



# Cross Country NWT Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 @ 8:00pm

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Attendance: Chris Paci, Holly Hesk Jones, Lisa McShane, Ashley Coombs, Kerry Wheler, Belinda Whitford

Agenda		Notes	Decision/Action
1.	Agenda - review and approve		AWG 2026 Coaching Team, Trials, and Sport North update added to the agenda.
2.	Minutes & Action Items - Sept 24, 2025		Approved as written.
3.	Leadership Development	CC - Yellowknife - November 14-16 CC - Fort Smith - Dec 5-6 <a href="#">Coach Licenses reminder</a> <a href="#">Experience Records reminder</a> Officials Hub update	No one signed up for the YK course yet, only one person signed up for the FS course. We'd like ~4 people per course to run them.  Waiting on Nordiq Canada to pull a spreadsheet of officials for the NWT (YK asked, will share with other clubs as well).
4.	Draft Budget		Shared with clubs.
5.	AWG 2026	<a href="#">2026 AWG Athlete Selection Policy</a> <a href="#">Team NWT Suit Policy 2026</a> Trials Coaching Team	<b>Coaching Team</b> Three applicants for three positions (and appropriate gender division). Head coach Clair Littlefair has said the three applicants look good, waiting on feedback from Holly.  Once coaches are confirmed, Sarah will send them letters confirming their positions so they can get VSCs. Sarah will inform them of next steps (meetings, outstanding courses to complete online, etc).

			<p><b>Trials</b>  Option to possibly host ski trials on separate weekend if there are only YK athletes trying out – would require coordination with YKSC and coaching team. We would also need to make sure that we are giving all athletes in all communities a chance to try out, so would need to advertise the new trial date well.</p> <p>Holly suggested looking at options for selection including video, fitness testing, and then using January dates as a training camp for the group.</p> <p>After discussion, the board decided to move forward with the January 7-11 trial dates as organized by Sport North.</p> <p>Chris Paci is lead for the AWG 2026 trials.</p> <p><b>Athlete Selection</b>  To be circulated by email for approval.  DONE</p> <p><b>Team Suit Policy</b>  To be circulated by email for approval.  DONE</p> <p>Lisa noted new race suits and warm-ups have been ordered.</p> <p><b>Sport North</b>  From Sport North: “The decision to cap regional registration based on technical package numbers has been removed for the trials. What will remain is that athletes can only register in the age category that</p>
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			<p>their birthdate falls within.”</p> <p>Athlete registration for trials closes November 30. At that time, Sport North may consider hosting trials in different locations depending on who applies and from where.</p>
6.	Safe Sport (David)	<p>Review of Safe Sport Policies</p> <p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit comments on drafts to Sport Law</li> <li>2. Call with Sport Law to discuss policy and implementation (may be two calls)</li> <li>3. Review and circulate final drafts</li> <li>4. Develop Implementation Plan</li> <li>5. Clubs determine their path to accepting policies</li> </ol>
7.	Club Funding		Sarah to contact Inuvik club about starting club funding applications asap. DONE
8.	Meeting Calendar	<p>October: AWG 2026</p> <p>November: AWG 2026</p> <p>December: Safe Sport</p> <p>January: Strategic Plan</p> <p>February: 2027 CWG</p>	
9.	Club News and updates		<p><b>Inuvik</b></p> <p>December 3 - AGM</p> <p><b>Yellowknife</b></p> <p>Shared schedule of events with CCNWT. CANSI course on Dec 5-7, there will be spaces available if others are interested.</p> <p><b>Hay River</b></p> <p>Board composition has changed, working on figuring out what the year will look like.</p>

			<p>Youth coordinator helping with Jackrabbits. Working on finalizing calendar of events.</p> <p><b>Fort Smith</b>  Diane Seals is replacing Mike Vassal as CKNWT rep.  AGM was held October 18.</p>
10.	<p>Next meetings:  November 12, 2025 @ 8pm  December 10, 2025 @ 8pm</p>		<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.</p>