## BIATHLON YUKON 2021 AGM Minutes

Wednesday, May 5, 7:00pm by Zoom

1) Quorum: 19 people attended in person and over Zoom In Person: Bill Curtis, Sophia Marnik, Anke Rhein, Kim Porter, Mike Draper, Ted Hupe, Via Zoom: Judy Hartling, Tim Pyke, Nick Marnik, Brad Heron, Heather Ambery, Trevor Twardochleb, Liudmila LeBarge, Rebecca Parnum, Janice Hall, Pierre Germain, Marc Champagne, Stuart MacMillan, Tracey Hutton Call to order 7:05pm 2) Review of Agenda Moved by: Anke Rhein Seconded by: Mike Draper Review of minutes of AGM 2020 3) Moved by: Anke Rhein Seconded by: Mike Draper Message from Biathlon Canada – Heather Ambery 4) Biathlon Canada working on new strategic plan Looking at gaps in programming and how to fill them A "pan-nordic" Strategy working with other Nordic sports groups Will stay after the meeting for an informal Question and Answer session 5) Reports: All reports are submitted and attached to the minutes a) Presidents Report – Bill Curtis b) Treasurers Report – Kim Porter c) Questions for Treasurer: a. Value of Rifles seems low – Judy Hartling b. We need to update our inventory and assets d) Motion to accept the Financials a. Moved by Mike Draper b. Seconded by Sophia Marnik c. All in Favour e) Coaches Reports – Ted Hupe Maintenance Report – Bill Curtis and Mike Draper a. Feasibility Study – will it be shared with the membership? – Marc Champagne b. Yes, it will be shared with all interested people – stay tuned. 6) Special Resolution: Motion to waive the requirement for financial review Change date on bottom line to 2021-22 a) Moved by Sophia Marnik

b) Seconded by Anke Rhein

7) | Election of Officers and Directors for 2021-2022

All Board Members from 2020-21 will continue on for 2021-22.

Bill Curtis nominates Brad Heron as Director.

New Board

## Officers:

Bill Curtis – President

Mike Draper – Vice President

Sophia Marnik - Secretary

Kim Porter – Treasurer

## **Directors:**

Ted Hupe

Anke Rhein

**Judy Hartling** 

Tim Pyke

**Brad Heron** 

All in favour of accepting the Board of Directors for 2021/22 as it is presented? All in favour

Adjourn – 7:40pm

Heather Ambery, General Manager of Biathlon Canada stayed on to answer member questions

- Is there any thought about having a Sports School model (like in Europe or even with hockey) here in Canada so athletes could train throughout the year?
  - Certainly that would be great, and something to consider.
  - There is nothing in the works right now to create such a program, but perhaps they should.
- Women in Sport how do we increase the numbers?
  - There certainly is a split between males and females in Biathlon around 70-30/60-40. Biathlon Canada has been keeping an eye on these numbers, but has no magic way to increase the numbers of women in the sport. They are highlighting achievements of women in Biathlon (coaches, athletes, administrators, etc.) and hoping that will increase the profile of women in sport.
- What are your thoughts about the competitive season next year? Will it be able to go ahead?
  - Heather says she is an optimist and always looking on the bright side, so is cautiously optimistic that we will see more competitions next season. If vaccinations continue to increase, travel restrictions could decrease making competition more likely.
- Our volunteers run Biathlon Yukon and make it successful. Is this the same across Canada or do some have paid administrators?
  - Larger clubs will often pay someone, but with smaller clubs it is more likely to be a head coach and not an administrator.
  - Biathlon (and many other sports) depend on its volunteers to run the competitions, etc. They are the foundation of these clubs.