



**SPEED SKATING NWT (NWT Amateur Speed Skating Association)  
BOX 2664  
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2P9**

**2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October 16, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81265159752?pwd=4GQZGF23Spaziw4InNuvYbabA20gTu.1>

**Meeting ID: 812 6515 9752; Passcode: 637871**

1. Call to Order – 7:09 p.m. MDT
2. Roll call – Establishment of Quorum
  - President – Alex Clinton
  - Vice-President – Valerie Gendron
  - Secretary – Vacant
  - Treasurer – Justin Nelson
  - Coaches and Officials Coordinator – Menzie McEachern
  - Board Members: one from each NWT Club
    - Lisa Ruggles
    - Kerry Egan
  - Sports Director – Jody Pellissey
  - Members present
    - Alex Brodeur
    - Maribel Nelson
    - Lawrence Pellissey
    - Barb Fortin
    - Jenn Touesnard
    - Ashley Coombs
    - Jason Messier
3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
  - None
4. Approval of the Agenda
  - Motion to approve the agenda as amended 1 – Valerie Gendron 2 – Ashley Coombs
5. Approval of Minutes from previous AGM, September 26, 2022
  - Motion to approve the September 26, 2022 AGM minutes as presented 1 – Lisa Ruggles 2 – Menzie McEachern



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6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- None

7. Presentation of Reports

a) President

- In the past, NWT Champs would see all communities sending many skaters to compete; would like to see this happen again as we begin to build the sport back up after a pandemic, labour dispute, and wildfire evacuations.
- Significant financial support in 2022/2023, including \$53,542 travel for athletes, coaches, and officials; \$37,360 travel, professional fees, ice costs, misc. expenses; \$8906 clothing and misc. costs.

b) Treasurer

- 2022/2023 financial statement as of March 31, 2023 tabled
- Motion to accept the 2022/2023 financial statement as of March 31, 2023 as presented 1 – Valerie Gendron 2 – Menzie McEachern

c) Clubs

- Fort Simpson
  - Attended RUFast, trained 30-40 kids (including Learn to Skate), skated most Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays throughout the season, fundraising opportunities with Fiddle Camp and soccer, two skaters attended 2023 AWG, had camp in January 2023.
- Hay River
  - Currently, no Board; Ashley done admirable job trying to keep Club going as a coach, but difficult to keep things going on their own, asked Alexander Brodeur to coach, willing to coach but not available during November 1-21; only had two skaters in 2022-2023, a lot of money on ice fees to keep two kids on ice (~\$100/hour, 3.5 hours per week), tried recruitment but hasn't resulted in any additional skaters, kids need consistency; lost a lot of kids during Covid mandate, people have moved; deadline from the Town of Hay River for ice times, considered in poor standing due to last minute cancelations of ice times, concern about no Board.
  - Promotion of the sport and Club to increase the number of skaters, start with Learn to Skate programming, doable to have different levels of skaters on the ice, increase the number of coaches (Rule of Two); possibly waive fees for kids to join the Club, not a good idea to cancel ice times as they are very difficult to get back.
  - Hold separate meeting to discuss with the Board, willing to support Hay River but needs further discussion and action plan is needed to rebuild



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the Club, develop solid plan by Xmas 2023.

ACTION – follow up with Town of Hay River to confirm that Speed Skating NWT will stand in for the Club, confirm ice times for Tuesdays and Sundays, starting Oct 22, no Tue ice times between Nov 1 – 21, return Tue times as of Nov 26 for remainder of season.

ACTION – hold meeting with Hay River to develop action plan to rebuild Club.

- Inuvik
  - None
- Yellowknife
  - Challenges related to labour disputes and evacuation resulted in no NWT Champs and no Summer Camp; following evacuation, skaters were back on ice on Sep 21, registration currently at 131; skaters looking forward to traveling to meets, such as Edmonton Fall Classic and 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

#### 8. New Business

- Discussion to separate the Coaches & Officials Coordinator position into two separate positions, difficult for one person to do both positions, separation will require a Bylaw change; decision to have Kerry Egan support the Coaches & Officials Coordinator position.

\*\*Valerie Gendron takes over chairing meeting

#### 9. Election of Directors

Terms ending this year:

- President (2-Year Term)
  - Call for nominations for president.
  - Motion to appoint Alex Clinton as President for a two-year term, effective immediately 1 – Justin Nelson 2 – Menzie McEachern
  - Alex Clinton accepted the position.
- Secretary (2-Year Term)
  - No nominations, position remains vacant. Continue to seek volunteer.
- Treasurer (2-Year Term)
  - Call for nominations for treasurer.
  - Motion to appoint Justin Nelson as Treasurer for a two-year term, effective immediately 1 – Ashley Coombs 2 – Kerry Egan
  - Justin Nelson accepted the position.
- Coach & Officials Coordinator (2-Year Term)
  - Menzie accepted the position on November 21, 2022 until next AGM.



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- Call for nominations for Coach & Officials Coordinator.
- Motion to appoint Menzie McEachern as Coach & Officials Coordinator for a two-year term, effective immediately 1 – Kerry Egan 2 – Justin Nelson
- Menzie McEachern accepted the position.

\*\*Alex Clinton resumes chairing meeting

#### 10. Adjournment

- i. Motion to adjourn the 2023 AGM at 8:54pm 1 – Valerie Gendron