

Biathlon committee NSAA- 11 May 2009

Present: Teresa Neeno, Rick McClure, Mike Milholin, Chuck Gilbert, Laurel Dow, Joel Hubbard, Mike Burns, Roberta Wonders

Called to order: 6:33 pm

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes- April 2009 (1-2 min)
 2. SOP
 3. Club direction- NSAA/KPG/MUNI information (5min)
 4. Coaching update- mr barlow (5-10 min)
 5. Clinic may 27-31 registration, schedule for RSO assistance, Sunday BBQ (10-15 min)
 6. Recruitment BBQ (5 min)
 7. Rifle safety update (2-3min)
 8. Races – summer events- 31 may (3-4 min)
 9. Communication (1-2 min)
 10. Building update/ range update/maintenance (5 min)- cracking heaving asphalt in front of targets, “sealing” of asphalt, replacement of rubberized fabric on target traps, status of electrical issues. Short walls at ends of target structure to prevent soil from sloughing, grass seeding
 11. Lead update (5 min)
 12. Other- scholarship rifles (20-30 min)
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1. Review of minutes. Motion to accept. Seconded. All in favor
 2. SOP. No changes
 3. Club direction. TN: Suggested that we have one person designated as key person and spokesperson on particular issues, e.g., lead (pb) would be Chuck. Communications with KPG would be James D, with other issues with KPG by other committee members but keeping James informed as the key person on this.
 4. Richard Barlow is on vacation. Will restart coaching once a week in June. Joel has provided notes on the coaching for the benefit of all and has sent them out on email. Will be on the web site. Mike Burns: What feedback is there on Richard. Roberta W—Ray (Sr) says he’s a great shooting coach. Some kids have trouble with the classroom work, perhaps it’s too long. But everybody agrees that the classroom is essential and will be less needed as the kids progress. Rick: I haven’t seen anyone better as a shooting coach—he would improve the national team. Mike Burns: It’s useful to know the basics and then he’ll get into the more specialized training,

including heart rate and competition stress. Given that there are kids at various levels, it's hard to teach to all at the same time. Richard has suggested that groups are formed at different levels.

5. May Clinic. TN: Need schedule of who can be there to help. Arden Page will be RSO for half day on weekdays. Roberta plans to be there the whole time. Joel will be there. Laurel will be there Friday and Sat and will be there for the BBQ Sunday. There will be daily morning sessions and afternoon sessions. Piotr asked for suggestions on what to cover in the clinic. Joel and Rick will think about it and make suggestions. Laurel has requested the wax bunker from 9 to 5, Wednesday through Sunday. Clinic Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sunday morning, with a race in the afternoon, and a BBQ afterward. Clinic will be 9-5. Noon lunch for 1 hr. Clinic schedule will be in the Blast. Laurel suggests that there could be a clinic for novices later in the summer, perhaps put on by the Alaska juniors.
6. Recruitment and & BBQ. To begin after the Sunday race at about 2 PM. BBQ—main dishes and side dishes brought, and hot dogs on a grill. Laurel has a sign up list for the BBQ—committee members can be expected to bring the main dishes—meat dishes—and others asked to bring side dishes.
7. Rifle safety update. No report this meeting.
8. Races. No discussion this meeting.
9. Communication. No discussion.
10. Building update: Discussion: Committee preference would be to have snow making put in this summer, deferring the biathlon bldg until next . Joel made the following motion: “The Committee forward a recommendation to KPG that funds currently allocated to construction of a building at the biathlon range instead by allocated to completion of a snow making system at Kincaid Park, including snow making at the biathlon range, provided that there is the commitment to completing the building at the biathlon range in the next two years to the specifications, at a minimum, as those in the current KPG plan.” Mike B proposes and amendment “This recommendation is contingent upon snow making being put in this summer, otherwise the biathlon bldg should be constructed this summer as planned.” Motion to approve Joel’s motion as amended by Mike’s motion. Seconded. All in favor. The Committee asks that James D. present this approved recommendation to KPG ASAP.
11. Lead up-date. Chuck. Has done lead clean up over the past several weeks, including vacuuming the concrete slab beneath the targets (except for #19 and 20 and #1-3, which were wet at the time) and the sloped roofing material under the target traps; and emptied the target traps (except for thirteen of them)—will finish the target traps in the next week or so. So far collected about 120 lbs—gross estimate. A recycler (Total Reclaim) will take the lead and reports paying 50 cents/lb. Chuck will deliver to the recycler and get receipt/documentation and payment—to go to NSAA Biathlon. The lead on the asphalt has not been collected yet. Will do so in the next few weeks. Chuck will prepare report on this spring cleanup. Issues: asphalt heaving and cracking in some areas; need for retaining walls on both ends of range structure to hold back dirt from flowing onto concrete/asphalt; need to replace rubber fabric on perhaps 10 target traps; need for sealer on asphalt (in front of targets and elsewhere); need to keep asphalt and concrete pad clean to avoid mixing dirt with lead. Need to work with KPG on retaining walls,

asphalt issues and sealing. Chuck will be asking volunteers to help with the remaining tasks—collection of lead from 13 traps and vacuuming the asphalt surface.

12. Scholarship rifles. Joel: All rifles have been returned with the related materials. There are requests for rifles to loan to various places in Alaska. Nome could apply for an NRA grant to get rifles—the folks in Nome plan to do that in November. Mike M: We also have the Menaker rifles and one rifle that's available if a particular individual declines. Laurel: I don't think we should allow rifles to be taken out of Alaska—general agreement. We have 6 rifles to loan. We have 5 applications. 3 or which are from outside Anchorage. If rifles are sent out of Anchorage, the applicant would need to pay the freight and a case as needed. Committee approves all the 5 applications (but just for the summer for the applicant from Vermont, for use in Alaska for the summer).

13. Other. Roberta Wonders—would like to go as biathlon coach to Grand Prairie, BC. There seems to be an application for that. Will investigate.

Churck--fees—how's it going? Fees are being collected at the range from those who haven't paid for the year.

Range maintenance. Chuck: Is KPG responsible for the costs of maintenance of range? No further discussion after an exchange between Dwayne Adams and Dick Mize. This is an important issue that needs resolution.

Paper targets. Joel is checking in Lower 48 and BC. We may need to buy them from HoRa.

Diane M. a couple of months ago said we should wait for a while due to funding issues. Chuck said he'd check with a print broker in Anchorage, about Lower 48 printers who could do it. Will do more rehad of paper targets –using tape or paste. Will have biathletes get involved in re-habing targets.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 8:26 PM.