

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting
7.30pm, Wednesday 15 June, 2016
Hoppet Meeting Room, Mt Beauty**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Ronice Goebel (in the Chair), Ann Bellingham, Blair Hume, Michelle Forrer, Kerry Lucas, Nick Wright, Jim Gargan, Marg Trnka, Doug Hamilton (Secretary).

2. Apologies

Allan Marsland, Megan Benne, Tony Keeble, Bob Flower.

3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 13 April 2016

Motion:

That the minutes of the previous meeting be acknowledged as a true and correct record.

Moved: Doug Hamilton.

Seconded: Jim Gargan.

Carried.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

Doug Hamilton read from the circulated list of correspondence, noting there had been very little correspondence in the previous two months.

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

In relation to the account for the insurance of the club snowmobile, Doug will check that the insurer properly has the model number to ensure the correct insurance is being paid.

ACTION: Doug Hamilton

7. Reports

7.1. Treasurer's Report

The circulated report from the Treasurer was received.

7.2. Search and Rescue

There was no report. It was thought there had been no call outs in the last two months.

7.3. Race Committee

The committee will meet next Tuesday.

Marg Trnka described the difference between the active and passive systems which the new timing system is equally capable of recording. She said the active system required an expensive powered transponder, the passive does not. Currently she and Michal are working on the timing of the Birkie Classic, hoping for snow.

7.4. Junior Committee

Michelle called for volunteers for the Junior Joey ski events. Paul L'Huillier will send a reminder message for the Junior Birkebeiner members. Ronice said she would talk to Michelle further about this.

ACTION: Paul L'Huillier, Ronice Goebel

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

Nick Wright undertook to make this report tonight and at other times should Allan Marsland be absent. Nick reported on the last meeting of the committee. He said the committee will be looking for more young volunteers to assist in the setting up the Friday before the Hoppet. There will be two buses carrying competitors to Falls Creek not two as last year. Last year the third bus was not filled. Ben Derrick will chair the meetings of the committee and act as transport co-ordinator. Nick advised there were attractive t-shirts available for those who enter early.

7.6. Clubhouse

There were some email exchanges about the thermostat. Tony Keeble urged that the thermostat not be altered from 16 degrees as it would use excessive electricity.

Doug will make a sign asking that the slab floor thermostat not be changed from 16 degrees.

ACTION: Doug Hamilton.

7.7. Social

Kerry provided a report which amongst other things detailed a reduction in the number attending to only 34. It was speculated that this could be because early the date for the dinner was 18 June. The committee decided to stay with the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend and to advertise and schedule it better next year. The Mid-season Dinner is set for Roi's on 21 July 2016.

7.8. Newsletter Deadlines

Doug advised the deadlines this year were as last year, two or three days before the end of each month.

8. General Business

8.1. Victorian Snowsports Development Grants

Ronice drew members' attention to these grants through the tabled program description. The grants are now being managed and awarded by Ski and Snowsports Australia. She asked members to think about programs which could be developed for a funding application. She said a one day instructors' course was possible, or programs to encourage young people to the miniseries, the club races or support for cheaper skis, transport or more coaches.

8.2. Mount Beauty Half Marathon

It was suggested at the AGM that the club might consider taking over the Half Marathon. Members asked where the profits for the event went, and it was thought they may be provided to the Chamber of Commerce. The members thought it might be incorporated into the school program and run by students. The matter will be re-agendaed and Allan Marsland or Helen L'Huillier might be asked to attend and brief the committee.

ACTION: Doug Hamilton.

8.3. Birkebeiner Ski Jacket

Kerry showed members two examples of the proposed jacket. They would cost \$125 for adults and \$95 for children. Members commented the Falls Creek shoulder logo could be expanded and placed on the right breast given it is the club ski base. Ronice supported the cost to junior club members should be subsidised

to reduce the price to \$75 for a junior size. This would apply to those who are under 18 at the end of December and financial club members.
She moved a motion to that effect

Motion: That in 2016 the club provide \$20 to subsidise the cost of junior sized jackets for financial club members who are under 18 at the end of December 2016.

Moved: Ronice Goebel.

Seconded: Marg Trnka.

Carried.

8.4. Confirmation of new members

Jim advised the following persons had applied to become new members of the club:

Ben Bruce Hampton

Alisha Crossley

Kaitlin Smith

Nichola Smith

Callum Smith

Anna Curnow

Mich, Kat, Buzz McKenna

Ro Packer

Sebastian Packer-Smith

Kathryn Rose

Miller Rose

Sean Taylor

Christian Taylor

Connor Taylor

Shelby Taylor

Motion: That the above listed members be admitted as members of the club.

Moved: Jim Gargan.

Seconded: Blair Hume.

Carried.

Nick Wright asked Jim Gargan to provide him regularly with an up to date membership list.

ACTION: Jim Gargan.

8.5. New Coach

Ronice is keen to have Kristian Holmsen take Hoppet Training Days. The committee suggested Monday would be the best day for these, with a charge for the whole series of about \$40. The matter will be discussed further.

8.6. Comms at Race Hut

Ronice asked whether communications at the race hut were adequate. Members responded that they believed 4G phones with Telstra were adequate around the Nordic Bowl. The situation will be monitored.

8.7. Working bee report

Doug reported that the working bee was held on the weekend of 7 and 8 May. There were fewer participants than last year. An access track was cut from the trail head to the clubhouse through the snow gums. The

Race Hut was cleaned out underneath. The inside of the clubhouse was readied for the season, the snow mobile fuel tank fixed and ski rack mended and moved close to the front door.

8.8. Defibrillator training

Doug will ask Ian Franzke if he has heard anything about the training for club members on the operation of this new piece of equipment.

ACTION: Doug Hamilton.

8.9. Mount Beauty PS Ski Program

8.10. Advertising BNSC

Ronice noted her regret that the primary school had discontinued its XC ski program. Members speculated as to the reason. Ronice considered whether the club might buy advertising of for instance the Neighbourhood Centre quarterly program.

8.11. Falls Creek XC Advisory Group

Doug advised that this committee will meet on 23 June 2016 and he and Ronice will attend. Members thought that the clothing pegs in the Nordic Bowl should be raised again. Doug reported that he had heard Geoff Sorenson say he had funds available to fix this problem but he did not recall a timeline being mentioned.

As the meeting concluded Ronice drew members' attention to a poster featuring the Birkebiener painting which provides the logo for the club. She was given it by the op shop and suggested it should be hung in the clubhouse. She moved:

MOTION: That the club donate \$10 to the Hospital op shop in recognition of its donate of the Birkebiener picture.

Moved: Ronice Goebel

Seconded: Doug Hamilton.

Carried.

ACTION: Doug Hamilton

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 20 July 2016.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.