

9 march 2009: time: 6:30 pm

NSAA biathlon committee: Present: T Neeno, C Gilbert, Mike M, Ray W, Roberta W, Rick M, Joel H, Mike B, and C Tomsen

1. Review/approve February minutes
Minutes accepted. Motion by MB. Second. Accepted by all except Joel and Mike M- abstain.
2. SOP. Discussion. JH offers minor change-- will send to Chuck for incorporation. Rich M.: 7 page 5 change to Live Ammunition instead of bullets. Discussion of USBA membership for insurance coverage—all range shooters have to be members to covered by insurance. Need to be sure that all users of range are USBA members.
3. “Club direction” – fee structure, USBA information (Teresa), membership flyer/cards (Roberta). Teresa N: notice of fees sent out in newsletter. Roberta W—suggested having a plastic tag for each year to show membership. Feedback on fees—Mike B: Scott Belyea says he won’t participate in biathlon due to costs and fees. Scott was helpful in getting Natl Guard volunteers—want to continue to have that help. Scott expressed concern about the electronic new range—too elaborate and expensive. Will provide more info to biathlon community on the basis of costs of running the range.
4. Coaching update- mike b, rick and ray- discussions with Richard Barlow, Gus Catternichio, Scott Belyea. Rick M and Mike B—Richard Barlow would like to start program with biathlon shooting training. 5 committee have talked with him. He was asst coach with US Biathlon in late 60s, which included pressure shooting situations as part of training and physiological elements of shooting with elevated heart rates. He would need some backup from other people. He has extensive background in shooting. We would want to send him to national biathlon coaching sessions. He started a school program for shooting in Mat-Su. He would not be a skiing coach. Let’s ask him to come in this weekend for clinic and races. Are there USBA funds available this year to send him to coaching sessions and to cover an amount per month?—**Teresa will check.** He would start from “ground zero” to assure shooting basics. He knows the mental aspect. He would be the shooting coach. He didn’t specify a dollar amount. **Roberta W: Motion—Propose that Richard B for conduct 4 range openings a month and a race/clinic each month and pay him \$400 on a 90-day trial period. Rick M seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.**
5. Clinics- March 13- lead coach?, summer- piotr will be discussing with coaches- 23-28 May as the tentative dates (Teresa). Chris T and Rick M will lead clinic and open the range so new people can get some exposure. Friday will be an “official practice” before the weekend races. Teresa N: Teresa will check with Piotr about dates of late May clinic. Friday the 13th--10 to 12 for rifle fitting. 12 to 12:30 lunch and DVD, 12:30 to 2 for range time. 2 to 4 for official practice for older kids.
6. Recruitment- barbeque update(laurel) discussion with Jr Nordic- combined program. **Table this item until Laurel is here.** Teresa N: Ellen Toll is interested in seeing about getting Biathlon with Junior Nordic. Discussion about having air rifles and simple targets for introducing kids to biathlon. Chris T—let’s put Wednesday openings in Muni summer rec flyer.

7. Rifle safety clinics- chris. Teresa N—thanks to Chris T for the safety clinics. 5:30 for range opening and clinic.
8. Races- March 14-15 “in charge?” jobs?, format, of note- Special Olympics will be at Kincaid at the same time. Times are usual times. Sprint on Saturday and Pursuit on Sunday. Safety clinic on Wednesday is \$15 but can just pay \$20 to also include the Friday 13th clinic. The clinic will cost \$20—if clinic only. Need to sign USBA waiver and \$10 fee—one day. Roberta will do registration Friday morning. Need to check on Bunker—Chris T is doing.
9. Trials wrap up- all receipts in? Need to turn in any more receipts and get them to NSAA ASAP.
10. Assets- tripods ordered? (mike m). Mike M—It would be \$141 for titanium tripods—too expensive/we don’t need that one. 3 tripods have been orders at \$105.90 each. Some other repairs and parts are included for a total of \$380.70. Teresa N: Any info on other assets. Joel H: building status? Need to check with James D.
11. Communication- monthly “blast”, Nordic Skier Teresa N: Will put it out with all new info. If anyone has anything to write up for Nordic Skier, pls do so and submit.
12. EPA lead update- (chuck). Chuck G—EPA has asked for information about use of the old and new ranges. The new range info is included in the management plan prepared and approved last fall, and the November report on lead clean up.
13. Request for host family. Teresa N: looking for host for Norwegian student. Arrives in Aug and leaves in June. Does biathlon. Will send out in the blast email.
14. Other. Mike M wants to use HEPA vacuum for Eagle River range for lead clean up. No objection. Chuck G will check with Fesstool to see if they will donate a larger diameter hose to increase efficiency of lead clean up: if not we’ll need to buy one for about \$100.
15. Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor. 8:30 adjournment.