

Alaska Biathlon Anchorage: Committee Meeting: March 15, 2010

Present: Teresa Neeno, Chuck Gilbert, Laurel Dow, Diane Ramey, Roberta Wonders, Ray Wonders, Chris Tomsen, Rick McClure, Tom Grenier and Colin Fay.

Called to order: 6:30 pm

1. **Approval of minutes of February meeting.** Correction noted to add “and joining USBA” to the motion regarding Fee Proposal. **Motion to approve with correction, seconded, all in favor.**

2. **NSAA Agreement with MOA—Biathlon element.** MOA commented on the existing SOP and Environmental Stewardship Plan, which had been sent to NSAA for incorporation in NSAA agreement with MOA. MOA wants the SOP to require that ammo be under double locked protection, including within cars. Discussion was that there’s no way to require individuals to have a locked box within their private cars, and the SOP should delete the reference to ammo being stored in private vehicles. The SOP will be revised accordingly. With a new safe being placed in the conex at the range, all ammo will have double lock protection.

The MOA commented on the Environmental Stewardship Plan (lead management). MOA asks for additional information characterizing the physical aspects of the range, e.g., soil types, topography and runoff, precipitation, distance to surface waters, and vegetation. MOA also asked for info on training on handling of lead and transfer to recyclers, and list of trainees. MOA asked for location where collected lead is stored prior to transfer to recycler. MOA wants a copy of each lead clean-up report, and wants an annual soil sample. C. Gilbert will work on getting these things done. May ask that MOA pay for the soil sampling.

3. **Safety Clinics.** 17 people have taken the clinic in the past month, seven of whom have joined USBA. There’s a demand for cuffs. Will look into getting more for the Committee to resell. Diane will also put a notice in the newsletter about sources of cuffs.

4. **Award rifles.** They need to be returned by mid-April. Applications for rifles need to be received by April 12 (next Committee mtg). Rifles will be distributed to awardees in May. Diane will put a notice in the newsletter.

5. **Budget.** Paper targets—tabled until Joel returns. Need to get order in and new targets soon, as supplies are very low. Will need to see funds available to determine how many new targets can be ordered. NRA grant—approx \$450 left from the 2009 grant. These funds will be returned to NRA, once all appropriate expenses are accounted for. A new grant for \$5-6000 has been submitted, which would cover safety instruction and travel to trials.

6. Recruitment and Publicity. The first “First Timer” cards have been distributed. Newsletter will go out in about 2 days.

7. Next Race. Sunday March 20. Will be mass start with 4 shooting stages. There was concern that several of the usual race officials may not be there, and there may not be enough experienced officials to organize and run a race. Rick will call Mike M to see if he intends to be there to be Range Master. It was decided to proceed with the race.

8. Other business.

NSAA wants a list of the volunteers who worked during this winter season. Teresa will compile.

Ammo order—discussion tabled until Mike M. can participate.

Colin Fay. Colin proposed to offer his services to coach and start a biathlon youth group. He noted that many kids want to get into biathlon and get started but keeping their interest has been difficult. He said that there needs to be regular range opening and events, with consistent help and coaching provided. Make it fun and have it be a group of friends involved.

Rick McC will contact Bill Myer to see about setting up a clinic for this summer season.

Teresa noted that a two-year term excluding an individual from participating in biathlon due to a conviction involving youths is close to ending. For the individual to participate he must petition the NSAA board and receive their approval.

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