

Biathlon committee NSAA- 8 June 2009

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

Called to order: 6:33 pm

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the May. One typo noted. Motion seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. SOP. Mike M. noted that it's a USBA rule that rifles have open bolts and magazine removed when rifle not in control of biathlete. Teresa N. is doing additional checking with USBA. It needs to be clear that it is the Chief of Range who gives commands at the range. There should be a meeting of officials before races. Race officials should be specified before each race or time trial to be better organized and be assured that all functions are covered.

The following assignment of duties was agreed upon (for upcoming time trials (see #10 below):

Chief of Range: Mike Burns

Chief of Course: Ray Wonders

Chief of Timing/Results: Roberta Wonders

Recorder: Janet and James Dougherty

Lists and Bids: Roberta Wonders

3. Kincaid Project Group (KPG). Dick Mize has not been able to be an active participant recently and wants to phase out. Motion to recommend that James Dougherty be appointed to the KPG board and be the Committee's rep on that board. Motion seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. Range operations and maintenance. Joel H. reported that conduit is to be put inside the larger conduit running from the targets to the firing line, and new electrical cables to be run through the new conduit—this is to solve existing electrical problems. This work is funded by KPG. James D. noted that “wing walls” are still needed at both ends of the concrete target structure to control erosion.

5. Coaching. Mike B. reported that the NRA has cut a check for \$5000, which should provide funding for continued coaching. Richard Barlow will be coaching on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 PM. Mike B. stated that Richard B. is putting in a specific system for biathlete development and biathletes need to follow all the elements of that system. He said that parents need to encourage their biathletes to follow all the elements of the system, not pick and choose the among those elements. Others expressed the opinion that each biathlete should determine and use what elements work best for them.

6. Range openings. The range will be open from 6 to 8 PM. Roberta will open the range on Wednesdays from 12 to 2 PM.

7. Expenses. Mike M. will be buying various parts (\$100-150) and cleaning supplies (\$100). Teresa N. will check with USBA to see if they will cover the recent hotel costs for Algiss. Not sure why he stayed in a hotel when 2 houses were offered at no cost.

Paper targets. Chuck G. got a quote from a printer @ \$2500 for 1000 and \$3500 for 2000. Joel H. got a quote from HoRa @ \$550 for 1000 plus \$545 for shipping from Germany. **Motion to buy 1000 paper targets from HoRa using the least expensive shipping available. Seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.** Joel H. will arrange.

8. Range fees. Will allow new people to shoot at the range one time w/o paying the \$10 range fee.

9. Training. 4 or more people want the range safety officer training. Will be done on June 30. Teresa N. will check with Chris Tomsen (not present) on a rifle safety class in July.

10. Races and time trials. Time trials should be added to the weekly coaching sessions and range openings. James D. said regular time trials would create benchmarks for biathlete improvement, and would allow for biathletes to see how they rank against other biathletes. Laurel D. noted that the 60-shot exercise provides one benchmark. It was agreed there should be at least one time trial each month, and that the 1st would be on June 23 and next on July 23.

11. New range building. James D. reported that a new bldg is the goal, and that using the old bldg would likely eliminate getting a new bldg. He said that timing for races can be done from the bldg location on the south side of the stadium area.

12. Lead clean-up. Chuck G. reported that during May and early June lead was collected from all the asphalt and concrete pads, from all target traps and from the the metal roofing over the concrete trench behind the targets, and that all collected lead was delivered to John Pratt for smelting and recycling.

13. Ammo order. Mike B. will check on how much ammo is currently available, and if there are 2 cases or less, then we'll place an order for more. It was noted that about 2 cases were used during the recent clinic and that was a clinic expense.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at about 8 PM.