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## 2021 VP of Administration Report

Over last year, Biathlon Alberta has had to deal with several difficult decisions in regards to monitoring public health communications and information for clubs during the Covid 19 pandemic. Despite Biathlon Alberta hosting no events, this information was essential having to help give clubs parameters to operate and function. As VP of Administration, I have over seen those communications so that we align with Nordiq Alberta and communicate seamlessly with training recommendations so that all clubs can operate within the health guidelines as stipulated by AHS. Monitoring the information and having conversations with our GM, Elmar Heger, during this period was often a weekly event on my calendar.

Also, I was in contact with Matthias Ahrens on updates from the BATC on athlete training challenges, international travel restrictions, and general day to day training information. Matthias continues to also have communication and collaboration with the Academy programs and Chris Jefferies exploring and collaborating for training for university-bound athletes.

In conjunction with these activities, I also served as a member of a group of Board members that were exploring a merging of all Nordic sports in Alberta. This was often a biweekly set of meetings and communications determining the avenues needed for such a process, listening to individuals that have had success in this process, and accessing the financial repercussions or advantages to such an endeavor. Ultimately, we did determine that the negatives of merging the PSO's, mostly relating to financial backing were too great to proceed. Despite this, we have all agreed to continue to find ways to collaborate and help each other where we can.

Other initiatives that I have worked on with our GM and board included communication and identifying shortcomings with minority groups in hopes of expanding our outreach in collaboration with Spirit North. Spirit North provides sport outreach programs in many indigenous communities within the province. We hope that this will expand our positive image as a sport that is for everyone. Alongside this we have had discussions with Nordiq Alberta on incorporating Para categories into the Calforex Cups. Determining how we can help clubs with obtaining equipment and providing an opportunity for para-athletes at a local level had been essential in this step.

In the coming months, our hope of course is to see the re-established race season. I would also like to say thank you to all the board members that have given their time and energy to continue to volunteer to bring forward the vision of Biathlon Alberta for the province, to all the clubs and coaches for their patience and understanding during this pandemic and lastly to the athletes for their perseverance.

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