>January 14, 2026 @ 8pm</p> <p>February 2026 @ 8pm</p> <p>March 2026 @ 8pm</p> <p>April 2026 @ 8pm</p> <p>May 2026 @ 8pm</p> <p>June 2026 @ 8:30pm</p> <p>AGM</p>		<p>Action: Sarah to check with Hay River and Fort Smith re: meeting dates, and to check in with Hay River re: club funding.</p> <p>Action: David to check in with Vernon</p> <p>Motion to go in-camera at 8:58pm for personal matters.</p> <p>Motion to go out of camera at 9:04pm.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned: 9:05pm.</p>

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