

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
WASHINGTON BIATHLON ASSOCIATION
April 16, 2007

President Bob Vallor called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present via telephone were Vice President Jay Bender and Board Members Dave Shaw and Marie Garrett. Treasurer Jack Seabrook and Secretary Mike Spillane were not available.

Minutes from the last Board meeting were not available.

Bob Vallor made a recommendation that future Board meetings be set for a specific day of the month. Establishing a regular meeting date would help Board members to plan ahead and make it easier for Association members who may want to attend to do so. Bob will check with Jack Seabrook and Mike Spillane for input on their availability and the Board will discuss this topic again at the next meeting in May.

Bob gave a brief Treasurer's report. The Association currently has \$2,635.23 in checking and \$18.01 in the savings account. Outstanding bills include invoices for ammunition and medals (totaling approximately \$296) and repayment to Bob for the newly-purchased flatbed trailer (\$1,400) and trailer tax and license (\$175).

There was no membership report. New membership applications will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was a discussion about the new flatbed trailer that has been purchased for hauling the storage container, targets, and other equipment to and from the race venues at Stevens Pass and SPAA. Additional equipment that was purchased includes two strap ratchets for securing loads and stake pockets. Bob delivered the trailer to WBA

member Rob Dilling, who has volunteered to do the welding to attach the ratchets and stake pockets to the trailer. There was also discussion about purchasing a winch for loading and unloading the container, as well as placement of ecology blocks at Guthrie Loop to facilitate loading and unloading. Placement of concrete blocks will require additional coordination with SPNC Manager Mike Power. It is planned that the trailer will be stored at SPAA, pending approval from SPAA's management.

Bob reported that the winter race season was one of the Association's most successful. There was general discussion about the possibility of adding an earlier race (in December) at Stevens Pass as well as closer coordination with Methow Valley Biathlon for a December race.

Plans for the May 26 Introduction to Biathlon were reviewed. Instructors will include Bob Vallor, Jay Bender, Marie Garrett, Dave Anana and Steve Eastwood; Jack Seabrook and Dave Shaw will also instruct if they are available on that day. The session will generally follow the lesson plan that was used for the last two introduction events; Bob plans to make a few modifications and distribute a draft for Board review. An application form for the May 26 session has already been posted on the Association's website.

The Board discussed race formats for the upcoming summer race season. The following formats were agreed to:

- June 16: Mass Start
- July 21: Modified Individual (shortened)
- August 18: Modified Super Sprint (no disqualification for missed targets), followed by a reverse pursuit Super Sprint. The reverse pursuit Super Sprint is planned as a "fun run" that will not count toward the season points total.
- October 6: Individual

There was a general discussion about the Race Manual (currently in draft form) and race procedures. The need for following regular procedures at every race, including an equipment check, was discussed. Bob will incorporate Board members' earlier edits into the Race Manual and distribute it for use.

Bob reported that he needs to connect with Mike Spillane about updating the Association's membership roster.

There was discussion about WBA sponsorship of a cross country race/tour next winter at SPNC for the benefit of a charitable organization. Bob plans to draft a proposal for Board review.

Jay reported that he and Rob Dilling are working on welding the lane and target number markers and plan to have them completed before the first summer race. Jay is also assembling target parts and indicated that there may be enough to construct two additional targets.

Currently there is one pool rifle out on rental to Rob. Dave will do a legal review of the rental agreement and waiver forms and report back to the Board on any recommended changes.

The next Board meeting is planned for early to mid-May; Bob will check with Jack and Mike before setting a specific date.

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Marie seconded and the meeting ended at 7:24 p.m.