

January Race Committee - Minutes

12 January 2026, 7:00-9:00 pm EST

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/wjw-iuch-fcj>

1. Welcome and Review of [December meeting minutes](#) (Jeff)
2. Program Updates (ENRG, U18, U16/U14, U10/U12, Para) (Program Leads)
 - GT - Grooming has been great despite low snow
 - U16/U14 - technique sessions with Lyle started; T2T course on snow last weekend. Athletes are in the thick of the competition season. SSM and Sherbrooke trips happening this weekend. Following weekend is Coupe Skinouk - common wax room to be staffed by all clubs.
 - PARA athletes are competing in 8 race events or so this year.
 - Need a policy re: service dogs on trail. Probably requires a Board decision.
ACTION: Emily to send a couple sentences of what would be required to support para athletes, so Steph can raise with the Board.
 - One sit-ski athlete is going to OWGs. Emily to reach out to GT re: waxing support. GT to support if course advocacy is required on her behalf.
 - U18 - 8 athletes going to world Junior Trials in a couple of weeks. Kat and Nolan supporting.
 - RR - Skiover successful with 50 athletes! Many parents neglected to sign-up, which resulted in scramble to make room for them. Will be trying to educate parents about importance of meeting registration deadlines during race season. Looking forward to NORAMS (with 100 or so kids going).
3. BoD Update (Steph)
 - Terms of Reference with ENGNE were approved for CCC and Easterns.
 - GT emphasized need to get more people in leadership positions at these big races. Currently 3 out of 9 positions on organizing committee were Nakkertok. Especially need Chief of Course from Nakkertok to make sure that role has someone familiar with trails. Suggested that if event is held at Nakk, we should get first crack at Chief positions.
 - Tracy noted that often iVolunteer gets sent around with Chief position already filled.

- ACTION: Need to have people ready to take on these positions and make sure they have a way to get on the list. Consider active recruiting, tapping on shoulders based on intel from people on the ground who have spotted skill and interest. Also consider talking to Jenn T and Pierre M about how to do this.
- Nakk North route to Nakk South untenable at the moment because we can't cross Carol Murphy's property. GT to talk to Chris A and Dirk about possible alternatives. Nakk North to keep grooming as far as they can to maintain presence on all the trails they can.
- Mid-season members survey to go out some time in January. Steph suggested emphasis on club issues (vs program).

4. Registration Forecast (Jeff)

- Need an idea - within the next month - of how many athletes are coming back next year, for budgeting purposes
- Parent volunteers and coaches to come up with their best estimates. Survey to parents probably not needed at this stage.

5. Expense Procedures (Jeff/Steph)

- Plan to meet with Treasurer to talk about expense reimbursement processes. Aim is to make sure we make good use of Laura's time and expertise, keep things organized.

6. Club Sponsor Update (Jeff)

- Had a meeting with FAE - learned a lot about their point of view w/r/t ski testing.
- Relationship between FAE and Eurosport is not great - we find ourselves in the middle.
- Board needs to decide how to manage having two ski retailers as sponsors.
- FAE shared concerns about the ski testing machine that we planned to purchase through Eurosport. We are taking that into consideration as we consider options.

7. Other business?

- Photos from race trips - please send to Toni!
- KSJ will be at the Olympics. Toni has a few ideas re: how to make sure she knows she has our support. Maybe we need a watch party?

Next meeting: February 2nd, 2026