



The Alberta Division of Biathlon Canada Association Annual General Meeting

September 12^h, 2023 – 19:00
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Minutes

1. Welcome and call to order

Call to order at 19:06

2. Establishment of voting rights

President, Clayton Paradis, establishes the voting rights based on the Biathlon Alberta by-law (4.3) and explains the voting process.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda of the 2023 AGM - carried

4. Approval of 2022 AGM minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2022 AGM - carried

5. Reports

All reports were posted on the Biathlon Alberta website prior to the meeting to give the membership the opportunity to read them and prepare possible questions. President, Clayton Paradis, provides a brief review of the 2022-23 season.

- Safe Sport Policy will launch before 2023-24 starts. A Consultant has been hired to coordinate the rollout process. BOD members, Holly Bird and Jason Acker lead the committee that worked on the development and implementation of the policy.

- Shooting Stars Team aims at 14–17-year-old athletes to provide more training opportunities outside of the regular club environment. Cooperations with BC are working well. 2 summer camps happened already and 1-2 fall/winter camps are planned.

- Work with Spirit North to increase the number of indigenous athletes in biathlon.
- Para biathlon initiative to build a base of para biathletes that can feed into the HP stream. Goal is also to have one of the Canmore based Calforex Cup events being FIS sanctioned to attract international para-biathletes.
- Strong performance at National Championships in Hinton. Build on the position that we had in the past years a leader in the sport within the country.

- 5.1 President
- 5.2 Vice-President, Technical
- 5.3 Vice-President, Administration
- 5.4 General Manager

6. Finance and Audit Report

6.1 Financial Statements to April 30, 2023

- Treasurer, Sherry Thompson, updates the membership about the current financial situation and reviews the auditor statements with the members. The statements were made public to the membership before the meeting.
 - Successful year for Biathlon Alberta.
 - March 2023 casino funds were received in May of 2023
 - Investment account shows small increase
 - Less liabilities, CEBA loan was completely paid off. Also decrease in deferred income and accounts payable.
 - Deferred revenue is mostly the BATC athlete's deposits for the following season.
 - Positive development with donation funds. Matching funds campaign was successful and we received extra funds from the GOA for having raised the most funds of all PSO's.
 - Competition and program fees were down a lot due to the cancellations of 50% of all 2022-23 races.
 - Membership fees were up due to higher membership numbers
 - Range upgrade has been completed and no funds were spent
 - BATC revenue was up since it was the largest group we ever had
- Motion to approve the Financial Statement to April 30, 2023, as presented will be approved – Sherry Thompson, Philippe Gauthier, Stuart Harden - carried**

6.2 Appointment of Auditors

- **Motion to approve Karin Kaarsoo and Ken Davies as the financial auditors of Biathlon Alberta until the next Annual General Meeting** – Robin Hengel, Stuart Harden - **carried**

7. Elections – Board of Directors

- President Clayton Paradis, asks the membership for further nominations to the following positions. For each role one individual was identified before the meeting who are interested in filling the role. The position of Director at Large has two members interested. Macx Davies and Peter Dimmell are running for this position.

The positions 7.1 – 7.4 were elected by acclamation.

7.1 Vice- President, Technical (2- year term) – **Jason Nishiyama**

7.2 Director, Coaching Development (2- year term)- **Stuart Harden**

7.3 Director, Public Relations and Marketing (2- year term) – **Bart Hulshof**

7.4 Treasurer (2- year term)- **Phillip Mincher**

- The membership confirms the election of the members running for the positions in 7.1 – 7.4 by vote

7.5 Director, at Large (1 year term)

- Macx Davies and Peter Dimmell have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the membership.

- Membership votes: 18 Macx Davies/ 6 Peter Dimmell/ 2 Abstain

Club votes: 4 Macx Davies/ 5 Peter Dimmell/ 2 Abstain

- **Motion on the election of Macx Davies as Director at Large of Biathlon Alberta** – Philippe Gauthier, Stuart Harden - **carried**

8. Biathlon Canada update

- Clayton Whitman, Sport Development Manger of Biathlon Canada presents an update to the membership.

- Biathlon Canada is working an optical biathlon program to use optical rifles to make the sport accessible and use them to recruit more athletes to the sport.

- Regional camps. Biathlon Alberta and Biathlon BC are considered one region and the first camps were held in Prince George. The concept will continue for the foreseeable future and joint camps and competitions are encouraged

- Hosting Policy has been published. Several changes for U17 and Masters categories that align closer to the current Biathlon Albert Dev. Categories in the U17.

- New focus on continental event planning with closer cooperation with US Biathlon to create more meaningful competitions for IBU category athletes with focus on East and West tour schedule.

- Coach and Officials development will also be a focus for Clayton Whitman

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 19:55 – carried