

Meeting Minutes
WASHINGTON BIATHLON ASSOCIATION
August 1, 2005

Vice President Jon Matson called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Present were Jon, Secretary Bob Vallor, and Board members Mike Spillane and Jay Bender (via phone). Treasurer Jack Seabrook was out of town and president Chris Caviezel remains on military duty out-of-state.

The past meeting minutes for the July meeting (held June 29th) were passed. The June minutes had been posted on the website, per Jon. Jon moved to accept them, Jay seconded and the motion passed (4-0). There was discussion of the PDF formatting on the website and need for documents to be in a Word format. Jon discussed creating an archive directory.

The Treasurer's report was passed.

The July 9th race was discussed. All felt that it went well. The low numbers of racers drawn this year was discussed, sixteen at the July event. Increasing outreach and advertisement was discussed. More postings of event notices or posters for the winter events coming in the 2005-2006 season and the 2006 summer season will be needed. The race was run in heats because very few volunteer scorers were available.

No new memberships were recorded for the month.

Mike Spillane, the race director for the upcoming August 13th race, discussed that event. The entry form was up on the website. The formats will be a 6km, four shooting bout Individual race and a two shooting bout novice race. The lack of volunteer help at the July race was discussed in terms of August. Mike said he had heard that Mike Lunenschloss might be back and able to help. Heats were used at the July event and may be needed again, to get enough scorers. Bob advised that he would be able to work on set up August 12th and early set up on August 13th, but he would have to leave (for work) at 9:30 am. Regarding targets, the one target that went down in July may be repaired in time for the August race, plus Jay will bring the Devin target he has access to. The race may go with a few as five targets. Bob will give a safety clinic at the race site on August 12th at 7:00 pm. Mike said he would have water, cookies and orange slices prepared for race day and water will be staged at the top of the hill climb.

Using the IBU World Cup point system for the summer race series was discussed. After discussion Jay moved to begin using the system for a race series championship, rather than a one-race championship event. Mike seconded and the motion carried (4-0). The race series for summer 2005 will include May, June, July and August races and will be scored using the IBU points system. Bob said he would have a spreadsheet with the point so far, ready for an August race. Race results/points from August would added in and a

summer series champion would be named. Champions would be named for Male Expert, Female Expert, Male Novice and Female Novice categories.

Medal awards for races were discussed. Mike had been working on obtaining medals. It was discussed and decided that medal would not be engraved. Instead foil labels would be obtained, printed with event information and attached to medals. The cost of engraving and the risk of engraving too many or too few medals would be eliminated.

Jay reported on the targets. Welding is progressing, but an end of August deadline is not likely. The welder has other jobs and correcting problem from the old welder and fabricating missing parts has slowed progress. An aperture alignment problem came up as a result of the welding done at the first welder. In addition a design change in the reset lever part of the target became a necessity when on targets reset level post snapped off in July. An adjustable housing system will replace the simple welded post.

Plans for any September races in Yakima have been scrapped. The dates are not available since the targets are not yet on site..

Mike showed a T-shirt sample for the event, with a summer biathlon logo screened on the front. Jay noted that he had obtained some "door prize" cuffs from CoreSport and other items for "door prizes".

There was no new information on the by-law changes. Noting that time is getting very short for an Annual Meeting, communication by e-mail and a possible special board meeting were discussed.

The chapters of the draft Race Procedures manual are out to board members and their comments/edit suggestions should be e-mailed to Bob.

A discussion of the site for a new range at Stevens Pass Nordic Center. Jay noted that the site he looked at with Bill Meyer of the USBA was the same site looked at before with Marc Shepard. The situation will be discussed with SPNC Director Mike Power, but the site is not likely to be developed because of the significant amount of grading that would be required and issues with the position of the range relative to the surrounding mountains.

The next meeting was set for September 12th at 6:30 pm at Mike Spillane's office. Jay moved and Bob seconded and the meeting ended at 7:58 pm.

Bob Vallor, Secretary
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