



Cross Country NWT
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 @ 8pm

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Attendance: Sarah Pruys, Lisa McShane, Ashley Coombs, Holly Jones, Chris Paci, John Stephenson, David Mahon, Belinda Whitford, Alissa Sallans

Regrets:

Agenda		Notes	Decision/Action
1.	Agenda - review and approve		1. CCNWT President added by YK Ski Club Approved as revised.
2.	Minutes & Action Items - Oct 22, 2025 Minutes & Action Items - Nov 12, 2025 Minutes & Action Items - Dec 10, 2025		Approved as written. Approved as written. Approved as written.
3.	Leadership Development	Coach Licenses reminder Experience Records reminder Officials Hub reminder	If you want to hold a Community Coaching course (minimum four participants), let Sarah know. Action: Sarah to confirm with Nordiq Canada if we can offer hybrid CC course. Action: Fort Smith and Inuvik to confirm if they would like CC courses this year (may be hybrid).
4.	AWG 2026 (Sarah/Lisa)	Trials Review	Alternate selection policy was used as it was too cold to host standard outdoor trials. Team NT has been selected and Sport North has been informed of the team and alternate selections. Parents have been invoiced the AWG registration fee.

			<p>The team manager is collecting information from parents/athletes who also want warm-up suits and we will place that order by the end of this week. She is also confirming if all athletes will be taking the charter to/from Whitehorse and having them sign the race suit agreement.</p> <p>CCNWT will support the coach-in-training to attend the AWG.</p> <p>We will be ordering Sharon Firth a warm-up as well that she can wear for Aklavik/Inuvik event.</p> <p>Action: Sarah/Lisa to order Sharon Firth new warm-up.</p> <p>YK rep suggested reviewing AWG team selection policy this year and considering hosting trials at a date chosen by CCNWT.</p> <p>Action: CCNWT board to send feedback on team selection policy to nwtski@gmail.com.</p> <p>Action: Sarah to circulate Sport North AWG trials survey.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Canada Winter Games - began conversation about reviewing coach and athlete selection policies.</p>
5.	Safe Sport (David)	Vote on final draft of the Safe Sport policy suite?	<p>Most recent draft was circulated to clubs in December – more final draft will follow soon (very minor changes from December drafts to January drafts).</p> <p>Clubs should be prepared to vote on Safe Sport policy suite in February.</p> <p>Action: CCNWT (Sarah) to reach out to Fort Smith to remind them of Safe Sport policy vote.</p> <p>We are still waiting on the MOU we will sign with MACA re: implementation support. Action: Sarah to follow up on status of MOU ahead of vote.</p>

			<p>Inuvik rep suggested Cross Country Ontario's rollout as a good example to review. Inuvik raised concerns with operational requirements of implementing Safe Sport (ie. paperwork that aligns with policies, management of CRCs, etc). https://xcskiontario.ca/safe-sport/</p> <p>YK rep said its club has been discussing creating a board role to oversee Safe Sport rollout.</p> <p>Policies adopted by the CCNWT board also apply to the clubs. If club does not agree to policies, they would have to remove themselves from CCNWT.</p> <p>Safe Sport policies will need to be approved ahead of next core funding agreement with MACA.</p> <p>Action: Sarah to request a PSO host a Q&A Safe Sport info session in late January (development of resources, how rollout went, etc).</p>
6.	Meeting Calendar	<p>January: Safe Sport February: Safe Sport / 2027 CWG March: 2027 CWG / Safe Sport implementation April: Strategic Plan May: Wrap-up, AGM planning</p>	<p>Strategic Plan should be looked at through Safe Sport, gender equity lens</p>
7.	CCNWT President		<p>Motion to go in camera at 9:06pm Motion to come out of in camera at 9:25pm</p> <p>Motion to remove Vernon Amos as president (CCNWT Bylaw 6.4) - Approved</p> <p>Motion to appoint Lisa McShane as president (CCNWT Bylaw 6.3) - Approved</p> <p>Action: CCNWT (Sarah) to inform Vernon about change in roles.</p>
8.	Club News and updates		Inuvik

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students have been hired to run clubhouse - Drop-in lessons are beginning - Hosted a sunrise ski (covered by CBC) <p>Hay River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many biathlon athletes attended AWG trials in YK - Hosted full moon snowshoe events - Hosted firework event for Town of Hay River (doubled as fundraising opportunity) - World Snow Day - planning family activities (snowshoeing, skiing, etc) and waiving trial fees <p>Yellowknife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosting Wednesday night race series - Grooming is done - Planning World Snow Day activities - Loppet and Territorials coming up in a few months
9.	<p>Next meeting: February 11, 2026 @ 8pm March 18, 2026 @ 8pm April 2026 @ 8pm May 2026 @ 8pm June 2026 @ 8:30pm</p> <p>AGM June 2026 @ 8pm</p>		Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.