

**AGM**  
**N.W.T Biathlon Association**  
**Minutes**

October 4, 2008

Meeting called to Order 10:32 am  
Minutes recorded by April Glaicar

1. Attendance  
President Pat Bobinski – Chair  
John Ashcroft  
Belinda Whitford  
April Glaicar  
Chuck Lirette  
Shannon Cumming  
Bill Mawdsley
  
2. Agenda  
Items 15 - 19 added to agenda as new business  
Motion moved by John, seconded by Belinda “that our Agenda be accepted as amended”.  
Carried
  
3. Minutes from Previous Agenda (minutes were circulated and reviewed)  
Motion to present previous minutes with no errors or omissions.  
Moved by Shannon, seconded by Bill.  
Carried
  
4. Business arising from Minutes  
  
Bruce has suggested that we look at the Elite Athlete 5 year high performance plan – this will be discussed more under the Sport North Accountability Report.  
  
Policy Reviews are deferred to item 12
  
5. Financial Report  
  
The Financial Report was presented by Belinda.  
  
Motion to accept the Financial Report as presented, made by Belinda and seconded by April.  
Carried

## 6. Community Reports

### Fort Smith

Bill reported that the club's focus was Arctic Winter Games although some athletes ended up pursuing other sports. The year was difficult on everyone and activity was lower than hoped. A long stretch of cold weather made training sporadic and no Polar Cup was held in Fort Smith. The focus going into the upcoming year is recruiting younger athletes and having regular activity.

### Hay River

April reported for Hay River:

- ❖ 8 athletes (2 cross trained ski and snowshoe biathlon)
- ❖ 2 Sr. Coaches (Pat and Doug) and 2 Jr. Coaches (April and Chuck)
- ❖ Excellent club support from parents
- ❖ Purchased club windbreakers and wind pants
- ❖ Summer 2007 additional training on roller skis with Marek Napierowski and Amy MacDonald
- ❖ Fall and winter 2007/08 trained 3 times per week combination. Additional ski training with Mike Mitchell
- ❖ Christmas break, Brendan and Amy came out and trained
- ❖ 5 athletes, two coaches attended the Calforex race in Edmonton. We had poor travel conditions and did not make it to any other southern races.
- ❖ Attended the only Polar Cup race, held in Hay River in conjunction with AWG Trials.
- ❖ 4 athletes attended AWG for ski biathlon and 2 attended in snowshoe biathlon. 1 attended for Cross Country Skiing
- ❖ All of the biathletes participated in the PTUB ski races held in Hay River in March
- ❖ Wrapped up the winter season by sending all athletes to Inuvik for the Top of the World Ski Race in April
- ❖ Summer 2008 training on roller skis, cross training and shooting with Amy MacDonald
- ❖ 5 athletes attended the ABC Summer Biathlon Camp

### Yellowknife

No one was present however Pat has been advised that the club is trying to get more athletes recruited and more active for this year.

## Fort Simpson

Pat reported that there is a small but very active group in Fort Simpson however they do not want to form a club there and wish to register with Hay River again.

## HR Reserve

No reported activity

## Jean Marie River and Inuvik

Pat reported that it is slow trying to get activity in these communities and suspects that athletes are already involved in other sports.

## 7. President's Report

Pat report that Bruce Green attended the Biathlon Canada AGM. Pat attended the Sport North AGM. He also gave an overview of activity in each community and is working with the Aboriginal Sport Circle to put on programming in smaller communities.

It is imperative that we hold several Polar Cup races over the season. A team was sent to the Nationals – Brendan Green had good results. Lindsey Bolivar had a hard season on the international scene however she is feeling better and is working on a strong come back. Brendan Green had an excellent season as well.

## 8. Sport North Accountability – the report was completed with the help of Pat, Belinda and Doug Swallow. The report was presented.

Motion to accept the Sport North Accountability Report was made by Bill, seconded by Shannon.  
Carried

## 9. Program Updates

Discussed

## 10. Budget Allocation

This item has been tabled until after we receive confirmation of our allotment from Sport North. Doug Swallow is looking at a policy to determine our budget allocation amongst the clubs.

11. Biathlon Canada

Insurance and membership fees have yet to be confirmed for the 2008/09 season.

12. Policy Review

Appeal Policy – Motion by April, seconded by John to “Ratify the Appeal Policy to reflect the current year”.  
Carried

13. Canada Winter Games – Nova Scotia 2011

A list of potential eligible athletes and coaches will be due in the near future (Pat will confirm date due). Athletes must have been born between 1990 and 1993. A total of 4 female and 4 male athletes can be sent along with 1 manager and 2 coaches. Coaches must be Level 3 certified and one must be a female. There are a number of athletes in this age bracket and we should have a full team.

14. Arctic Winter Games 2010 – Grande Prairie

The draft snowshoe biathlon technical package was discussed for information purposes. It has been suggested that the mass start race be dropped in order for the athletes to have recovery time in between races.

15. Item brought forward as new business – Pat has requested that NWT Biathlon purchase 6 pairs of snowshoes and 1 case of air rifle ammunition for him to use for the community visits promoting biathlon.

Motion made by John and seconded by April.  
Carried

16. Nationals 2009 – Val Cartier QC

Potential eligible athletes were discussed; each club may have to cover more of the travel costs to send athletes this year.

17. When Bruce is back from vacation he will go through the Sport North Accountability report and the minutes of this meeting and forward tasks to each member or community as noted. Shannon and April will investigate potential corporate sponsorships to help us get athletes to more southern races.

18. For Polar Cup and potential camp planning purposes, John will get a copy of the DJSS and Fort Smith school planning calendars and Shannon will confirm the dates of Canada Summer Games training camps.
19. A Sport Forum is being held in the end of October in Yellowknife, we should have a representative there. Shannon will liaise with Doug on issues to bring forward.
20. Elections

A motion was made by Shannon to acclaim the current executive positions, seconded by Bill.  
Carried

President	Pat Bobinski
Vice-President	Doug Swallow
Past-President	Patty Kay Hamilton
Treasurer	Belinda Whitford
Ex. Director	Bruce Green

Community Directors will be:

Fort Smith	Bill Mawdsley
Hay River	April Glaicar/Chuck Lirette
Yellowknife	no current representation

Motion was made by Shannon to adjourn this meeting at 12:30pm.