

Minutes of the Australian Biathlon Association Executive Committee meeting held on **Saturday 6 March 2010.**

Meeting opened **10.00am**

Present Paul Connor, Greg Anderson, Bob Schouten, John Porter, Geoff & Debbie Harmer.

Apologies Nick F

Nil previous minutes

Business arising

Nil. Previous minutes available owing to the inaugural meeting of the new committee.

Minutes of last AGM referred to and used as a guide for General Business of today.

Financials

Nil prepared report. PC advised that Association is financially sound. Payment to be made to IBU for Annual membership. NF sorting out. Banks records as at 06/03/2010

- Current cash at hand \$20379.99
- Current term deposits \$59700.99

General business

Greg reported on progress with ABA Website and small glitches still being worked out as well as populating some of the drop down keys with more information. Pay Pal aspects still being investigated between Pay Pal and Bendigo bank. This will further allow merchandise to be sold via Pay Pal method.

PC to provide Greg with a revised break down of Range Procedures and Race Procedures as they appear in the existing ABA Safety Manual. GA to post on the ABA website.

Overseas Selection Policy ratified for the next 4 years. To be posted onto the ABA Website for all participants in the sport to access and understand how Selection for overseas competition is determined.

IBU Research paper is now completed with the finalisation of the ABA Overseas selection policy. Documents to be sent back to IBU via hard copy and email format

Exec Board approved travel by PC to the 2010 IBU Congress in St Petersburg for Sept 2010. This congress is also where future IBU Quota numbers will be set for the following quadrennium and will have an affect on participation numbers across all levels of IBU events. PC displayed Quota proposals of various Nations to try and bring everyone up to speed on the implications of the Quotas.

DH presented Race sub committees Draft Calendar.

Vic champs and Nat Champs to appear on SSA Calendar with all remaining events to be listed on a larger ABA calendar for posting on ABA website. Clashes of dates have been minimised yet not totally removed with the Calendar for 2011 season to be strong on Biathlon events despite clashes that will occur.

Race distances accepted as proposed in earlier draft with minor changes to some distances for Junior women and Masters men. Age groupings as listed by Toni Hulme and Race sub committee accepted and to be published along with revised Race entry forms for all events in 2010. DH to add Veterans Class to Age Groupings.

Race entry forms to be submitted to DH no later than the Tuesday before an event with late entries attracting a late entry fee of \$5. Entry fees to increase to \$20 per event. Costs to offset medal presentations and trophies etc.

All participants to be encouraged to pay entry fees via EFT or Pay Pal (once established)

PC to contact Greg Paul over aspects of a memorial race trophy and race format to honour Alice & Colin Paul.

Firearm law classifications outlined for purpose of NSW participants coming to events in Victoria PC to make a further inquiry through VicPol on certain aspects of 'Under supervision' definition.

It was unanimously agreed that all participants 16 and over and owing their own rifle shall be permitted to carry rifle for event once 'Under supervision' definition is further clarified. This will then bring the sport in Australia more into line with conditions overseas.

It was further unanimously agreed that no competitor will be permitted to 'Race Up' an age Category for events in Australia. This means that competitors will only race in the Age category they fall into and will only win the medal for that Category in which they are eligible. Once again this is more in keeping with race rules of other NF participants may take part in.

JP identified a need to run a Range Officials training day for the benefit of NSW and Victorian parents that are likely to be present for events this year and willing to help run the races. PC to find a suitable date pre season and use the Hotham facility for this training event.

IBU camp at Hotham is to be further explored when the opportunity for submissions arise. It was agreed by all present that 2011 is a realistic time frame to host such a camp for Aus /NZ participation and anything earlier would not give sufficient time to prepare both the submission as well as arrange all logistics.

Meeting Closed 1.30pmm

Next Meeting TBA around start of Winter Season.