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Dear Biathlon Alberta members,

The 2021-22 season isn't a season that I will forget easily. Looking from the outside it could almost seem like we had a pretty normal biathlon season but knowing how much work and dedication from so many of you went into putting on these 6 Calforex Cup event weekends under always changing restrictions leaves me with great appreciation and gratitude for all the hard-working Biathlon Alberta members.

We started the season out not knowing if it would be a second year without competitions but we planned the year as if there will be races happening and made changes as the restrictions and regulations from the federal and provincial government changed.

During this season we introduced the eco-aims which replaced the Air-Rifle categories and we saw great success in this change as this category was the biggest at 3 events. I anticipate that the eco-aims category will continue to grow and that we as an organization will adapt to the changes that might be required with that growth.

Besides our Calforex Cup race series were we also able to continue our cooperation with Spirit North. It was great to see that many indigenous communities welcomed us into their schools to introduce our sport to their students. We are hopeful to grow this program in the next years as more and more schools express interest in biathlon.

We also had a number of out-reach days within the (Nordic) para sport community and we are hopeful that these relationships will grow and that we will see more para-athletes at our provincial level events in the future.

I do believe that we took some big steps during the 2021-22 season to make biathlon more accessible for all people in our province and as we continue on working becoming more inclusive and open to all members of our society that are interested in our sport.

Last but not least do I would like to mention the great success that our Alberta clubs had at the 2021 National Championships! It was great to see so many athletes having success and I contribute that to all the hard work that our club coaches, athletes, and volunteers are doing throughout the season that allows our athletes to thrive.

I would like to thank all of you and hope to see you during a successful 2022-23 season that will be a busy one as we are hosting not only our Calforex Cup events but also the Arctic Winter Games in Fort McMurray in January.

Sincerely,

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General Manger

