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Dear Biathletes/Parents,

UPDATE ON CURRENT SITUATION AND THE WAY FORWARD

We trust that you are all doing well during these uncertain and trying times.

Covid 19 has impacted all of us in one way or another and will probably continue to do so for some time to come, while we are trying to slowly return to some kind of normality. We have no timeframe as to when the National State of Disaster and the different lockdown levels will end.

Consequently, as a sporting body, EP Biathlon is also facing some challenges and from the committee's side, we would like to give you an update on where we stand at the moment, as well as on the way forward.

1. Annual General Meeting

Due to the lockdown regulations, we will not be able to have our AGM in the format we are used to. Various alternatives have been discussed and it was decided to replace the AGM with a written SGM (Special General Meeting). We will explain the process once all the necessary arrangements are in place. Our financial statements are currently being audited by GBG. As soon as we receive it from them, the Audited Financial Report and the Chairman's Report will be sent out for comment.

2. Prize-giving

Details of the prize-giving will be communicated in due course.

3. SA Champs 2020

We would like to express our biggest gratitude to all our sponsors who contributed towards the goody bags. We trust that the beautiful bags and all the treats inside, partially served as a consolation for SA Champs being cancelled.

We have received the supporter T-shirts and Golf shirts from EDEN Biathlon and it can be collected from Thinus (0832754383). If you have ordered one of these shirts, please contact Thinus directly to make the necessary arrangements. **We have been informed that the Under Armour T-shirts will be couriered by the end of the week and we will inform you via the whatsapp group as soon as they arrive.**

4. 2020/2021 Season

We are still facing some uncertainties regarding the up and coming season and are awaiting instructions and guidance from SA Biathlon on the way forward.

We can assure you that the EP Biathlon Management Committee is investigating all legal and safe avenues in attempt to, hopefully, have league events and our 25th Inter Provincial Meeting later this year. Dates and venues have been booked prior to the lockdown, but will have to be revised, due to the current circumstances surrounding Covid 19.

The calendar can, however, only be updated and communicated once we know the way forward.

In the meantime, we encourage our athletes to keep fit and to continue to train in the safest possible way.

5. IT Support

Living in a digital age, our goal for the next season is to make even more use of technology and to automate more functions. To accomplish this, we need assistance with the various IT topics (website, mobile app, points system, etc.), even if it can only be for a couple of hours per month. The person does not need to serve as a committee member, but there is an option to co-opt them on.

Parents, with a knowledge of programming and IT systems, who are willing to volunteer in assisting us with this task, should please contact Shaun Richter (chairman@epbiathlon.co.za), Dawie van Zyl (dvanzyl@epbiathlon.co.za) or Martie de Beer (secretary@epbiathlon.co.za) as soon as possible.

Any other parent/s who would like to become more involved in the running and developing of our sport, are also welcome to contact us to offer your services.

For any enquiries regarding the above or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at chairman@epbiathlon.co.za.

We urge you to please stay positive and do your part to stay healthy and safe.

Biathlon greetings,

Shaun Richter
(Chairman: EP Biathlon)