

Biathlon NL AGM – June 2, 2019

In attendance – Annik Levesque, Christopher Langdon, Matthew Osmond, Jesse Byrne, Madelyn St. Croix, Katie Thistle, Frederick Thistle, Shawn Leamon, Steven Brown, Cecilia Thistle

Regrets – Heather Osmond, Holly Lewis, Gary Dawson, Garry Blackmore

Meeting called to order by Cecilia, VP Admin, in absence of President Gary Dawson.

Review of 2019 Canada Games experience. General Consensus was things went well and it was a great success. A copy of the report submitted by Annik, Chris, Garry and Seamus is available for anyone who would like to review.

Chris Langdon provided input into high performance review of last year, Noram Cup in January 2019, and expanding to attend other Canadian championships.

Annik Levesque recommended starting on a 6 year plan to include next Canada Winter Games and beyond. Need to work on capacity, and involvement of coaches, athletes and supporters.

Financial report unavailable due to Gary not being able to attend. It was agreed that as soon as his report was available that another meeting be held so that all executive and members are aware of the financial stability of the organization.

Discussion surrounded the recruitment and retention of athletes and coaches. There is huge potential of recruiting civilian participants through the cadet program, demo days, and even gym class at school.

The Avalon Biathlon club has been nonexistent but with support, it is hoped that Chris, Jesse, and Katie will be able to revive some interest.

Blow Me Down Biathlon had a great year, with 6 Biathlon Bear participants and several older athletes. They will continue to recruit especially in the area of coaches as they are now losing 2 due to moves for school. The club via Shawn Leamon is also in discussion with Scott Nixon and Bruce Jarvis of Cadets Canada re the possible hosting of a cadet national championship in the next couple of years.

The NL Winter Games are set for 3 years time and it is hoped to lobby to have Biathlon included in the next games.

The following members were all elected by their peers to the following positions for the 2019 – 2020 year.

President – Cecilia Thistle

VP Admin – Matthew Osmond

VP Finance/Fundraising – Jesse Byrne/Katie Thistle

Treasurer – Gary Dawson

VP Technical – Annik Levesque

It was decided that a search for a secretary would be put in place as well prior to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3pm.