

**Biathlon Ontario
Annual General Meeting
Saturday April 30, 2005, 11:00 a.m.
Chelsea Community Center**

Present:	Alvin Punkkinen	Marcia Ranger	Graham Lindsay	Kelly Dory
	Bob Woods	Dan Mallett	Jamie Kallio	
	Peter Westlake	Chris Whitecross	Chris Whitecross	
	France Hurley	Tim Hurley	Alicia Hurley	

1. Introduction of Executive and Attendees

2. President's Opening Remarks

- Called meeting to order 11 am
- Welcome to all, pleased with the attendance
- Minutes of last year's AGM posted on web site
- Noted that from last year's minutes uncompleted was, a Rifle rental form (air rifle \$25.00) and the targets from Collingwood were never retrieved

3. Approval of the 2004 AGM minutes

MOTION by Bob, seconded by Marcia that the 2004 AGM minutes be accepted.
Carried.

4. Reports from the Executive

A) President (see attached)

- Thanking everyone for helping out last year
- Special thanks to Marcia/volunteers and parents
- Chelsea Nordiq new club, thanks for hosting AGM
- More athletes required
- 3 registered clubs
- Need to find people to organize events/support them any way we can
- To form new clubs we need to amalgamate with ski clubs and their members
- Need to show cadets the benefits of being members of our organization
- 3 cup races – 1 training camp – 2 officials' clinics, 2 coaching clinics
- Sent 3 athletes to Canadian Championships
- Chelsea- Sports Development Grant \$15,000.00
- 50/50 grant \$8,000.00 (training program partnership)
- Chelsea club – Coaching/training/development
- Canada Winter Games March 2007- Sr women /men 2007 Yukon
- Ontario Winter Games in March 2006
- Need to identify coaches (level 3)
- Cadet National Championships SSM next year – much needed publicity

B) Treasurer (see attached Financial Report and Asset Inventory)

- Kingston account closed
- Need to apply for more grants
- Total expenses greater than income
- Detailed Equipment Inventory available
- Chris – Do we get funding from Biathlon Canada – no
- Bob advises money from Ontario Gov't (Ontario Ski Council) – Downhill, Cross Country, Biathlon, Canadian Ski Patrol, Disabled Ski.
- Funds from Ont Ski council from mainly Bingos, funds Ont Winter Games. Ont. lowest/ capita. No prospect to increase.
- need a laptop, stop watches
- coaches' clinics

- Chris – Competition fees/expenses take all of Biathlon Ont funds
 - Tim Hurley asked about financial responsibilities – membership fees/fees for Biathlon Canada
 - Marcia - Doesn't just include membership fees – there are membership affiliation and event fees
 - Graham – Each Division required to pay fee. National insurance policy, part to each division. Approx. \$1,200.00 for the year. Part to Biathlon Canada. Everything in goes to Biathlon Canada. Liability for officials and athletes is covered by Biathlon Canada. Alvin – all insurance from Biathlon Canada
 - Chris asked about funds and where we can get more. Marcia advised through fundraising. Graham advised Biathlon Canada is registered sport and can issue receipts. No one has that status except Quebec. Provinces don't have registered sports. Quebec has that advantage.
 - Biathlon Canada sets up funding only for National program not for Provincial program. It's the Divisions' responsibility. Anyone can send a qualified athlete. Athletes pay their own way.
 - France asked about receipts for membership. Didn't receive one. Didn't have Biathlon Ontario number when filling out paperwork, etc. Alvin advised limited help this past year, only him and Marcia; apologized.
 - Tim Hurley asked about insurance for CIS cup races and Canadian International University sanctioned events. Graham advised CIS their own responsibility, (University events).
 - Bob advises insurance is in place but not health insurance. Advised if athlete were sued successfully they would be covered as long as they are not negligent.
 - There has never been an incident in Canada where someone skied into the crowd or someone was shot.
- MOTION** by Bob, seconded by Alvin, to accept the Financial Report and Equipment Summary as presented.
- Carried.**

C) Membership (see attached)

- Ont. only has 3 official clubs – Sudbury, Saint Andrew's College and Chelsea Nordiq.
- Sudbury registered - 9 athletes
- Chelsea – 3
- All others are individuals from other locations
- Blind River and SSM are expected to join next year.
- Reasons for low membership may be from – owning a rifle more difficult now, firearms registration large impact, and lack of ranges
- Bob advises at the National level, (other than Alberta and Quebec), remaining provinces better in membership but not by a lot. N.B. and Alberta use provincial available money on behalf of parents and volunteers. Its funding is artificially boosted.
- Biathlon Canada has 1,400 members
- Graham advised Biathlon Canada has modified membership categories – this should simplify membership reporting.

MOTION by Bob, seconded by Graham, to accept the Membership Summary as presented.

Carried.

- Alvin advised there were 2 Government grants. Biathlon Canada supp. 4 different clubs, experimental Sask., Que, Ont (Chelsea) and N.W.T.
- Criteria – Sudbury, Duntroon and St. Andrews didn't fit the bill. Sent it to Ottawa (Jamie) and they applied.
- \$180,000.00 grant, have to apply each yr. 15k/year divided by clubs receiving grants over 4 years
- 2nd grant – Canada Sports Center (Ontario) - \$8,000.00 training program, matching 50/50. Use of Biathlon Canada grant to leveraged Ont. Biathlon's share. Money received to go to Chelsea Nordiq coaching

5. Report by Jamie and Dan (see attached)

- \$8,000.00 funding for Biathlon Ontario for coaching. Explained purpose of grant. (Coaching)
- Canada Sport Center (Ontario) – grant for coaching, salaries, help out coaches and the Canada Winter Games.
- Bob advised criteria - must be level 3, Jamie and Dan are both level 3 coaches.
 - For high performance prospects

- Help to create an enhanced training environment for high performance athletes and coaches in Ontario striving for podium performance.
- A history – Jamie received the email day it was due, got an extension for 1 week, and drew up draft Coaches must be level 3, be members of Biathlon Ontario Coaches Association of Ontario. For salary compensation, not travel or accommodations.
- Canada Sports Center (Association)- provides benefits for athletes, eligibility for fitness center for free, health insurance.
- Jamie advised \$15,000.00 grant not towards podium but for development, coaching and equipment. (Air rifle program). Skiing and shooting combined, club specific, try to get as much exposed as possible.
- For 10 to 13 yr olds - This summer June, July training groups, start to train September to March 5 – 1 day camps.

Canada Winter Games

- Graham advises that Ontario needs a level 3 female coach, for the Canada Winter Games. We have been using our funds to hire a female coach from other provinces.
- 4 males/4 females, 2 coaches (1 must be female), and one manager
- Chelsea has a level 3-ski coach, Megan Cummings, has a biathlon history.
- Alicia inquired as to how someone gets their level 2 and 3 coaching, as she has her level 1. Dan and Jamie can get her, her level 2. But she was advised she would probably be competing and wouldn't be able to coach. Also it takes time to achieve the various levels.
- Dan advises Robin Clegg will be moving back to the Ottawa area. He won the 1st Canada Winter Games medal for Ontario in 1995.
- Dan went through Canada Winter Games proposal
 - 2 yr high performance program
 - Age – 1986 – 1989
 - If province has youths younger they may be able to go. They have to race up, though.
 - It is .22 rifle (not air rifle) and athletes are to carry the rifle.
 - Hoping to have top 3 finishes from Ontario
- 1995 was Ontario Biathlon's best performance at CWG and has gone downhill since.

Current trends

- B.C. uses training centers
- Attended Worlds - with medals
- 2 relays in males
- Jr age group
- If you're not in the training center you're left out. Training center is to bring kids to coach. Not full time coaches.
- Training camps are for athletes across the province.
- Chelsea Nordiq has 700 members
- Camp Fortune has range on their property
- Upgrading trails/grooming and usage
- Canadian Coaching Community
- Central location to other out of province races
- Jamie willing to train 10 to 15 athletes for CWG
- Canada Winter Games Criteria
 - You must reside in province of Ontario
 - You must have a PAL no longer called an FAC
- CWG athletes are traditionally picked from race result points (best 3 of 4 races).
- Ontario Winter Games can only be up to Sr. boy/girl ages. Alvin will send a list to Jamie of some athletes for consideration for CWG.
- Biathlon Ontario will support athletes to the best of their abilities.

6. Events 2004/2005 (see attached)

- Brockville – fun summer event – organizer, Terry Fox
- Bob and Graham have attended in the past. Can't be a sanctioned event, but is supported by Biathlon Ontario. They supply .22s and air rifle targets.

- Terry Fox wants to turn it into a biathlon facility but there are issues with snowfall. Bob advises they have a unique target system; paddles to hit flip up and back again. Only one size target used at this race (unique design).
- 3 cup races, one training camp, and one Demo were held during the year.
- 3 athletes sent to Canadian Championships

7. 2005 – 2006 Proposed Races

June – Brockville Summer biathlon event
 August – Duntroon – training camp
 November – Sudbury – training camp
 December – SSM – Ont cup 1
 January – Duntroon – Ont cup 2 – air rifle
 January – Ottawa – Ont cup 3
 February – Sudbury – Ont cup 4 – air rifle
 February – SSM – Ont cup 5
 March – Barrie – Ontario Winter Games – air rifle

Blind River? Air rifle
 Ottawa – Ont cup 6?

- These events should be adaptable to our schedule. Items to consider: Nationals date, Cadet events, Cadet Nationals in SSM, out-of-province events.
- One event has to be chosen and called our Provincial Championship.
- Identification and screening of athletes for the 2007 CWG needs to start.
- The VP technical will add training camps/races and have input into schedule to fit the program needs.
- There is a need for people to organize and host events. SSM facility will need to be booked well in advance (July?).

8. Canada Winter Games

See section 5.

9. Ontario Winter games

Bob Woods – They were supposed to be in Timmins but are now being held in Sarnia. The last OWG were split venues - London and Barrie (snow sports). This year they will be in Sarnia, snow sports will be in Barrie again, at Hardwood Hills. Date of March 10-12(?).

- Chris inquired why using air rifle, Bob advised has had discussions and they are not willing to do the change.
- If we didn't have air rifles we wouldn't be at the OWG. Biathlon at the games will expose people to the sport. Had to go to the cadets because not enough member participants in 2004.
- Biathlon would be dropped if host cities had to create range and facilities.
- SSM had been part of the games 1999 and targets were funded by a Biathlon Ontario special grant – Government Sports money – (outside games funding) and 22's were used
- OWG in Barrie, costs are up to participate. Costs more per individual. There are issues around funding, regarding lodging/meals/transportation.
- The games ran well last year 2004. This is one way to get kids involved right now.
- Dan commented all kids 13 to 14 on air rifle. Kids 15 to 16 on .22 rifles. Makes sense you can have a race almost anywhere.

10. Nationals

- No date yet. June 3rd is the AGM for Biathlon Canada. More info to follow.
 - Funding costs for nationals i.e. race fees, lodging, etc– have to be looked into

11. Coaching/Officials – Graham

- New program
 - Basic official level – pilot program entry level
 - Self study package
 - Certificate at events/competitions in various areas
- Course was a 2 day course now a 1 day course. Entry level course to replace it. Basic officials' course still available.
- Exceptionally good material – far better program than in the past. Self study program is downloaded first for free. \$15.00 cost. You end up with entry-level certificate.
- Looking to see how it's going to go. The incentive is not there to complete the course. Either way is available right now. Course is better as far as question/answer aspect.
- Ontario hasn't been generating very many civilian officials lately but have for cadets.
- A Technical Delegate (TD) is a requirement at an official Championship race.
- Coaching courses were held but no one from Biathlon Ontario civilian members were there.

12. Rentals and Equipment

- Need someone to be Equipment Coordinator to track all equipment
- Equipment Inventory detailed list was looked at and fine tuned as to the location of each item.
- Daisy Carbines – Biathlon Canada – Graham asked for them, not same sights and stocks as the rifles, but ok for training. 1 has a missing sight.
- Alvin spoke with a Mrs. Sutton of Timmins; 2 - .22 targets (BiOnt's) and possibly 6 Lakefield rifles
- There are a number of rifles 10 yrs ago that have gone missing.(no records ever past on by previous executive
- Equipment set up at different locations. Every air rifle has a target. Blind River has 2, Duntroon has 5, Sudbury has 5, Chelsea has 4. Bob has a broken one here today, to be taken in by Marcia for repairs.
- Marcia looking for 2 of air rifles to send to SSM.
- Bob advises - Need to purchase more air rifles. The ones we had made special for us. The differences were upgraded stock, sight and 5 rounds. Biathlon U.S.A. didn't end up buying any. Daisy will not make those same rifles again, although other models are available. There is a price increase in the rifles
- 752C are good rifle, mostly stock changed upgrading.
- David Endleman rifle purchase from Mike Percy may finally go through.
- Christopher Whitecross purchased rifle that Graham Lindsey was holding
- Rental fee increase for air rifle going up \$5.00 to \$30/year. Equip manager to draft rental form.

13. Clubs and Facilities

Note: SSM and Chelsea you can shoot .22 as they are approved ranges.

Chelsea Nordiq

- All paperwork up and running, they are able to run a race.

Petawawa

- Chris advises Ian had a connection there. Range there, targets still exist. They had to decide if they were going to bring the range up again. Haven't decided yet. Targets have been sitting there for a few years. Access to the building is an issue. Rental fees?
- Chris is willing to speak to the base commander from the Brigade. There are not enough people who want to use it. Brigade is not willing to support Biathlon. The cadets were willing to pay the cost but the Brigade didn't really want to do it.
- Chelsea needs 2 more targets; maybe the Petawawa targets could be used for parts, because they are old?

Collingwood – Blue Ridge – Karen Kristy needs a snowmobile to groom the trails to hold a race there. Cadets do have a race there. There are no ups and downs on the trail. Grooming is an issue.

Sudbury

- Club has 6 to 7 serious athletes willing to compete on the circuit and has others in the development stages.

SSM

- Soo Finnish club supported the race in the Soo with 10 ski background athletes and want to restart the club again-asking for 2 air rifles to start up-willing to host a race in mid Dec. and possibly later. facilities need to be booked early (July)

Duntroon

- Willing to host a summer training camp (late Aug) and an air rifle biathlon race (Jan)

Saint Andrew's College

- Registers as a club every year and attended the Duntroon race

Blind River

- Looking at forming a club and has been operating under the Sudbury club. They have 3-4 serious athletes willing to compete on the circuit and others in development.

14. Cadet Organization

- Peter Westlake is the Cadet Biathlon Coordinator for the area from Wawa east to Ottawa.

- Ontario has 4 divisions
- 3 divisions participate in biathlon
- 1 division holds a summer biathlon camp
- 350 cadets participate
- 170 athletes in northern division
- They are not members of Biathlon Ontario as a group
- Ottawa/Kingston is their largest growing area

- Possibility of a new private site in Kinmount (north of Lindsey)

- On May 4 there will be a visit to the Kinmount site by Cadet personnel

- 300 acres -developing ranges
- large facility -develop biathlon site

-There are not proper facilities in Eastern Ontario, only local ranges. No skiing/shooting facilities in Eastern Ontario.

- Eastern Ontario cadets presently use Crean Hill private facility outside of Sudbury.

-Cadet Nationals are in SSM. They are presently developing the course i.e. bulldozing, improving the course, going to a full length of range (24 lanes).

- Chris recommended cadets join Biathlon Ontario en masse. Peter has helped out a lot lately and has been very accommodating to Biathlon Ont. The training of coaches and officials in Ontario has helped. Quebec does things differently.

15. Web site

- Graham is keeping up the web site. He is looking for someone to take over. We continue to pay \$50.00/yr for URL we are paying for two: ".on.ca" and ".on"

16. Award Recipients

Male Athlete:	Christopher Whitecross
Female Athlete:	Alicia Hurley
Volunteer:	Marcia Ranger
Official:	Passed this year

17. Election of Executive Positions

President Alvin will stand

Acclaimed.

V.P. Technical

MOTION – by Alvin, seconded by Graham, that Chris Whitecross be nominated as V.P. Technical. Chris accepted. No other nominations

Acclaimed.

**Membership Coordinator/
Secretary**

MOTION, by Marcia, seconded by Graham that Kelly be Nominated as Membership Coordinator/Secretary. Kelly accepted. No other nominations.

Acclaimed.

Athletes' Rep

Will be nominated by athletes at a late date.

Head Coach

Jamie Kallio

Web Master

Looking for someone. Graham will maintain web page until replaced

Equipment Coordinator

Will ask Jason Higgins

Treasurer

Marcia will stand.

Acclaimed.

18. Other matters

- Michael Paulin e-mailed and was unable to attend the meeting, wants to be involved.
 - Marcia asked about putting Biathlon Ontario's logo on a web site called "Protect our Volunteers." Coordinated by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, they are lobbying the government and insurance industry for lower insurance fees for volunteer organizations and appropriate volunteer liability legislation. There are people who are suing volunteers unreasonably. They want our organization's involvement to tell others about this web site. There is no money out of our pockets for this.
- Approved in general.

Adjournment

Meeting closed: 3:20 pm