

**Sport North Annual General Meeting
May 28, 2022
Minutes (Via Zoom)**

IN ATTENDANCE – MEMBERSHIP

55+ Games – Joan Hiron
Basketball NWT – Rami Ayache
NWT 5 Pin Bowling - Trisha Nauman
NWT Athletics – Kenzie MacDonald
NWT Biathlon – Kandace Groenewegen
NWT Broomball – Valerie Pond
NWT Curling – Janie Hobart
NWT Figure Skating – Gary Brennan
NWT Golf – Arnold Enge
NWT Gymnastics – Shiri MacPherson
NWT Hockey – Chris Opheim
NWT Karate – Kevin Cull
NWT Skiing – Ollie Williams
NWT Soccer – Gina Williams
NWT Softball – Trent Dundas
NWT Speed Skating – Jody Pellissey
NWT Swimming – Jane Mooney
NWT Table Tennis – Thorsten Gohl
NWT Tennis – Dennis Bevington
NWT Wrestling – Stephen Baryluk

IN ATTENDANCE – SPORT NORTH BOARD

Alex Godfrey
Colin Pybus
David Shears
Kacee MacLean
Madison Pilling
Stacey Christie

IN ATTENDANCE – SPORT NORTH STAFF

Bill Othmer
Rita Mercredi
Spider Jones
Tyler Rentmeister
Whitney Weaver

IN ATTENDANCE – GUESTS

Gary Schauerte – Director, Municipal and Community Affairs
Robin Witty – Sport Law Strategy Group
Lori Rutherford Simon – Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT
Trina Radcliffe – Olds College

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We want to give thanks and acknowledge the traditional land we are on. Sport North's office is in Sòmba k'è (also known as Yellowknife) on Chief Drygeese Territory, Treaty 8; the traditional home of the Yellowknives Dene and the North Slave Metis. We encourage each of you to take a moment and acknowledge and give thanks to the land you are on and whose traditional home it may be.

CALL TO ORDER

- The 2022 Sport North Annual General Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with welcoming remarks and the *Presidents Address* from Colin Pybus, Sport North President.
- The Rules of Procedure were reviewed prior to introductions and roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- The 2022 SNF AGM Agenda was circulated to all members in advance of the AGM.
- Notice of Motion #1 states ***“That the 2022 Sport North Annual General Meeting agenda be adopted with the powers to add”*** as there are no objections by the Members, we will adopt this Notice of Motion and proceed with the agenda as circulated.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- The 2022 SNF AGM Consent Agenda was circulated to all members in advance of the AGM and includes the 2021 AGM Minutes and the ED's Report.
- Notice of Motion #2 states ***“That the 2022 Sport North Annual General Meeting CONSENT Agenda be approved”*** As there are no objections by the Members, we will adopt this Notice of Motion and proceed with the agenda as circulated.

FINANCE REPORT

- Expenditures exceeded revenues for the year by \$48,360. This is primarily due to expenses paid towards Common Vision (\$47,000), a federal program which provided contribution funds captured in the previous year.
- Unspent WCLP program spending from the funding cycle ended 31 March 2021 (\$398,000) due to restrictions caused by Covid-19, has been treated as deferred revenue and will be allocated to new programs for the next coming year. SNF applied to MACA in February and are still waiting to hear back from MACA.
- Unspent WCLP program spending from the funding cycle ended 31 March 2021 (\$245,000), also due to restrictions caused by Covid-19, is expected to be carried forward but still awaiting update from MACA.
- The financial health of the organization is good.

PRESENTATION – MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (MACA)

- Gary Schauerte, Director Sport, Recreation and Youth addressed the membership outlining what MACA is doing in the sector.
- Highlights:
 - What can we do together to move out of the pandemic; assessing needs and an environmental scan.
 - Advance training opportunities in communities. MACA is looking at reestablishing the Training Advisory Committee, which will include the 4 partners.
 - Sharing information to support access to funding.
 - SPAR Framework will see an engagement with stakeholders run by norther facilitators. Everyone will have the opportunity to provide feedback and be engaged. The Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action must be included.
 - The Multisport Games Manual will ensure that all games are run the same, that there are governing policies for the delivery of games. Selection to Team NT must be done in an equitable fashion. Concerns have been raised by elected individuals regarding equity in the selection of community athletes.
 - Youth Ambassador Program will participate in the Canada Summer Games.
 - MACA has contracted Sport and Law to help with the development and implementation of safe sport policies for the TSOs. MACA is working towards a safe sport website, and training.
 - Working toward advancing gender equity in sport.
 - TSOs can submit a nomination for the Outstanding Volunteer Awards program.

Membership Feedback

- TSOs need additional admin support. There is a lack of volunteers. Additional training in the communities would be helpful.

- There needs to be a better system in place to apply/account for funding from MACA. The current system (google) is frustrating to use, you must enter all the data in at one time (which is not practical), and it does not allow you to revise your submission.
- Bring back NWT Games, it is one way to ensure more people are engaged and participating in sport. It is great development for athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, and volunteers.

PRESENTATION - OLDS COLLEGE

- Trina Radcliffe addressed the membership on the benefits of attending Old College.
- Highlights:
 - Olds College offers quality, hands-on education.
 - The college provides over \$500,000.00 in Academic Scholarships and \$90,000.00 in Athletic Scholarships every year.
 - The Health and Wellness department offers counselling, Doctors & Nurses, Massage Therapy, Indigenous Services and Academic support and accommodations to all students.
 - ACAC Sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer/Futsal & Women’s Hockey
 - Create a partnership with Sport North.
 - From the North, Abbey Webster is exceling at Hockey at the College, previous Northern Coach, Rob Meckling has also worked with the Volleyball team from the College.
 - There is great potential for NWT athletes to continue in their sport and receive a post-secondary education through Olds College.

Membership Feedback

- NWT Curling, Janie Hobart indicated that her son is an alumnus of the College and had a positive experience.
- Curling was, up until 2 years ago, a sport of the College but it was hard to find qualified coaches and so the program was dropped.
- Most soccer athletes choose to play both soccer and futsal, so the transition from indoor to outdoor is seamless.

APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

Motion AGM01-22 “To maintain the \$100.00 Sport North Membership fee.”

Moved by: NWT Athletics

Seconded by: NWT Speedskating

Carried

AMENDMENTS TO SNF BYLAWS

No amendments were brought forward.

ELECTION OF SNF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- The following individuals were nominated and accepted their nomination for a Board of Director position:
 - Nichole MacDonald
 - Dave Shears
 - Lisa Murphy
 - Alex Godfrey
- The above nominees were acclaimed as Directors on the Sport North Board for a 2-year term.
- Colin welcomed the new board members and thanked Kelcy McDonald for her work on the board.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lori Rutherford-Simon from the Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT addressed the membership.
- Highlights:
 - ASCNWT provides support in Indigenous Coaching, Active for Life, Aboriginal Coaching Modules, Indigenous Long-Term Participant Development Pathway, and the Aboriginal Apprentice Coaching Program.
 - Support can be provided through a variety of ways such as funding to help training, recruitment, and mentorship opportunities.

Membership Feedback

- ACM Learning Facilitators must be Indigenous, but the Sport for Life workshop requires 2 Facilitators, one of which can be non-indigenous.
- The Aboriginal Apprentice Coaching Program is done in conjunction with Canada Games, it is currently not set up to be offered at National Championships.

TSO ROUNDTABLE

- Wrestling – Has been limited due to Covid. However, they have recently been able to receive funding to purchase new mats for a few communities, which will open new opportunities to expand the program. Unfortunately, due to the lack of practice, the sport had to pull out of Canada Summer Games. Their focus will be shifting to preparations for AWG. They are entering a rebuilding phase and hope to get participation levels even higher than the level they were at pre-COVID.
- 55+ Games – The organization is finalizing the registration process for the next set of games, which will be held in Kamloops. There are 80 registrations which will be the largest Team NT contingent to date. Thank you to Sport North for all their help with the Games.

- Curling – There were 19 Championships, unfortunately Covid cancelled 7 events. Team Galusha participated in the Olympic trials; Team Koe won bronze at Mixed Nationals. The Association has trained 26 timers, updated the website and done a full review of the Constitution and Bylaws. Trent Dundas is the new Administrative Assistant.
- Cross Country Skiing – Is focused on providing support to the Hay River club to help it recover from the flood. Otherwise, the Association has had a strong year of delivering programming to smaller NWT Communities, and they are hopeful in securing a significant sum of federal money to help with the year ahead. President, Shawne Kokelj, who is stepping down, received a national award for her work on behalf of cross-country skiing in the NWT.
- Gymnastics – Sent their first team back to Westerns this past April, where one male gymnast received a bronze in the finals. The first ever female athlete will be representing team NT at Nationals (competing today). Lastly, they have been working closely with some of the communities (Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik, and Norman Wells) to get gymnastics set up in other communities.
- Swimming – Coming out of the pandemic, swimming is back up and running with 1 active club and focusing on the 2025 Canada Summer Games.
- Softball – Has joined with NWT Hockey and Aboriginal Sports Circle to create a Multi-Sport Training Facility. They are currently looking for local business sponsors to aid in facility costs. If you have interest in learning about the facility or how you can help, contact nwtsoftball@gmail.com
- Broomball - Was not given the go ahead to resume program delivery until late January, so there was not much of a season (just February and March). Much of the membership was lost due to other activities during this time. The challenge in the new year will be to regroup and recover.
- Biathlon – Is getting their feet back under them. The Polar Cups are back up and running. The Association was able to fully certify 7 coach's last season. Tina Locke-Setter developed the online coaches training for the CBF.
- Speed Skating - Had a great year with more than 150 skaters from Hay River, Fort Simpson, Inuvik, and Yellowknife. Despite the lockdowns in October 2021 and January 2022, they were able to successfully host the 2021 Schools Ability Meet and the 2022 NWT Territorial Championships in-person in Yellowknife. They were able to send skaters to four separate southern meets, including RU Fast, Western Elite Circuit 2, Canada Cup Junior Final, and Canadian Western Championships. They are focused on getting teams ready for AWGs and CWGs and looking forward to the Summer Camp in August 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

- The Sport North Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.
- Colin Pybus, Sport North President thanked the Membership for attending and their continued commitment to move sport forward.