

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
WASHINGTON BIATHLON ASSOCIATION
October 30, 2007

President Bob Vallor called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Present were Vice President Jay Bender, Secretary Marie Garrett and At-large Board Members Dave Shaw and Sibylle Wilbert. Treasurer Jack Seabrook was not available.

Minutes from the September Board meeting had been circulated and approved earlier via e-mail and posted on the Association website.

Bob Vallor gave the Treasurer's report in Jack Seabrook's absence. The Association currently has \$2,436.16 in checking and \$18.01 in the savings account.

Renewal membership applications were received from Joe and Carol Stuhley, Aaron Scott, Steve Eastwood, Greg Martin, Dave Shaw, Mark Turner, Sibylle Wilbert, and Jack Whisler. A new membership application was received from Kevin Woody. A motion was made and seconded to accept all applications, and the motion was unanimously approved. Bob noted that WBA membership is currently at its highest-ever level, with a total 58 members.

There was discussion about obtaining insurance for WBA equipment which includes targets, the flatbed trailer, the storage container, a winch, rifles, and miscellaneous race equipment. The total value of these items is estimated at \$26,200. Bob indicated that he will contact USBA to see if insurance is available through them, and report back by the next Board meeting. If insurance is not available through USBA, Bob will contact local insurance companies for information on what type of coverage is offered and the cost.

Jay Bender reported on plans to construct a detachable snow roof for the storage container while it is located at SPNC. He indicated that the cost of materials would be approximately \$140-150 and that he would do the construction and installation. Bob moved that the Board approve an expenditure of \$150 for materials. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob noted that the WBA currently has one Iszmash rifle that needs some repair and new parts, which he plans to obtain from Marc Sheppard. The Association also has

three aluminum rifle cases that had been purchased a few years ago and which are too small for biathlon rifles. The cases cost \$130 each and have never been used. There was discussion about posting them for sale for \$100 each on Ebay or Craigslist.com. Dave Shaw expressed an interest in purchasing one of the cases.

Bob reported that MT Guns currently has Iszmash 7-3s in stock for \$1295 (plus \$40 for shipping). He proposed purchasing at least one and possibly two rifles for club use. There was discussion about whether to order the left-handed or right-handed model and what size (7-3 or 7-4). Bob will contact MT Guns to see if there would be any price reduction if two rifles were ordered at the same time.

There followed a general discussion about the upcoming winter events. It was confirmed that the "Intro to Biathlon" scheduled for January 5 has been cleared with SPNC Manager Mike Power. There was considerable discussion about race formats, with the following formats unanimously agreed to: January 12/13 - Mass Start and Super Sprint, February 23/24 - shortened Mass Start and Sprint, and March 8/9 - shortened Individual and Super Sprint. Bob and Jay will work on drafting race announcements.

There was also discussion about holding a target painting session on at SPNC on Sunday, November 4. Jay indicated that he would send an e-mail to the membership asking for volunteers to participate.

Bob informed the Board that there has been discussion with Rich Gross of Oregon Biathlon about holding a biathlon demonstration in early December. Bob and Jay have offered to transport WBA targets and equipment to Mount Bachelor for the event, but no firm plans have been made at this time.

Bob noted that the annual meeting and elections are coming up. The meeting will be held at the Issaquah Community Center on November 14 at 7 p.m. The Board positions up for election this year are: President (currently held by Bob Vallor), Secretary (currently held by Marie Garrett), At-Large Position #1 (currently held by Sibylle Wilbert) and Athletes' Representative (open). The incumbents have all been nominated and seconded. No other nominations have been received as of October 30.

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.