

**Sport North Federation
Annual General Meeting
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories**

Sport North Members:

Territorial Sport Organization	Delegate Name	Morning Attendance	Afternoon Attendance
5 Pin Bowling	Johnny McKinney	X	X
5 Pin Bowling	Stephen Jamieson		X
Basketball NWT	Damien Healy	X	
Basketball NWT	Glenn Tait	X	X
Cross Country NWT	Angela Littlefair	X	X
Cross Country Skiing	Holly Jones	X	X
MRA	Jessiva VanOverbeek	X	
NWT Amateur Speed Skating	Stacey Christie	X	X
NWT Broomball	Valerie Pond	X	X
NWT Broomball	Angela Love	X	
NWT Curling	Alanah Jensen	X	X
NWT Dog Sledding Association	Elizabeth Ann McKay	X	X
NWT Dog Sledding Association	Elizabeth Giroux	X	X
NWT Federation of Shooting	Bud Rhyndress	X	X
NWT Federation of Shooting	Mike Jennings	X	X
NWT Golf	Doug Ashbury	X	X
NWT Gymnastics	Peter Bengts	X	X
NWT Judo	Whitney Weaver	X	X
NWT Snowboarding	Kacee MacLean	X	X
NWT Soccer	Colin Pybus	X	X
NWT Soccer	Lori Rutherford	X	
NWT Softball	Melanie Thompson	X	X
NWT Softball	Paul Gard	X	X
NWT Swimming	Jane Mooney	X	X
NWT Swimming	Kelvin Yee	X	X
NWT Volleyball	Jeannie Mathison	X	X
Special Olympics	Lynn Elkin	X	
Squash	Ken Landa	X	X
Table Tennis North	Thorsten Gohl	X	X
Taekwondo	Elaine Gillespie	X	
Tennis NWT	John St. Louis	X	
Tennis NWT	Slavica Jovic	X	
Wrestling	Don Reid	X	
Wrestling	Diane Marin	X	

Sport North Staff:

Doug Rentmeister
Bill Othmer
Spider Jones
Maggie Works
Kendra Wambold

Sport North Board Members:

Robert Douglas Sholto
Stacie Bengts
Chantal Steitzer
James Wong
Richard Daitch
Les Skinner

Regrets

Rita Mercredi
Tim VanOverliw
David Poitras

Call to Order

The 2018 Sport North AGM was called to order at 9:05 am.

Introductions & Roll Call

The Board introduced themselves and then everyone introduced themselves by name and Territorial Sport Organization.

President's Address

Les Skinner, President of Sport North Federation, delivered the Presidential address.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion AGM01-18 "To approve the 2018 Annual General Meeting Agenda."

Moved by: NWT Swimming Seconded by: Taekwondo Carried

House Rules

House Rules were reviewed by Richard Daitch.

Sport North Board Nominations

The following Director positions are up for election:

- Tim VanOverliw
- Stacie Bengts
- James Wong
- David Poitras

Sport North Director positions were opened for nominations at 9:17 am. 3 people were nominated prior to the AGM.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion AGM02-18 "To approve the 2018 Consent Agenda."

Moved by: Basketball NWT

Seconded: Basketball NWT

Carried

TSO Highlights

TSO Highlights were presented through a video.

Additional Highlights:

Squash: Fabulous season. Grew the game for kids and women. Canadian Champion, Mark Sapmi in town this weekend to play matches.

Golf NT: Sending 3 individuals to Canadian Amateur event. Deanne Whenham competing in championship in Alberta.

Speed Skating: AWG Junior boys broke record held by Michael Gilday's team by 6 secs. 2 skaters at a national level (Junior and Senior) hoping to build a Fort Smith club back up.

Softball: There is minor ball interest in Inuvik. Kids clinic in Hay River for 11-14 year old's, working to develop high performance teams. Over 2, 200 participants last year. Looking to send a U16 girls and boys to WCSG.

Hockey: Both AWG teams were successful. Male Midget and Bantam won gold. Females won silver. Hosting tryout this summer for 2019 CWG.

Wrestling: Athletes brought home several medals from AB opening. Young group at the AWG and building to CSG. Looking to get more volume from communities.

5 Pin Bowling: 2 teams attended the inter-provincial tournament. Each team finished 3rd. Participation has been very strong. One women won 7/8 games and was a top roller.

Dog Sledding: 2 gold and 4 silver at AWG. Down to 2 contingents as Yukon backed out at the last minute. Athletes and coaches sat down at AWG and proposed a change from 4 to 3 teams to keep Dog Sledding in the AWG. Had territorials in Fort Smith, it was a huge success with lots of spectators. The AWGs in Hay River was well run. Even though there was only 2 teams there was lots of fans. The Association has been successful assisting and training in the communities. Have technical package recommendations, that they will present to Doug at a later time.

New Beginnings Update

Spider Jones presented on Physical Literacy.

New Website Presentation

David Livingstone from Kellett Communications presented on the new Sport North website, which is about to be rolled out.

TSO Roundtable

Review appendices for specific notes on breakout sessions.

Standing Motions

Motion AGM03-18 “To Maintain the \$100 TSO registration fee payable to Sport North Federation”

Moved by: NWT Softball Seconded by: Basketball NWT Carried.

Other Business

- Arctic Winter Games International Committee – Dog Sledding
 - o How do we get someone to represent us?
 - a. Currently, there are 2 appointed people.
 - i. How often are they changed over? Same 2 people have been there for a long time
 - ii. Les drafted letter to minister to state that we would like to assist in naming the Int’l Committee. Waiting for the Minister to respond.
 - b. Motion put forward to change who sits and the term by Bess Ann.
 - i. 2 years and the person needs to reside in the NWT.
 - ii. Les: The TSOs should have input to say who is appointed.
 - iii. TSOs want to be kept updated on the response. Create action item for this.
- Arctic Winter Games Trials – Dog Sledding
 - o Flight into Ft. Simpson was cancelled due to weather. Was unfortunate that the 4 kids couldn’t try out an alternative way. It is crucial to have alternate trials in place (i.e.: video conferencing).
 - Doug: concerns are shared with Bess Ann. SNF received lots of letters. Every step was taken to try to get the athlete to the site. Talked to TSO to entertain options to try out alternatively. TSO responsible took the issue to a committee. MACA, ASCNWT are discussing options for when this happens again. Not off the table, we will be addressing at future Games Committee meetings.
 - i. Who would be the person who would overturn. Doug: TSO would, they’re the experts.
 - ii. Richard: some TSOs have determined alternative selection policies. (i.e.: outdoor track for bad weather).
 - iii. Les: not fair what happened with this individual. Maybe alternate plans could have been made. It was in the TSOs hands, not SNF. Maybe entertain the idea of an appeal process that could go higher, to SNF maybe.
 - iv. Paul: figure out with MACA how to refer to ASCNWT, as a TSO or not.

Nominations

Nominations were closed by Les Skinner by calling for final nominations 3 times. The following candidates accepted their nominations:

- Colin Pybus
- Elizabeth-Ann McKay
- Elizabeth Giroux
- Sam Shannon
- James Wong
- Glenn Tait
- David Shears

Each of the candidates then spoke to their nomination

The following candidates were elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term:

- David Shears
- Sam Shannon
- Colin Pybus
- Glenn Tait

Motion AGM04-18 “To destroy the election ballots.”

Moved by: Basketball NWT Seconded by: NWT Swimming Carried

Adjournment

Motion AGM05-18 “To adjourn the AGM at 1:58 pm”

Motion by: Basketball NWT Seconded by: Volleyball NWT Carried

Discussion

- Les thanked the membership for attending and providing their feedback.
- The invited the TSOs to attend the Awards Banquet beginning at 5pm.
- Les presented the outgoing Board Members with a gift to thank them for being on the Board.

Les Skinner

Kendra Wambold

Date

Date

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Arctic Winter Games Session – Recommendations/Action Items

- Conduct a Games Evaluation/Survey to TSO's, athletes, coaches, officials, parents.
- Ensure that there are equipment legacies left at the Games to keep sport interest up – speedskating & wrestling as examples.
- Review AWG Handbook to ensure that all stakeholders' responsibilities are covered.
- Include the "You Can Play" movement in Future AWG's & other multi-sport Games.
- Ensure Mission Staff are identified early, trained & informed.
- Allow TSO's to conduct their Territorial Trials when it works best for them; while at the same time organize the current format for the remainder of the TSO's. Examples; conduct Trials when facilities are available. Change the date of a Trials due to inclement weather. Identify athletes one year out for Team Sports.
- Allow for a Regional Trials format for sports that register a high # of athlete.
- Allow for exhibition/demonstration sports at each Games.
- Provide the Chef's Report to the TSO's.
- Allow athletes who excel in their respective sport to receive direct entry on Team NT.
- Ensure that officials are certified & endorsed by the TSO.
- That Sport North be the Champion to ensure that the AWGIC and future Host Societies adhere to ALL guidelines outlined in the AWGIC staging manual. If they can't, then they shouldn't host.

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Community Participation – Recommendations/Action Items

Discussion Topic #2 – Increased Community Participation

1) Sport development events (training camps) in the Communities

- Better communication about events.
- Info is being sent to Rec Directors, but not being filtered down. Same as with TSO Presidents. We're sending them the info, but not getting to the rest of the organization.
- YK Fieldhouse has one pitch empty most of the time when people have been there. Why not maximize the use of that space? Have programs that clog up school gyms go there and then the schools have more gym time available for themselves and to open the gym to just kids coming in and playing as they wish.
- Issue getting adult volunteers to run programs. Transient people are there for a period, move away and the program dies.
- There is a short summer season and people go on vacation in the summer, so summer sports struggle
- Loss of intramurals at school to expose kids to different sports and pique interest.
- Post the NWTRPA directory on Sport North Website
- Create a toolbox of "How To" run a program
- The right people need to find the right info
- Hard to get parents to bring their kids to programs and sports.
- Encourage groups to book a facility and cover the cost for kids to go swimming for example.

2) Rural Women & Girls participation in recreation & Sport

- Give more credit to women in sports. An idea to do this is highlight a female athlete weekly on social media, we can alternate male and female for gender equity.
- Continue the #SheCanCoach program
- CAAWS has a Mother-Daughter program where they try a new sport every week
- Too much SNF focus on kids. Broaden view to include adults and seniors.
- Support and encourage adult participation.
- Canada Games apprenticeship program is doing good.
- Is it an option to scoop other Provinces/Territories spots if they aren't using them? I.e.: send 3 NWT coaches if Nunavut is only sending 1.
- What are the barriers to females dropping out? Why are they dropping out?
- Introduce the "Fast & Female" program
- Start a grade 10 – 12 female mentoring program where they mentor grade 4 – 6 girls.
- Highlight Esso Fun Days (Hockey)
- Encourage other communities to do what Inuvik does and incorporate an adult division in tournaments
- Increase parent encouragement and support of females in sport.
- Recognize that some females in the communities have to take care of things at home and can't participate. – is there a time or day that works best for them?
- How do we make females comfortable in a PE environment? How do we deal with the social anxiety and body image issues?

- Team sports have a hard time getting enough people to field a team (i.e. basketball needs 5 players minimum, better to have 10)
- Girls do stay active in shooting sports and are much more coachable.
- Bring training of other sports into schools.

3) Cost of training in Yellowknife versus the communities

- costs are extremely high to bring someone into a community to teach/facilitate a course.
- YKers have been reluctant to go into communities to train.
- There is a short window (2-3 months) where outlying communities can drive in and participate in the training events – ice road season.
- Ft. Smith has a distance issue even though they are road accessible
- People move out of community and the program dies.
- Need to train on succession planning
- The doers of a community get burnt out.
- Start a Champion of Physical Literacy program
- Thorsten and TTN are a great example.
- Limited amount of facilities, so impossible to grow their sport (i.e.: only 2 bowling alleys)

4) Travel costs/restrictions of northern athletes; is there a solution

- Bowling uses MACA funding to send youth bowlers to competitions
- Inuvik loppet covered travel costs for vehicle accessible communities
- Have regional events and tournaments (not just always travelling to YK)
- AWG teams don't act like teams because they don't see each other for a long period of time between Trials and Games
- Coordinate sports so that travel costs can be maximized. (i.e.: have a hockey tournament the same weekend as a basketball tourney in the same place so carpooling can happen and kids can play one sport in the morning and the other in the afternoon.)
- Promotion of the SNF First Air code
- Promote KidSport more so that more people are aware of the program

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Funding – Recommendations/Action Items

1. Prepare an Annual Report form that outlines what we need for the annual report
 - a. Number of participants
 - b. List of communities
 - c. Communities where delivery of programs occurred
2. Sport North should provide Societies Assistance filing, i.e. workshop, direct assistance
 - a. Changing calendars years to correspond with MACA funding
3. Organize Budgeting exercise/workshop/templates for TSOs
4. TSOs to provide names/list of alumni students to become Sport North instructors for various workshops that we offer.
5. Have TSO summer students work with Sport North/ASCNWT summer students to provide multi-sport summer camps in the communities.
 - a. Level should be above entry level
 - b. No specialization, must be multi sport
6. In coaching we need to develop more master instructors, too few in the NWT.
7. Use website or facebook page to implement/monitor an equipment selling/trading site for TSOs and others, follow format of Yk trader
 - a. Find a corporate sponsor for sporting goods, i.e. United Cycle
8. Negotiate a subway sponsorship deal that TSOs and their members can access OR another healthy food provider i.e. grocery store

Compile an action list from each of the workshops that would be on the agenda for the next board meeting and would become an agenda item at each of the AGM and Sport Forum

