

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting
7.30pm, Wednesday 20 July 2016
Hoppet Meeting Room, Mt Beauty**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Ronice Goebel (in the Chair), Ann Bellingham, Ian Franzke, Blair Hume, Penny Goebel, Michelle Forrer, Allan Marsland, Nick Wright, Jim Gargan, Alice Hamilton, Marg Trnka, Doug Hamilton (Secretary).

2. Apologies

Kerry Lucas, Tony Keeble.

3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 15 June 2016

Motion:

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

Moved: Marg Trnka.

Seconded: Allan Marsland.

Carried.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

Doug confirmed that he had contacted the Adroit insurance company who advised that they did not have a record of the compliance numbers of the Bearcat snowmobile, but that the insurance fee, which had been considered to be high by club members, was correct. Doug will get the numbers and advise the company to confirm the insurance.

5. Correspondence

Doug advised that in the last month the club had received only two invoices from Foodworks and a bank statement, so he had not prepared a schedule of correspondence.

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

There was no business arising.

7. Reports

7.1. Treasurer's Report

Ann Bellingham noted that income for the ski jerseys was to be paid still to Kerry Lucas, the Birkie Classic had made more than \$1000, the junior program had received a donation of \$1000, John Bailey had donated \$100 to the club after receiving some skis, and Kristian Holmsen's air fare is yet to be paid.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Ann Bellingham.

Seconded: Alice Hamilton.

Carried.

7.2. Search and Rescue

There had been no call outs for the S&R group. Ian will talk to Jim and others about field officers for S&R.

7.3. Race Committee

The Birkie Classic went well and made over \$1000. The timing chips had proven to be durable and didn't need replacement. More antennas may be needed as there were problems detecting competitors in groups or with their bodies bent over. The next race will be the Rocky Valley Rush. The Nationals will be run with the active system. Helpers were needed for the Nationals and the new camera worked well.

Doug noted that according to our funding agreement the Alpine Shire logo needs to be displayed with the camera. He will try to get a logo sticker for this purpose.

7.4. Junior Committee

The first Junior Joey was excellent, as reported. Next Saturday Junior Joey 2 will be held and volunteers will be welcome.

Camp numbers were down on last year.

Bron and Paul will take over the camp next year, and Elena Oldis is to be the new Junior Joeys Coach.

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

Early bird entries are higher than normal. Falls Creek Resort Management will conduct related events in the week before the Hoppet which will increase its profile. Alice Hamilton will be organising the presentations this year. There will be live streaming of the Hoppet.

7.6. Clubhouse

The Clubhouse is functioning well. There were two minor issues, the urn had been left on too high and the club house door was not being locked in some cases overnight.

Some Howman's Gap Allstars using the club snowmobile did not have the appropriate permit to drive from the FCRM. Doug will write to that club asking that they comply with the FCRM requirements next time they use the vehicle.

7.7. Social

The mid-year dinner will be held tomorrow.

7.8. Newsletter

Any copy for the newsletter will need to be with the editor Paul L'Huillier several days before the last day of each month.

7.9. Membership

Jim reported there are 132 memberships.

He read from a list of names of individuals and families who have applied to be members of the club and asked members to assent to those persons becoming members. There being no dissent, the meeting agreed to those membership applications being approved.

Motion: That the named persons be accepted as new members of the club.

Moved: Ann Bellingham.

Seconded: Ronice Goebel.

Carried.

On the matter of eight people who had discussed joining the club with a view to becoming members of Bush Search and Rescue, Jim noted that there was no record of these members finalising their membership. The

preferred option of the committee is that they join Bushwalking Victoria as individual members and then join BSAR. Jim will send them information on how to join BWV and then BSAR.

Jim advised that 50 people had not renewed their membership, and he had contact them 3 times about renewing. Jim will send a list of the names of these members for her comments about whether they are likely to renew.

8. General Business

8.1. Mount Beauty Half Marathon

Ian Franzke and Allan Marsland spoke briefly about this matter. They advised that the half marathon had been run by a number of individuals rather than a specific club since its inception, with the assistance of many people in the Upper Kiewa and particularly some BNSC members. Some of these members now wish to reduce their involvement in the event, and some are unable to contribute due to illness or other involvements. Sometimes the event makes a profit and these are distributed amongst the organisations represented by organisers. At other times the event at least breaks even.

The matter will be raised again for the September meeting for discussion.

8.2. Falls Creek Cross Country Advisory Committee

A number of members attended this committee meeting on 8 August 2016. Blair advised that the washouts in Sun Valley were noted as a concern at the committee, and work on the small creeks causing them in the club working bee was foreshadowed in 2017. Resort Management had advised with the weather conditions they were having to balance between grooming track and repairing track.

There was also more snow fencing and the large plastic water barriers to be put out this year.

8.3. Club Banking

Ann said that the current banking arrangements with the Commonwealth Bank require both her and Doug to sit at the same computer at the same time to pay bills. The Bendigo Bank use a different system which still uses two executive members to approve payments but they can be approved at different times and computers. She argued that the club should change its accounts to Bendigo Bank.

Motion: That the Club transfer its accounts to the Bendigo Bank in the summer of 2016/17.

Moved: Ann Bellingham

Seconded: Michelle Forrer

Carried.

9. Other Business

9.1. FIS Technical Delegate Seminar

Ronice noted this seminar to be held from 18 to 21 August at Falls Creek. Further participants were required, and the committee believed that Ronice should seek further participants from former athletes and others closely involved in the conduct of races, rather than advertising it publically. Ronice will discuss this with Allan Marsland.

9.2. Posts on skiing on Club Facebook page

Jim asked members to put photos and comments on tracks on the club Facebook page.

9.3. Defibrillator training

Ian said between 5 and 30 people were needed for this training which will occur soon. The committee suggested a Wednesday night would be best. Paul L'Huillier will be asked to send a notice about the training seeking volunteers.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21 September 2016.

11. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.