

BIATHLON ONTARIO AGM 2002

May 25, 2002

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| Attendees: | Bob Woods | Absent: | Michael Percy |
| | Graham Lindsay | | Justine Mumford |
| | Karen Kristy | | Bradley Snider |
| | Bill Hutter | | |
| | François Beaupréois | | |
| | Alvin Punkkinen | | |
| | Kristian Medri | | |

Bob Woods called meeting to order:

Minutes of AGM 2001, June 23, 2001 meeting were move to be accepted (Alvin) 2nd by Bill Hutter.

REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

No report from Pres. Justine Mumford

No report from VP

No report from V.P. High Perf. Michael Percy

No report from Athlete Rep.

Report from Membership Coordinator: Graham Lindsay

- Membership is way down in all categories
- No National Capital Club or Soo Finnish Club
- Biathlon Ontario is fully paid up with membership with Biathlon Canada
- No Officials training was undertaken because none was requested.

Motion to accept membership report –Bill Hutter, 2nd Francois

Report from Treasurer:

- No money from Ontario Ski council included
- Bank balance of 17510.19
- Discussion on \$500.00 fee to Syracuse, NY. The 500 dollars (Cdn) was paid as a sponsorship of the NY/ON Summer Biathlon Series, after a vote by the Exective. The sponsorship was provided since there would be no Canadian events as part of the series (no one had offered to organize one) and the particular event was the US Summer Championship, so it had more than normal expenses. There were two Canadian athletes in the event, Chris Lindsay and Jeremiah Hynes.. Rifle laws may prevent Canadians from going to U.S. Paperwork needed: letter of acceptance to race and everything is a 6 week turnaround.

Motion to accept Treasurers report on condition we get report on status of Ontario Ski Council and the reason for expense balance from previous years (17171.13)
Motion by François, 2nd, Graham

Report on National Championships by François Beaupré

Transportation: Vans were good and so was Military bus
Lodging: women had to share beds: unacceptable at this level of competition
Coaching: Need a wax technician, less coaches.
Need only 2-3 coaches, Get a wax technician from experienced local people for 50.00 per day.

Recommendations:

- Wax technician
- More preparation needed for Nationals i.e. more races in Quebec, NorAm cups and Que. Cup.
- Need more ski time and shooting time
- Coaches need more practice time
- Selection process was weak, need performance criteria
- Get uniforms for next year. Only team without
- Uniforms: Request for uniforms for Canada Winter Games
Arrange to purchase with XC Ontario to get discount

Day Memberships at Nationals:

3 Junior athletes were allowed to race, in effect as Day Members of Biathlon Canada but had not paid elite membership fee (a membership was subsequently sought by one of the three, and the normal fee was received by Biathlon Ontario). A loophole was used and was taken advantage of.

Ontario and some other Divisions are not happy about this, and will attempt to ensure that it will not be allowed in future.

Motion to accept report: Alvin 2nd Graham

Sudbury Facility Report by Bill Hutter

- Will be able to hold race subject to further approval (dates)
- Losing some members (graduation from high school)
- Access to younger athletes is questionable due to Cadet Corps not liking Biathlon Ontario
- Discussion followed on use of different facilities (Blue Ridge) and grooming problems.

- Possibility of getting a grooming contract with local snowmobile club for next winter in Collingwood to be paid by Biathlon Ontario.

Soo Finnish:

- Potential there, but no leadership. Will follow up on it. Lack of coach for biathlon, no administrator.
- Good cooperation between rod and gun club and ski club.

Ottawa : National Capital Club

- No races, no kids
- Cadets at Camp Fortune use range all the time
- Possible future use of facility if we can find out how to book the range for weekend.
- Volunteers are not a problem to run the race. People in Sudbury, Collingwood, etc. will help to run race there.

Petawawa Facility

- Discussions to follow with Commander and Cadets to reopen facility
- To be followed up

Air Rifles

- Must commit to this program to get kids involved
- Need to set up rules and regulations for air rifle biathlon to be used at races
- François Beaupré has copy of rules and regs to be passed to interested parties.
- Biathlon Canada plans to hold air rifle demonstration races at Canmore
- CODA has air rifle training and races at Canada Olympic Park every weekend

Canada Winter Games

Charlo, New Brunswick March 1-9 2003

- 4 men and 4 women to participate 16-19 years of age. Relay of 3 with one spare.
- François will coach if he can be freed from his teaching duties at RMC.
- A letter to be written to Joanne Thompson by Bob Woods to see if she will be our female coach.

Selection criteria discussion:

- 2 fall camps one in early September around Labour Day other later in the Fall
- 3rd camp during Christmas holidays = On snow training This camp may culminate in the first Biathlon Ontario Cup race at Blue Ridge on Jan. 4th and 5th, 2003
- Francois will make a plan for the Canada Winter Games training schedule

Biathlon Ontario Rifles

Discussion of who has the rifles, and which of them will be sold
Bob Woods will compile a list of who has what.

Athletes and Coaches of the Year

Male coach of the year: François Beaupré
Female coach of the year: Karen Kristy
Male athlete: Tyler Punkkinen
Female athlete: Jen Hutter
Officials of year: Bill Hutter and Bob Woods

Schedule for 2002/2003

Early Fall Camp : Canada Winter Games Tryouts
Camp # 2: Canada Winter Games Tryouts
Camp # 3 : Canada Winter Games Tryouts (on snow)

Level 1 and 2 Coaching Course to be offered
Contact Major Sainsbury and Cadet Detachments: re offer of coaches courses for CIC officers and volunteers
To be set up this summer with Francois.
Date TBA

Races:

Jan 4/5 Blue Ridge –Collingwood
Sudbury 1st weekend in February 2003
Petawawa ?
Ottawa 3rd weekend in January
Canadian Championships feb 19-23
Canada Winter Games Mar 1-8
Cadet Nationals March 9-16 (March break)

Discussion on Future of Biathlon

- Tag on to Cadet biathlon
- Tri a Bi race
- Air rifle races
- Tag on to XC races (may be perceived as poaching)
- 3 air rifle targets and 3 air rifles sent with Karen Kristy to be used at Nordic Highlands after XC races (Kristian Medri will look after this)

- Set up air rifle exhibition at nordic races (Contact Jim Miller)
- 1 air rifle target sent to Sudbury

Elections:

President : Bob Woods

Membership Coordinator and Treasurer: Graham Lindsay

VP Admin: (no nominations)

VP High Performance: François Beaupré or Mike Maurer.

Motion to carry that it will be offered to Mike Maurer, if he declines, François will do it.

Other Business:

- Email from Brian McCue in regards to purchasing air rifle biathlon targets
- Intends to compete in at least 2 Ontario Cup races
- Chris Lindsay has undertaken to write a letter to Dan Mallet to get rifles back.

Adjournment Moved by Graham, 2nd by Francois

Carried