

BIATHLON ONTARIO AGM 2003
MAY 24, 2003

Attendees: Bob Woods
Graham Lindsay
Karen Kristy
Alvin Punkkinen
Jim Miller
Brian Kennedy
Allison Jeffkins
Dale Mcleod
Cathy McLeod

Absent: Francois Beaupre
Justine Mumford

Sudbury Facility Report - Alvin Punkkinen

Alvin announced a possible new biathlon venue at the Walden Nordic Ski Club. The President of the Club made an appearance at the AGM. Alvin said that the Chief Firearms Inspector has been contacted but no inspection of the facility has taken place yet. Alvin read the letter from the inspector outlining the requirements for the installation of a biathlon range. If all goes well, the range may be open for the 2003-2004 season.

REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Report from the President: Bob Woods

- Major focus is to increase number of athletes taking part in biathlon
- Bob will speak to Mayors of Northern Ontario and get support for building of facilities.
- Ontario Winter Games coming up 2004 season
- Coaches' courses and officials' courses are needed.
- Hope to have more race in the North i.e. SSM this year.
- Integrate with XC races and get more competitors
- New Biathlon and Marksmanship Coordinator for cadets is Peter Westlake

Report from VP High Performance: Francois Beaupre

- Francois submitted a written report
- He stresses the need for more coaches, more races, and more athletes
- His overview of the Can Winter Games is that it was a positive experience for the athletes
- He says that to produce better biathletes, they must tie in their training with xc training
- Bob will ask Francois to make up a training schedule for athletes for implementation by mid June.

Report from Membership Coordinator: Graham Lindsay

- Big problem is that membership is down, significantly in athletes
- Supporting members are same as last year however, there are less athletes than there are supporting members.

Report from Treasurer: Graham Lindsay

- Graham announced a couple of anomalies in the report namely a couple of expenses that were adjusted due to under payment of membership fees.
- Graham asked for the authority to write off some uncollected membership fees and a check that expired.
- Also to write off an old laptop computer that was outdated and works poorly.
- Motion to write off some assets was made by Alvin, 2nd by Karen
- There was no submission to Ontario Ski Council for a provincial grant for 2002-2003. This resulted in a loss of about \$10,000 to Biathlon Ontario due to not applying for the grant.
- Registration of rifles owned by Biathlon Ontario has been a concern. All rifles still owned by Biathlon Ontario are for sale
- Went over the Equipment list and people who are holding equipment for Biathlon Ontario. On the list were 3 air rifle targets and 3 air rifles that Karen has at her house and Alvin also has an air rifle target not on the list
- Graham also announced that Biathlon Ontario has some clothing inventory for sale at cost price.

Biathlon in a Box – Graham Lindsay

- Graham has developed a software program for running any type of biathlon race for Biathlon Ontario and the program is sold in Canada through our web site.
- It was used at the Canada Winter Games a back up timing
- Two cadet detachments have purchased the program
- Biathlon Canada has a little funding hardware and some software for use of electronic timing with Biathlon in a Box.
- Graham gave a demonstration on how the electronic timing software works.

Ontario Winter Games

- London is host city but Biathlon will be held at Hardwood Hills near Barrie (Air Rifle)
- Mon and Tues before March Break (8-9 March)
- We will provide 6 rifles to them. They will purchase 12 targets and 6 rifles
- We have committed 30 athletes ages 12-16
- Biathlon Ontario has to be actively involved
- Organizers will provide volunteers
- We have to provide training to the volunteers
- We will work with XC Ontario and use the same officials for both Nordic and biathlon races.
- Selection process:
 - Have our own selection race
 - Invite cadets to come
 - Use of facility for selection races could be SSM, Sudbury, Highlands Nordic, Hardwood Hills
 - Potential date for Highlands Nordic would be January 10-11 2004

Petawawa Facility

- New Deputy Base Commander: Major Brian Mumford
- Will revisit to getting this facility open for 2003-04 season

Valcartier Facility

- Was announced that center was going to close on April 1 03, but it has been given one years grace period.
- Future of facility is yet to be decided
- Provincial and private funding is needed to keep it open
- Biathlon Program in Can Forces is under scrutiny and will probably be folded.

Races for 2003 –2004

- Possible Coaches and officials course in the fall possibly at one of the training camps
- Ontario Winter Games in March 2004
- 3 potential Air Rifle competitions as selection races for OWG
- 3 Ontario Cup races: Petawawa, Sault St Marie, Sudbury
- Camps to be confirmed in Duntroon in September possibly one in SSM in fall too.

Awards

- Male coach of the year: Francois Beaupre
- Female coach of the year: Karen Kristy
- Male athlete of the year: Tyler Punkkinen
- Officials of the year: Bob Woods, Graham Lindsay
- Bob said he will do something about getting awards out to recipients

Elections:

President: Bob Woods

Membership Coordinator and Treasurer: Graham Lindsay

VP Admin: Cathy McLeod

Secretary: Karen Kristy

VP High Performance: Francois Beaupre

Athlete Rep: Alvin will ask Tyler if he will accept

News from Biathlon Canada

Bob Woods will attend AGM in June

Ages for juniors is going up from 20 years to 21 years of age

Biathlon Ontario Fees for 2003-2004

To be determined after Biathlon Canada AGM, and will be placed on our web site.

Karen Kristy

Secretary

Biathlon Ontario