

WASHINGTON BIATHLON ASSOCIATION
2007 Annual Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2007
Issaquah Community Center, Issaquah, WA

President Bob Vallor called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Present were Vice President Jay Bender, Treasurer Jack Seabrook, and Secretary Marie Garrett. At-large Board Members Dave Shaw and Sibylle Wilbert were not able to attend due to travel schedules. Also present were WBA members Chris Caviezel, Bryn Black, Jim Slyfield, Dave Anana, and Isabelle Anana.

Bob Vallor reviewed the winter events schedule, which has been set and posted on the WBA website. In addition to WBA events, there will be a biathlon demonstration at Mount Bachelor on December 8–9. The event is being organized by former U.S. Team member Rich Gross; Bob Vallor and Jay Bender have volunteered to transport some WBA targets and equipment to Bend and to provide assistance with the event. The Methow Valley Biathlon Association will also be hosting a biathlon race on December 30.

The WBA winter schedule includes an “Intro to Biathlon” at SPNC on January 5, and race weekends on January 12–13, February 23–24, and March 8–9. Entry forms and race information for the MVBA event and WBA events will be posted on the WBA website.

Bob gave a report reviewing recently completed and upcoming projects. A total of 27 metal knock-down targets have been fabricated, and Rob Dilling is in the process of assembling one more. Of the finished targets, three were sold to individual members and 10 were sold to Joe Stuhley. Bob noted that as funds become available, the Association plans to purchase some new Iszmash biathlon rifles for use as pool rifles. He also noted that medals are on order for the winter season races.

Jack Seabrook's gave the Treasurer's report. The Association currently has \$2,391.16 in checking and \$18.07 in the savings account.

Renewal membership applications were received from Ben Reed (Family), Jason Wargin, Mark Turner, Greg Martin, Aaron Scott, Steve Eastwood, Greg Martin, Dave Shaw, Mark Turner, Sibylle Wilbert, Jack Whisler, Chris Fletcher, and Victor Woo. A motion was made and seconded to accept all the renewal applications, and the motion was unanimously approved.

New membership applications were received from Kevin Woody (Family) and Mary Gray. A motion was made and seconded to accept both new applications, and the motion was unanimously approved.

An application for life membership was received from Isabelle Anana. A motion was made and seconded to accept the application, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Bob brought several USBA calendars to the meeting. The calendars are available for purchase from the WBA for \$20 each.

Dave Anana expressed appreciation for the Board's work and presented a check in the amount of \$365.25 from the Anana family for the target fund.

Vice President Jay Bender conducted a vote count and announced the results of the election for WBA Board positions. The positions up for election were President, Secretary, and At-Large Position #1. The incumbents (Bob Vallor, Marie Garrett, and Sibylle Wilbert, respectively) ran unopposed and were re-elected for 2-year terms. No nominations were received for Athletes' Representative and that position remains open.

Bob gave a recap of the year and observed that WBA membership is currently at its highest-ever level. He also noted the significant level of

support the Association receives from the Seattle Police Athletic Association and Stevens Pass Nordic Center.

Jim Slyfield inquired about scheduling official training events. After some discussion it was decided that an official training day for experienced biathletes (i.e., those who already have USBA safety certification) would be held on January 6, the day after the “Intro to Biathlon” clinic. Information on the training day will be posted on the website.

Chris Caviezel reported on the work of the Cascade Winter Recreation Council and provided information on the Sno-Park grant program. Grant funds are available for organizations for expansion of ski trails, grooming, and similar activities. Chris encouraged the Board to explore the potential for using grant funds to identify a location for and construction of a new biathlon facility.

Dave Anana raised the topic of creating a long-term plan for the Association. He noted that those who focus primarily on race results tend to contribute relatively little to the organization and that the WBA should emphasize attracting new members, making them feel welcome, and making events enjoyable for all participants. There was general discussion about how to create a “vision” and long-term plan for the group and Board members suggested a variety of ways to involve the general membership in this effort.

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for December 11 at 6:30 pm.

There being no more business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.