

Alaska Biathlon Anchorage: Committee Meeting: February 8, 2010

Present: Teresa Neeno, Mike Milholin, Chuck Gilbert, Laurel Dow, Diane Ramey, Mike Burns, Roberta Wonders, Chris Tomsen, Roberta Wonder, Joel Hard, Laurel Dow, Rick McClure, Jerry Xavier and James Dougherty

Called to order: 6:30 pm

1. Approval of minutes of January meeting. Motion to approve as written, seconded, all in favor.

2. NSAA Agreement with MOA—Biathlon element. Motion to send existing SOP and Environmental Stewardship Plan to NSAA for incorporation in NSAA agreement with MOA. Seconded. All in favor.

A few updates to the SOP will be done by Joel and Chuck, and then Chuck will send them to Diane at NSAA.

3. Safety Clinics. Only Chris is currently instructing at the clinics, and others instructors are needed. Chris will add a USBA video to each clinic.

4. Ski4Kids. Diane R is making arrangements with Ellen Toll of Junior Nordic (JN) to have JN kids 12 and older be able to attend a biathlon safety clinic and then watch some biathlon shooting on Feb 27 starting at 1:45 PM. Diane has drafted a flyer. Deadline for reserving spots in the clinic will be the Tuesday (the 23rd) before the clinic. Chris will conduct the safety clinic with help from others, the amount of help dependent upon how many reserve spots. Final arrangements will be made after the 23rd. Roberta will open the range that day at 2:30.

5. Rachael Steer clinic. Feb 25. Is looking for 10 participants. She will be paid from grant funds and the proceeds of the clinic will go to Alaska Biathlon.

6. Alaska Biathlon sticker. James said it would be good to have something to give those taking the safety clinic that they can take away with them and help cement a bond with Alaska Biathlon. It was decided that a sticker would be made and distributed.

7. Training Materials. There was discussion about having training materials available to biathletes. There are such materials from prior clinics that could be reproduced and/or put on the website. Chuck said he would donate his copy of "Shooters Cookbook" to Alaska Biathlon.

8. Fee Proposal. Diane R made a proposal via email several weeks ago and made it again at the meeting. She proposed that those taking the safety clinic (\$15) would get a free punch card for 5 range openings at no cost and that there be no rental fee for rifle use for a certain period. **A motion was**

made that those taking the safety clinic (\$15) would get a free punch card at no cost for 5 range openings including use of a rifle, and that the punch card would be good for 3 months, and that those who took the safety clinic recently would be issued the punch card. Seconded. All in favor.

9. **Budget.** Grooming was discussed. There was concern that because most biathletes have NSAA trail pins, grooming fees for biathlon may be excessive. It was noted that there had been prior discussions and that the Committee was willing to have specific grooming done prior to biathlon races, so there needs to be some amount charged for it. Diane M. will be asked to attend a Committee meeting to discuss grooming fees and other budget items.

10. **Race on Feb. 14.** Will be a relay format. Teams will be formed. There will be snow-shoeing and classic skis. Diane will be putting out the newsletter including info on the race. Any input for the newsletter about the race needs to get to Diane within 48 hrs.

11. **Award rifles.** Tamara Kornfield has asked for a rifle. **A motion was made to award Tamara Kornfield a rifle at a cost of \$50 for the remainder of the season. Seconded. All in favor.**

There was a discussion about assuring that the SOP is followed in documenting awarded rifles. The fee is \$100/yr or \$50 for a half year or less. Rifles will be returned at the end of March of each year for inspection, repair as needed. Joel will revise SOP on this.

Laurel will call individuals with award rifles who have not been actively participating to encourage them to be active in biathlon.

12. **Recruitment and Publicity.** Diane R. distributed a panel brochure for review and comment.

13. **Other Business.** Diane R proposed that a 4 ft by 4 ft board be put on the side of the timing bldg and that the top would be covered by the Alaska Biathlon logo and the bottom would be a spot to post race results. Diane also proposed that a bulletin board be put on the door of the Conex and that it would have waterproof lists of USBA members and those who have paid range fees. A motion was made that these recommendations be implemented. **Seconded. All in favor.**

Joel H. will go to the next NSAA board mtg, but if he cannot make it he should contact Chuck, who will go.

Next meeting of Alaska Biathlon committee will be March 15.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 8:10 PM.