

## **Alaska Biathlon Anchorage: Committee Meeting: December 14, 2009**

Present: Teresa Neeno, Mike Milholin, Chuck Gilbert, Laurel Dow, Diane Ramey, Mike Burns, Roberta Wonders, Tom Gernier, Chris Tomsen, Diane Moxness and Jeff Scott

Called to order: 6:35 pm

**1. Approval of minutes of November meeting. Motion to approve as written, seconded, all in favor, except Chuck, who was not at the Nov mtg.**

**2. SOP.** The SOP for operation of the range needs to be readily available for the RSOs and users of the range—**Roberta** will make copies and get them to the range.

Teresa noted that there's been discussion that maintenance and upkeep of the range needs to be done by several people so there are back-ups and shared knowledge for the sake of continuity. She suggested there might be a subcommittee formed for this. She said that Ben (head groomer) was interested and willing to participate. Dennis Abarr has expressed interest in working with the target system. **Laurel** will check with Kevin to see if he's interested, and **Roberta** will check with Ray.

**3. MOA and NSAA. Further work needs to be done on the agreement between Muni of Anchorage and NSAA, which is to have a section on biathlon and the range. Diane reported that NSAA is working on this agreement, and that MOA has provided some additional rqsts re biathlon, which she will forward to Teresa. Diane reported that MOA has decided to eliminate the per person fee for races for those 18 years old and younger, and increase the fee for those 19 and older to \$2.**

**4. Rifle safety.** Chris T. is conducting a rifle safety clinic and biathlon clinic this coming Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, including time at the range. It will start at 10 AM. It will cost \$25. Chris is issuing cards to those who have completed the safety clinic. Chris said he needs help with registration for clinics. It was noted that a list is needed of all those who have completed the safety clinic. Diane said she will have a registration form made. Teresa said she will handle registration for the upcoming clinic. Diane Ramey will put a notice in the Blast about the clinic and the upcoming race.

**5. Rifle purchase and ammunition order.** Mike M. provided a letter documenting the purchase of 2 Izhmash rifles. He asked that if there additional funding from the NRA grant, that he purchase miscellaneous rifle parts. Mike will check with Diane on funding. **Motion: If there are remaining funds from NRA grant, rifle parts be purchased for maintenance and upkeep of existing rifles. Seconded. All in favor.**

Mike M. is getting ready to make another order of ammo. It looks like 30 cases, including 6 for the Alaska Biathlon operations, and about 24 more for individuals. He asked if a surcharge above the discount price should be added to the cost for individual. It was agreed that there would be a 20% surcharge on all ammo sales to individuals.

6. **Range openings.** Diane Ramey reported that it's difficult to get RSOs to have regular opening. There was discussion about whether Wednesday or Sunday openings are better attended. Generally agreed that Sundays are better attended. Therefore, priority will be given to having a range opening every Sunday. There was discussion that it would be very helpful to have a second person assisting with range openings, to greet new people, assist with novice shooters, provide some coaching, etc. Diane will have info on these things in the next Blast.

7. **Budget.** There was discussion clarifying that no range use fees or loaner rifle fees would be charged at races.

#### 8. **Other topics**

**New race registration form.** A draft was reviewed and generally agreed upon for use.

**Upcoming races.** James D provided recommendations in an email for the races to occur on Dec 27 and Jan 9 and 10. The Committee agreed with his recommendation for Dec 27, but because the Jan 9 and 10 races are qualifiers for Arctic Winter Games, and include snow show races, Tom G. and others will consider and then provide recommendations for those races.

**Award rifle.** There are at least 3 rifles available. The Committee reviewed a rqst from Hunter Wonder. A motion was made to award a rifle to Hunter. Seconded and all in favor, except Roberta Wonder abstained.

**PortaPotty.** Roberta said that there have been requests, mainly from female biathletes, for a PortaPotty at the range. The costs of having one at the range were discussed, and it was decided we can afford PortaPotties only at major events.

**Summer duathlon race** (running and shooting). Chris T. will contact the folks who put together the Runners' Calendar and ask to have the duathlon put on the calendar.

**Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor.** Adjourned at 7:55 PM.