



Cross Country NWT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Agenda

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 8:08pm

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Attendance: John, Holly, Lisa, Alissa, Sarah, Chris, Belinda

Regrets: Ashley

Agenda		Notes	Decision/Action
1.	Agenda - review and approve		Approved as written.
2.	Minutes & Action Items - Jan 14, 2026  Feb 11, 2026		Approved as written.  Approved as written. Action items reviewed, all completed.
3.	Leadership Development	<a href="#">Coach Licenses reminder</a> <a href="#">Experience Records reminder</a> <a href="#">Officials Hub reminder</a>	NC approved an online CC course. Holly will talk to NC (Stephen Novosad) about logistics and pick dates.
4.	AWG 2026 (Sarah/Lisa)	General Updates	We sent 17 athletes and four coaches. CCNWT debriefed with coaches on March 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They noted issues with transportation and food</li> <li>- Three ulus in relays for athletes (+ coach relay win)</li> <li>- Talked about athlete selection policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Temperature cut-off - specify when this will be</li> <li>- Alternate selection - announce standings throughout the process?</li> <li>- Clarify if aging up is allowed or not</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Talked about hosting our own trials at April ski races (then we are responsible for the full cost of trials, and there may be issues with athletes trying out for multiple sports dropping skiing for another sport) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Belinda noted we could have many</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			<p>alternates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Belinda noted we could consider other races as part of qualifications</li> <li>- Holly: Biathlon talked about applying for RYSE funding to support a talent ID camp with a competition component to add selection opportunities</li> <li>- Indigenous Sports Circle funding may also be available for Indigenous athletes who want to try out for skiing if trials were held outside of Sport North process</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Action:</b> Holly will share Alaska selection policy for reference/ideas - <b>DONE</b></li> <li>- John suggested sharing with Sport North that we had to use alternate selection process this year</li> <li>- Sport North will be sending out post games survey - Sarah will share coach feedback and circulate if requested by Sport North</li> <li>- John - Sport North should consider Hay River for biathlon trials again</li> <li>- Lisa drafted a letter on the aging up policy and communication around that policy to Sport North, requesting clearer communication in the future and explaining the lack of communication led to some disappointment</li> <li>- <b>Action:</b> Lisa to write letter about the challenge of hosting both skiing and biathlon at the Yellowknife Ski Club; with a note about the alternate selection policy. <b>IN PROCESS</b></li> <li>- Belinda suggested requesting additional funding from Sport North for YKSC facilities upgrades to allow for concurrent events</li> </ul>
5.	Safe Sport	Updates	<p>No updates - waiting on GNWT for MOU.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sarah to request update on MOU from MACA. <b>DONE</b></p>

			<p><b>From Damon Crossman at MACA on March 27, 2026:</b></p> <p><b>“We are hoping to get this out very soon. We are aware that your organization is wanting to move forward. Again, you should be seeing/hearing something soon.</b></p> <p><b>Also – just an FYI that Alicia Korol is back in with the Sport and Rec side of the division and will be assisting with moving this file forward.”</b></p>
6.	CWG 2027	<p>Coach Selection Policy</p> <p>Athlete Selection Policy</p>	<p>Coach Selection Policy approved.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sarah to post call-out for coach applications. <b>DONE</b></p> <p>Athlete Selection Policy approved.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sarah to email to HP parents/athletes and post on social media encouraging participation at territorial championships ahead of CWG selection as the results may be considered in the 2027 CWG selection process. <b>DONE</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sarah to email YKSC president requesting 7.5km free technique and 10km classic races at the NWT territorials in anticipation of the race results being considered as part of CWG selection. <b>DONE</b></p> <p><b>Clubs:</b> Inform athletes about anticipated CWG selection race in Yellowknife over April 11-12.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sarah to publish policies on <a href="http://nwtski.com">nwtski.com</a> - <b>DONE</b></p>
6.	Meeting Calendar	<p>March: 2027 CWG / Safe Sport implementation</p> <p>April: Strategic Plan</p> <p>May: Wrap-up, AGM planning</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Sarah to send “current” strategic plan out for review, along with summary of work done so far. <b>DONE</b></p>
8.	Club News and updates		<p><b>Inuvik:</b> The Inuvik ski club updates are that we held our Loppet event and it went great! We had 32 racers, and about 50+ people come out, including Sharon Firth! We also</p>

			<p>helped coordinate Sharon Firth's visit to the Aklavik Wellness Camp and at the camp and we lent out our skis to the wellness camp and had a volunteer lending out skis for the first week of March in Aklavik. We have also taken the girl guides and boy scouts for ski nights recently. We are hosting Fort Good Hope youth skiers this weekend and are looking forward to skiing with them. We have a few more weekends of having our ski hut open for rentals and are starting to plan for summer trail and equipment maintenance and thinking about what sort of programs we can offer next season.</p> <p><b>Yellowknife:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Loppet on March 29 (expecting over 500 skiers)</li> <li>● Continuing Wednesday night race series</li> <li>● Territorials over April 11-12, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>Hay River:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hosted PABs races this weekend (around 25 YK athletes participated)</li> </ul> <p><b>Fort Smith:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hosted Loppet March 14</li> </ul>
9.	<p>Next meeting:  April 15, 2026 @ 8pm  May 2026 @ 8pm  June 2026 @ 8:30pm</p> <p>AGM  June 2026 @ 8pm</p>		Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.