

Alaska Biathlon Anchorage: Committee Meeting: April 12, 2010

Present: Teresa Neeno, Diane Ramey, Roberta Wonders, Ray Wonders, Rick McClure, Tom Grenier, Tricia Grenier, Joel Hubbard, James Dougherty and Diane Moxness.

Absent: Chuck Gilbert(Santa Fe), Laurel Dow(Houston), Chris Tomsen(New Zealand), Mike Burns (recent surgery), Mike Milhollin (RSO at matsu range)

Called to order: 6:32 pm

1. Approval of minutes of March meeting. Motion to approve, seconded, all in favor.

2. NSAA Agreement with MOA—Biathlon element. MOA accepted SOP. NSAA would like to have a plan to maintain the biathlon range asset- preserve the value of the range. There continues to be confusion regarding who owns what and who is responsible for what. A well written maintenance plan would give guidance for procedures- at what level (committee/NSAA/KPG) should be involved with decisions on the range. The document should give clarity on who give permission to do any work and at what monetary level. Ideally, the document will provide the “worth of the parts” and suggest when an “expert” should be involved in repairs. The range is a community asset- it is very expensive. James’ understanding- KPG will transfer “ownership” to the MUNI when a “substantial component is complete”. Not clear who will be responsible for upkeep- there is the KPG maintenance fund. But, the MUNI may say “you pay” to NSAA or KPG. Action: Joel to draft a document regarding the maintenance plan- he will circulate it as it becomes done. James to inquire about the KPG maintenance fund. Biathlon/NSAA should sit down with KPG and then the MUNI to determine who is responsible/ answer some questions.

3. Safety Clinics. Next clinic not scheduled yet- Chris is out of town. Discussed need for backup- so each position is “deeper than one”. Chris and Colin have come up with a syllabus and lesson plan, pre and post test- so, someone else could “jump in”- Tom G offered to help. Goal to have a clinic before the June clinic with Bill Meyer.

4. Award rifles. Many have been returned- not the ones from outside the anchorage area. No word from those athletes if they will be reapplying. Laurel had contacted the awardees- she is out of town. Applications have been received from 4 current awardees and 2 others- one a young novice and the other an older novice- who does not ski much. It was decided to reaward rifles to Tamara, Ray, Hunter and Zoe X. the committee decided to ask Zack and Josh to continue practicing and using club rifles at range openings- reapply in the fall- if they continue to be active, then reconsider their application. Brief discussion on expectations for the athletes and the committee to encourage adherence. Joel to discuss with Laurel who has other award rifles and contacting those athletes to return the rifles. Will continue to reassess and award rifles through the year as the need arises. The cost will be prorated for < 6 months. We currently have 20 rifles. Conner and Alex have rifles.

5. Budget. Diane provided a summary of the budget- we are ahead of where expected! We have had more people pay range use fees than we expected. Our last race brought in \$243. We have cuffs

to sell. Purchase for \$15, sell for \$20. Paper targets- Joel would like to place an order. He will reassess the quotes- approved to purchase 1000 targets with the low bidder. Diane reminded us that NSAA has done business with some of the printers- there may be a better price available. Order approved to purchase- moved, seconded and all in favor. NRA grant—final report due. Money will be sent back with the final report. Diane found ammo expenses that could be charged to the grant. A new grant for \$5-6000 has been submitted, which would cover safety instruction and travel to trials. No word on the grant.

6. Recruitment and Publicity. The first “First Timer” cards have been distributed. Newsletter will go out as information is available. Include a brief discussion of lead safety- don’t eat at the range, wash your hands after handling ammunition, wipe your feet if you go down by the targets- use the brushes at that end.

7. Race schedule. Tom came up with a proposed schedule for races- format/distance- also delineated categories of athletes- discussion regarding “names” of categories- stick close to IBU standards. Diane will pencil biathlon races in close to the schedule that was used this season. Discussion about training new parents- have each key position with more than “one deep” expertise. As the schedule is posted, can also post “positions needed”- shadow an expert! Look to host a “big” race- send letter to USBA.

8. Other business.

Ammo order—on back order- the company asked Mike to call again in August.

Rabbit Creek interested in offering biathlon targets- increased visibility for biathlon, partner. They would like the target currently there fixed and to have another on site. It is not set up for prone, discussion on how it could be more useful. We need to ensure our range is being used also- not encourage use of another range. Ultimately decided to support Rabbit Creek, increase biathlon visibility. Ray W to talk more with Lee at Rabbit Creek- they will offer a box of ammunition to biathletes each week- with proof of biathlon involvement.

Rick McC will contact Bill Myer to get specifics for the June camp.

Teresa is stepping down as chair- nominations were requested. Tom Grenier graciously was nominated, accepted nomination and chosen as the new chair.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. All in favor. Adjourned at 9:05 PM.