



The Alberta Division of Biathlon Canada Association Annual General Meeting

September 10th, 2016 – 11:00 am
Canmore Nordic Centre Day Lodge - Canmore

Draft – MINUTES--draft

Attendance: See page 4.

1. Welcome and call to order

- Meeting called to order at 11:00 am by Micki Chong

2. Establishment of voting rights

- Micki Chong detailed voting rights -- voting is conducted by clubs and individuals as per Biathlon Alberta bylaws.

3. Approval of the Agenda

- **Motion (K. Davies, S. Thompson)** to approve agenda as presented.

Carried

4. Approval of 2015 AGM minutes

- **Motion (M. Bankes, K. Davies)** to approve the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting as corrected.

Carried

5. Reports

a. President - Karin Kaarsoo

Biathlon continues to thrive in Alberta as evidenced by another successful season of competition, training, growth and change at many levels across the province.

Calforex generously continued to support our provincial competition series and six events were held around the province. A World Cup was held in Canmore for the first time in more than twenty years. The world (55 million viewers!) watched over 200 athletes compete in Alberta and they are eager to return. As part of the preparations for the event, many new Alberta officials were trained including a group of International Referees.

Mother Nature didn't bless the Alberta Winter Games in Medicine Hat but thanks to the hard-working Local Organizing Committee which prepared not one, but two competition venues when the first one was flooded days before the event, and also to the creativity of the officials, the athletes were able to compete in spite of the lack of snow. As a legacy of the Games, three clubs have now borrowed Kurvinen .22 targets to aid in the progression of their athletes from air rifles to .22s.

The Canadian Championships were held in Val Cartier in March. Team Alberta performed well, even sweeping the podium in one or two competitions.

Led by Head Coach Richard Boruta, the athletes in the Biathlon Alberta Training Centre continue to post good results and some have progressed to the National Team.

The 2015 AGM marked the start of Darcy Gullacher's tenure as General Manager. Unfortunately for us, he resigned to pursue another opportunity as of August 31st so we are in the midst of the hiring process again.

In May we held a successful planning meeting with good representation from clubs around the province. It was a worthwhile exercise that all who participated felt would be worth doing more frequently.

Alberta Sports Connection named Nathan Smith as Alberta Male Athlete of the Year for 2015. Albertans were a big part of the Relay Teams that won World Cup and World Championship medals. The list of accomplishments goes on and on.

None of this would have been possible without our volunteers – club coaches, competition officials parents and board members to name only a few. Thank you each and every one. Whether you are out before sunrise preparing the course, distributing snacks at the finish line, tearing down the stadium when the show is over or keeping our finances in order, your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you from all of us in the biathlon community. We look forward to working with you all again this coming season.

b. Vice-President, Technical - Liz Baker, September 2016

It was an exciting year for Biathlon Alberta, here are the highlights;

Membership Highlights

We have increased our athlete membership from 250 individuals to 320 individuals over one year. This is over a 25% increase over 2014/15, with an additional 70 athletes. We also saw an increase in the number of coaches from 21 to 30 over the same period, with the largest percentage jump in the area of female coaching, by almost 50%. Our membership for officials

also saw an increase over last year, with a significant increase at the entry level. Over the last two years we saw a total of 11 individuals rise to 32, in 2015/16

Calforex Highlights

Our season total, saw an increase of almost 30% participation over the previous year. Partly due to better weather conditions and no race cancellations. Total seasonal participation was up from 738 in 14/15 to 1,021 in 15/16.

Alberta Winter Games

Although we experience some weather challenges with the Alberta Winter Games, the games went on with a total participation count consistent with the previous year.

I would like to make a special note; all of this success for the Calforex and Alberta Winter Games could not have been realised without our volunteers. So thank you one and all for your ongoing participation in the Calforex Race Series and Alberta Winter Games.

Canadian National Championships Highlights

We saw a significant increase to our medal count over the previous year. Gold medal count saw a 100% increase from 9 to 18 metals. While silver and bronze metals remained similar.

International Highlights

On the international stage, Alberta athletes continued to achieve personal bests on the World Cup circuit results were very impressive.

Looking forward in 2016/17...

We have an exciting year coming up, with the Calforex race series already in place. The schedule is now available on the Biathlon Alberta web site.

I want to take a moment, to thank all of those who have tirelessly volunteered for our race series, we could not have done it without you. Again thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you all again this year.

c. Vice-President, Administration - Micki Chong

- Able to interview and Hire Darcy
- Work with Darcy on familiarization of Biathlon Alberta's policies, procedures and stakeholders
- Attended ASC presidents dinner for unveiling new financial governance model
- Chair board meetings in President's absence or delay
- Support of transparent budget adherence
- Attend all but one Biathlon Alberta monthly Board meetings (phone in)
- Volunteer Casino
- Review and suggest content for FB, Twitter and Website updates
- Successful addition of self subscribe feature on websites
- Hiring / interviewing Biathlon Alberta GM
- Work with GM to select award nominees for 2015-16
- Working with Lowell on new athlete agreement to be completed prior to 2017 nationals selection

Assignments / Training

- Completed Leader and IR officials training
- Ass't Volunteer Coordinator for WC 2016

d. GM Report

- Currently in the application process for a new GM. There are 10 applications that the Hiring Committee are processing.

Discussion

- Two requests were made from the floor – one was for the Reports to be posted on the Biathlon Alberta web page; and second was a request for the dates and times of Board meetings to be promulgated.

6. Review of financial statements and Auditors' report, Treasurer's Report

**** see attached**

- Sherry Thompson reviewed the financial statements of the Association.
- Association is in a good financial position.
- Question from the floor concerning Alberta Government financial support staying at previous levels; Ken Davies answered that it appeared that it is continuing as before.

Motion (S. Thompson, K. Kaarsoo) To approve the 2015-16 audited financial statements as presented. **Carried**

7. Elections – Board of Directors

a. President (two-year term) Nominated: Karin Kaarsoo

b. Vice-President, Admin (two-year term) Nominated: Micki Chong

c. Director, Officials Development (two-year term) Nominated: Barb Sand

d. Director, Athlete Development (two-year term) Nominated: Steven Hulsman

e. Director at Large (one-year term) Nominated: James Proudfoot

Motion (K. Davies, B. Gilliland) *In the event that James Proudfoot is unable to do the term as Director at Large, then Francine Gobeil-Taylor is voted to replace him.*

Carried

All positions elected by acclamation (declared by K. Davies)

8. Election of Auditors (2)

Motion (T. Runnals, A. Larrivee) to elect Deb Hall and Francine Goebeil-Taylor auditors.

Carried

Deb Hall and Francine Goebeil-Taylor elected auditors by acclamation.

9. Other Business - Signing Authority

Motion (S. Thompson, K. Davies)

- To amend signing authority at Royal Bank to remove Darcy Gullacher, General Manager and add the new General Manager once they are named and approved by B.O.D.

Carried

10. Biathlon Canada Report

- Ken Davies thanked Biathlon Alberta for their support of the World Cup; it was a financial success; had largest TV ratings of all World Cup Races apart from the World Championships. Have applied to host a World Cup race in 2019 – will know in January 2017 if happening.

- Due to success of athletes last year, National Athletes are fully funded.

11. Adjournment

Motion (K. Davies, T. Runnals) to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm.

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Attendance

Individual Voting Members in Attendance

Jane Bankes

George Brindle

Megan Bankes

Bill Gilliland

Rory Gilliland

Kirsten Kaarsoo

Micki Chong

Ken Davies

Todd Runnalls

Rikka Salokannel

Erin Sand

Club Voting Members in Attendance

Camrose Ski Club

Foothills Nordic

Alberta Event Hosting Society for Biathlon

Canmore Nordic

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Richard Boruta

Caroline Henley

Oliver Brindle

Karin Kaarsoo (on
phone)

Kirsten Jensen

Annie Larrivee

Lowell Niven

Wynn Linklater

Sherry Thompson

Barb Sand

Francine Gobeil-Taylor

Edmonton Nordic

Alberta Biathlon Club

Calgary Biathlon Racers

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