

Date: 15 August, 2016

To: Biathlon Canada

From: Murray Wylie, President

Re: PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016



Dear Directors and Members:

Wow another year and more firsts by our National Team!

The competitive year started with a first World Cup relay medal for Rosanna and Nathan with a Silver medal in the Mixed Single Relay at World Cup#1 – Ostersund. Macx achieved his first top ten. Julia had a number of impressive firsts throughout the season. Sarah continued to move up the ladder. The season culminated with an outstanding Bronze medal for the Men's Relay — Brendan, Christian, Nathan, and Scott — at the World Championships in Oslo. Everyone should be justifiably proud of what was achieved as we continue to improve on the international circuit.

I will repeat what I said last year. These results underscore the commitment of our biathletes but also reflect the leadership and expertise provided by our High Performance team – coaches, wax technicians, performance enhancement team, and High Performance Director. Well done to each and everyone who has contributed to these incredible outcomes!

I would like to acknowledge the efforts by Ron Pelletier, and his Falcon Lake and Biathlon Manitoba, for hosting a very successful Western Canadian Championships. Similar kudos go to Marc Levesque and his incredible Les Aventuriers de Charlo team for hosting our Eastern Canadian Championships. The high calibre and impressive teamwork of Jean-Guy Levesque and his Quebec Biathlon Federation team who hosted our Canadian Championships is also acknowledged and very much appreciated.

As you all know, the Alberta Event Hosting Society for Biathlon (AEHSB) hosted the BMW IBU World Cup #7 in February. This was the first international event at this level for over twenty-three years. Without exception, the accolades have been glowing and plentiful. I would personally like to recognize Ken Davies for his tireless and impressive leadership without which this event would not have been as spectacular as it was. The AEHSB, and the incredible and energetic volunteers should also be extremely proud of what they achieved and the high standard that they set. Well done!

Concurrent with all of this, we closed our Ottawa office and consolidated our operations in Canmore. Unfortunately this meant bidding farewell to Christie Boyd and Nick Vipond. These farewells also included Chris Lindsay who accepted a position with Own the Podium in Ottawa. Thank you Christie, Nick, and Chris for all your effort and work to support, promote, and advance biathlon in Canada. All the very best!

Our relationships with key stakeholders — Sport Canada, Own the Podium, Canadian Sport Institute, SnowSports Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee, and the IBU — continue to develop and become increasingly productive.

I would also like to thank Stephen Hale, Sherry Thompson and Paul Collard for their energy and leadership on our Board in our new governance structure. Stephen, as we all

know, has been a stalwart with us for a number of years in a variety of appointments. Thank you Stephen, Sherry, and Paul!

At the end of the competitive season, Zina Kocher, Audrey Vaillancourt, and Scott Perras retired. All three of these biathletes have been on our national team and represented Canada for a number of years. Thank you Zina, Audrey, and Scott for your tremendous commitment, dedication, and contribution to biathlon in Canada and internationally! All the very best in whatever you do next but we hope this includes something connected to biathlon.

I would be remiss if I did not commend Andy for his yeoman service to our organization. Andy has quietly and most effectively focused on our priorities and kept us on track throughout this year despite many challenges. Bravo!

Biathlon Canada continues to identify ways to more effectively deliver our programs and sport to Canadians. To this end, I would like to extend my personal appreciation to all who volunteer to make this happen at the national, provincial/territorial, and Club level. Without your tireless efforts we would be hard pressed to achieve what we do and offer biathlon across the country.

Thanks once again for a very successful year. Let's continue to work together to build upon this.

Yours in sport,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Murray Wylie', with a stylized, cursive script.

Murray Wylie
President