



Cross Country NWT
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 8pm

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Attendance: Sarah Pruys, John Stephenson, Holly Hesk Jones, Lisa McShane, Alissa Sallans, Ashley Coombs

Regrets:

Agenda		Notes	Decision/Action
1.	Agenda - review and approve		'Athlete Selection' was added to 6. CWG 2027.
2.	Minutes & Action Items - March 25, 2026		Approved.
3.	Leadership Development	Coach Licenses reminder Experience Records reminder Officials Hub reminder	<p>Holly is teaching an online CC course over April 20, 24, 27 (7-9pm).</p> <p>Level 2 officials have been emailed about registering in SnowReg to log their experience.</p> <p>The YKSC asked CCNWT to look into getting races certified at the tier 2 level. Sarah, John, and Lisa attended a meeting with Jeff from Nordiq Canada to learn more about officiating requirements, stadium requirements, start/finish line requirements and have passed this information onto the YKSC.</p>
4.	Strategic Plan		<p>Tabled until May 2026 meeting.</p> <p>Action: Sarah to determine how much funding we have left to spend down with Lead Dog Consulting. DONE - amount remaining is \$1937.50.</p>
5.	Safe Sport	Update	<p>From Damon Crossman at MACA on March 27, 2026:</p> <p>"We are hoping to get this out very soon. We are aware that your organization is wanting to move forward. Again,</p>

			<p>you should be seeing/hearing something soon.</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>There is a meeting on May 12 at 6:30pm with MACA about contribution agreements and safe sport.</p>
6.	CWG 2027	Coach Selection Athlete Selection	<p>A call-out for CWG coaches has been issued with a deadline of April 30, 2026.</p> <p>Coach Selection Committee: Clair Littlefair, Ashley Coombs</p> <p>Action: Find at least two other members of CCNWT without conflicts of interest to sit on the coach selection committee. John to ask Chris Paci if he will sit on the selection committee. DONE</p> <p>A call-out for expressions of interest from athletes has been issued with a deadline of April 30, 2026.</p> <p>John suggested the team selection process be reviewed with the head coach/CCNWT at a board meeting in the future.</p> <p>He added language in the policy needs to be tightened up to clarify expectations for both athlete and coach selection. Holly noted the policy still needs to be flexible and allow the selection committee some discretion.</p> <p>He suggested inviting the head coach to the May CCNWT meeting to discuss athlete selection and training plans.</p>
7.	Meeting Calendar	April: CWG May: Wrap-up, AGM planning, Strategic Plan	
8.	Administrator Role		<p>Sarah is not renewing her contract with CCNWT for another term and so the position has been posted with an application deadline of April 30.</p>

			Sarah will stay on until mid-June to support AGM preparation, training of the new administrator, and support with core funding applications.
9.	Club News and updates		<p>Yellowknife:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great late-winter snow for skiing - Ski-at-school programming held with multiple schools - Territorial ski races went well - around 100 people raced on day one, and around 75 people on day two - Just under 500 people participated in the Loppet - Celebration of life for John Argue this coming weekend - Nordic Cross obstacle course coming up as well <p>Inuvik:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free ski days the past three weekends (well attended by kids and families) - Ski hut is closed now, though the ski conditions are still great so they will be running short term ski rentals until the end of month - Holly has been leading ski lessons (will run these earlier next year) <p>Hay River:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Great attendance at monthly full moon snowshoes - Held PABs ski races in late March (great to see bus of YK athletes come for the races) - Lots of schools have been bringing students to ski - Still enjoying lots of skiing and programming
10.	<p>Next meeting: May 13, 2026 @ 8pm June 8, 2026 @ 8:30pm</p> <p>AGM June 8, 2026 @ 8pm</p>		<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.</p> <p>Action: If members know of anyone who is interested in sitting on the board please let Sarah/the executive know.</p>