

**Biathlon Ontario
Annual General Meeting
Sunday June 24, 2007, 10:00 am
Walden Ski Centre, Sudbury, Ontario**

Present: Rick Dory Alvin Punkkinen Graham Ashby
 Kelly Dory David Endleman Jim Miller
 Deb Sonogo Marian Endleman Donna Mackie
 Eric Sonogo Tom Endleman Marissa Mackie
 Don Sutton France Hurley Tim Hurley
 Alex Dummond Deb Van Scoy

1. Introduction of Executive and Attendees

All known to each other

2. President's Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order, executive known to all present.
Good year, good support thank you to everyone involved.

3. Approval of 2006 AGM minutes

Moved by Alvin Punkkinen

Seconded by Deb Sonogo

CARRIED

4. Reports from Executive

a) President, Rick Dory

The executive decided to change Annual General Meeting to fall after the Biathlon Canada Annual General Meeting in order to pass

on the information from BICAN AGM to the membership of Biathlon Ontario quicker. A reported was made by Rick to BICAN with number of members, to athletes and problems BION was experiencing. The meeting was held from Friday June 1st to Sunday June 3rd, 2007. BICAN has been cut by 40% financially from the government, Sports Canada reps, 2010 Olympic committee, as Canada is not getting good results.

People from BICAN have been let go due to lack of funding. If people perform at a higher level the funding will increase. More government funding, more sponsorship.

PEI couldn't fund their athletes to go to Canada Winter Games due to lack of performance.

Alberta, B.C. and Quebec all were okay due to funding and training facilities.

B.C. is doing better now due to Olympics being held there in 2010 and the facilities they now have.

Membership from the other provinces:

Al – 486 mbrs	140 comp	B.C. – 134 mbrs	67 comp
N.B. – 205 mbrs	25 comp	N.S. - 105 mbrs	24 comp
NWT- 70 mbrs	9 comp	Sask - 115 mbrs	80 comp
Que unknown		PEI unknown	

Graham Lindsey – President t BICAN spoke of the challenges facing BICAN, moving of a lot of the executive, Robyn Williams resigned, VP High Performance, staff restructuring and lowered. Head coach also resigned.

High performance athletes fees were upped, Robin Clegg and Megan Emery speaking on behalf of the athletes.

Canada to host Jr. World's at Olympic site.

If any of executive requires anything from BICAN to let Joanne Thompson know ASAP.

Rick spoke on behalf of Chris Halderson in regards to the World University Games and the age restrictions. Steve Hail to speak with committee about these concerns.

Competing in cold weather was also a topic of discussion. Specific to the CWG. IBU rule 6.6.2 discussed.

BION received a plaque from BICAN, to remain at Waldon Ski Centre and then moved from club to club throughout the season.

BICAN will be increasing fees, amounts to come out at a later date.

The president advised that the only way the BION executive could communicate was through the conference calls since everyone is spread throughout the province.

b) Financial Report – Deb Sonogo – Treasurer (see attached)

Income:

Grants

\$8,000 coaching fees

\$4000 coaching upgrading – level 4

\$2000 athlete testing

\$2000 Craig Mackie – wax tech. CWG

\$5,057 Base Funding (will get money over next 2 years not sure how much yet)

We require a financial review for funding will cost \$1200

Were denied 2007 grant for coaching based on membership numbers and other issues.

No more grants will be forthcoming from Ontario Ski Council as it is now disbanded.

Some athletes still owe money and it is still coming in.

Will not be getting money from Ontario Ski Council as that is now disbanded.

Quest for Gold athletes still waiting for information from Provincial government on applications.

Expenses:

Canadian Nationals:

1 coach, Jamie Kallio, coaching fee and expenses.

2 wax techs, Chris Hollderson, expenses and tech fee, and Don Sutton, tech fees.

Subsidized competitors travels to the Nationals via carpooling.

Robin Clegg and Don Sutherland were also provided subsidization to travel to the Nationals based on an average amount of carpooling subsidization.

Chelsea Nordiq Club covered the travel costs of the ACBQ athletes that traveled in the carpool.

Move to a new web page server resulted in significant fee reduction. Web name 2 year registration fee was reduced as we had 2 web names and one has been dropped. This registration fee will be included in our web page server fee in 2008.

No phone expenses as received sponsorship from CAE, Dan Mallet's company – Thank you to them.

Most of the yearly expenditure went towards coaches, travel and accommodations fees.

We began the year with \$3,099.37 and actual money in the bank as of May 1, 2007 – the start of the new fiscal year, was \$11, 260.32 which is a surplus of \$8,160.95. Due to extra deposits, and expenses, after May 1, there is \$12,513.74 in bank as of the AGM.

Issues throughout the year involved parent volunteers, escorts and car pooling. This needs to be clarified for the upcoming season. A team manager role is required.

Eric Sonego, accountant provided the draft Financial Report, the final report will be forthcoming by the end of June.

Moved by Deb Sonego, acceptance of the financial report as presented

Seconded by Don Sutton.

CARRIED

Budget:

A proposed draft budget was presented to the membership by the Treasurer which will be considered by the Executive at their next meeting.

Membership Report - Kelly Dory – membership coordinator (see attached)

121 members in total

26 competitors (all classes)

41 officials, coaches and supporters

31 day members

4 official clubs

Large amount of membership fees goes to BICAN.

c) V.P. Administration – Dan Mallet –

Not present - No report submitted

d) V.P. Technical – Chris Whitecross

Report submitted – not present - read by Kelly Dory (see attached)

President commented on all the work Chris has done over the past 2 years, did it well, on time, could always trust her to get everything done. On behalf of BION thank you for your efforts.

A training plan needs to be done ASAP at the beginning of the season, iLog needs to be responded to by coaches on athletes input. Money assigned to coaches is just for them to attend the events.

Need a coaching clinic in October, would like Jamie to deal with that as head coach, otherwise need to get someone from BICAN. Alvin will give proposed dates to Jamie to try to set something up.

Jim Miller suggested that better job descriptions be given for V.P. Tech position. The VP of Tech should be available to go to events and deliver their reports. Rick took responsibility for not trying to get a new VP Tech within the province.

All executive positions need to be readdresses and new descriptions.

Moved by Alvin Punkkinen, acceptance of the V.P. Tech's report,
Seconded by Deb Sonogo. **CARRIED**

e) High Performance Committee – Jamie Kallio, chair

Not present – Report submitted – read by attendees and Rick Dory (see attached)

Discussions from report – Camps need to break even, can't have a deficit. Need a committed schedule for training camps and races. Need regional camps listed. V.P. Tech needs to arrange these items, Duntroon, Sudbury and Ottawa regional training camps for all levels of athletes.

Equipment Report – Don Sutton – equipment Manager (see attached)

Discussions about new air rifles being purchased, old ones starting to break down. Requested a purchase of 2 new rifles per year at a cost of approximately \$330.00 each.

Rental agreement has been done by Don, needs to go to each club to have each athlete sign and pay for rental of equipment.

An email should go to Don Sutton re: rifle rental, so he knows where equipment is. Rental form kept by club whose athlete has the rifle and then money goes to treasurer for payment.

Should have in contract that rifle needs to be returned if required for events. Don to follow up.

Discussions made about possibly increasing rental fees.

Webmaster – Graham Ashby

Official website is www.biathlonontario.ca, registered domain. He is designed a new webpage and hopes to complete it in next few

months. He needs to be informed of upcoming events, results etc so he can get them on website quickly.

Head coach should have webmaster on distribution list so that he is informed of events and can get info onto website. Head coach needs to request info go on site.

Needs info from sender as to how long they want info on website. An achieves section for results was suggested. Points system on site suggested by Jim Miller, but club/race organizers should provide that info and he will put it on, he will not tally points etc. V.P. Tech should accumulate points and send to webmaster.

5. Club Reports

a) Sudbury – Alvin Punkkinen

Wants a coaching course, has several people interested in taking course. Blind River is going to biathlon club only, but is not official club yet with BION.

Trying to up their new membership, starting at 10 yrs of age. Had summer biathlon event June 23, 07 with 14 athletes attending.

Sudbury does not have a .22 range at their ski site.

Recommend SSM get a club going since they have .22 range and good facilities for sport.

b) Highland's Nordic – Jim Miller

Small group of athletes, Karen Kristy and Jim doing the coaching. Had 2 races this past season, one at Highland's and one at Blue Ridge, hosted by Highland's.

Thank you to Chris Skelton for all his help at Blue Ridge, sight has good potential, BION should pursue.

Race at Highland's had 30 competitors, good turnout.
Highland's is the site for 2008 OWG and Canada world Jr. trials
for cross-country.
Can only do air rifle, too expensive and restricting to do .22
ranges.

c) Chelsea Nordiq – Unofficial Deb Sonogo

New range going in Gatineau Park, sponsored by ACBQ. It is
unknown as to how it will affect the status of Camp Fortune.

ACBQ has indicated that it will no longer provide money to assist
the Chelsea Nordiq Club which has both BION and ACBQ
memberships.

Chelsea is willing to put money in to range to fix it up to standards.
Camp Fortune has agreed to provide facilities for a club house for
the larger Chelsea Nordiq ski club which is near the .22 range.

It is hoped that here will be lit trails and range to be in by the end
of the year.

d) SSM (unofficial) – Deb Van Scoy

Soo Finnish club, trying to get something going up there and they
anticipate holding races this season.

Alvin willing to assist in any way needed.

e) St Andrew's College

No representation – no report

f) Domestic Race Report – Jamie Kallio

(attached report with coaches report)

Nationals – too many athletes for the amount of coaches we had last time, need more. Dan Mallet at last minute could not attend.

Propose that V.P. Tech deal with this area not the Head coach.

Highland's requesting Jan 20th for their one day race air rifle only.

Nationals are scheduled for March 27th to 30th at Callaghan Valley – Olympic Venue.

OWG are March 6th to 9th Collingwood, Biathlon is at Highland's Nordic.

Ottawa December 29th and 30th .22 and air rifle.

Sudbury, Blind River and SSM to come at a later date.

6. Other Business

a) Training camps – Jamie Kallio (see attached Head coach report)

Highland's planning a training camp August 25 and 26 air rifle only, sleepover facilities available once again. Possibly a Blue Ridge combo if arranged with them, Karen Kristy contact person.

Donna Mackie suggested going to Blue Ridge for a major training camp instead of Ottawa. She indicated that BION should spread camps throughout province to be fair.

Testing problems for kid out of province needs to be discussed with VP Tech, VP Admin and Head coach.

b) Fundraising

Don't have any at present. Tax issues if we start something up, to be discussed by the executive at a later time.

c) Recruitment

Need coaching clinics and officials courses to help get clubs and membership going

d) PSO/Base Funding

No report from Dan Mallett who was not in attendance.

Rick received a letter regarding Active 2010 funding. We were not approved. See attached letter

e) Kama Hats – France Hurley

Discussed re ordering more or not, or just the patches. It was agreed that the patches would be better and can hang on to them and sell at later dates and events. Patches cost 50 at \$5.00 or 150 at \$3.00. France will look into it and report further.

f) Traveling issues – Marian Endleman (attached letter)

V.P. Tech and/or V.P. Admin to assist in these areas with the head coach. It was agreed these matters need to be addressed and policies put into place.

Directors Liability Insurance, we are covered through BICAN.

7. Awards

a) Male Athlete of the Year

Nominees: Alex Dumond and David Endleman

- David Endleman selected by vote

b) Female Athlete of the Year

Nominees: Alicia Hurley, Martha Sutton and Marissa Mackie

- Tie – Alicia Hurley and Martha Sutton selected by vote

c) Volunteer of the Year

Nominees: Deb Sonego, Deb Van Scoy, Kelly Dory and Don Sutton

- Don Sutton selected by vote

d) Official of the Year – no nominations

e) Coach of the Year

The committee will work with SAO (Sports Alliance of Ontario) and GOC (Games Organizing committee) to ensure the flow and participation in the 2008 OWG.

10. Closing of meeting

Rick Dory, President, thanked everyone for attending the AGM and is looking forward to a productive season.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by – Tom Endleman.

Seconded by Jim Miller

CARRIED

Adjourned.