

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting
7.15 pm, Wednesday 19 October 2016
Hoppet Meeting Room, Kiewa Valley Highway
Mt Beauty**

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm in the absence of Ann Bellingham, whose son Phillip was amongst the applicants for travel grants. It considered Item 8.1 first, and Ann arrived at the meeting at 7.45 pm when the item was concluded.

1. Attendance

Ronice Goebel (in the Chair), Blair Hume, Ian Franzke, Penny Goebel, Kerry Lucas, Ann Bellingham, Nick Wright, Doug Hamilton (Secretary).

2. Apologies

Allan Marsland, Michelle Forrer, Megan Benne, Tony Keeble, Jim Gargan, Marg Trnka.

3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 20 September 2016

Motion:

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

Moved: Blair Hume.

Seconded: Ian Franzke.

Carried.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Correspondence

Doug advised correspondence included a letter from Paul L'Huillier regarding his retirement from the Race Committee, Travel grant applications and a letter regarding the fixed deposit roll over.

Correspondence out an email to SSA regarding their request for a list of members to which there has been no reply, an email to HGA asking if they have received a similar request, letters to Bob Heddle and Juel Briggs regarding membership and donations, and a condolence card to the Melvey family about the death of Carl Melvey.

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

None.

7. Reports

7.1. Treasurer's Report

Ann tabled two financial reports. She confirmed **that the action to transfer the club's trading account would be undertaken at the end of the business year, probably before Christmas.**

7.2. Search and Rescue

There had been no report and there were no rescues in the last month.

7.3. Race Committee

There had been no meeting of this meeting in the last month so there is no report. The committee noted Paul's resignation from the Race Committee and a letter of thanks for his outstanding service will be sent. The committee also noted Marg Trnka's intention to resign as secretary of the race committee. Ann's previous experience recommended her for this position it was noted and she expressed a willingness to take on the position if a person could be found to take on her position as treasurer. **Blair will ask Julie Smith if she has an interest in taking on the position. Marg has since indicated she will resign in 2018, hence be available in 2017 and would like to train Ann Bellingham up by sharing the role.** Ronice said she was yet to receive of TD report for the National Championships.

7.4. Junior Committee

A working party of Ronice, Tony, Michelle, Ewan Silvester and Paul Gray will, after considering feedback from others, meet after Cup weekend to develop further the proposal for an augmented junior training program.

There was also discussion about safe places for members to roller ski. Ronice mentioned that there had been an agreement with the police about a safe place on the road for athletes to roller ski. **This agreement will be researched further, along with reviewing the roller ski policy particularly as to safety.**

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

There was no report.

7.6. Clubhouse

The committee noted Tony's report circulated to all members.

7.7. Social

Kerry advised the end of season BBQ will be held in November SATURDAY 19th.

7.8. Newsletter

Paul L'Huillier had advised that unless copy was available no October newsletter would be published. Ronice said that there will be a number of items arising from this meeting which will make publication possible.

7.9. Membership

There was no report.

8. General Business

8.1. Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Travel Grants.

After careful consideration of the athletes' needs and relative merits of the applications the committee agreed that the following grant allocations totalling \$4000 should be made:

Phillip Bellingham	\$1000
Casey Wright	\$700
Paul Kovacs	\$700
Katerina Paul	\$800
Abe Wright	\$400
Jarrah Forrer	\$400

The committee stated that it saw these successful applicants as ambassadors for the club and that their participation in all the activities of the club was important. Their presence in the clubhouse and at races set an example for the younger members of the club as to what they could aspire to as members and athletes themselves.

Doug will advise the applicants by email.

8.2. Item

The committee noted that next year would be the 40th anniversary of the club. Some potential forms of celebration mentioned included having a wooden ski category in the Birkebeiner Classic, carrying a load equivalent to a 'prince' and having the mid-season dinner on a weekend so that members living far away could attend, possibly requiring the hiring of a bigger venue.

8.3. Overseas Coach Position 2017 Advertisement

No responses had been received yet for the position. **It was agreed the deadline could be extended to mid November.**

8.4. Replacement Club Snow Mobile

There was discussion around the table about this item. Blair Hume undertook to expand the paper he circulated for this meeting with the comments he had since received. It was stated that a memorandum involving interested parties would need to be agreed, should the decision be to buy the snow mobile, as to how it would be used and maintained. **It was agreed that before the matter should progress further a meeting with Allan Marsland and then the resort management should occur.**

8.5. Mount Beauty Half Marathon

Ben Derrick is raising with the High School council their potential involvement in running the event, as it could be a useful skill development exercise and a fund raising opportunity.

8.6. Review of the Life Membership Policy

Ronice referred to the revised Policy she had circulated and asked the meeting to approve it.

Motion: That the recently circulated revision of the club life membership policy be approved and adopted by the committee.

Moved: Penny Goebel

Seconded: Doug Hamilton

Carried.

Paul L'Huillier will upload the new policy onto the website and an article noting it will be prepared for the newsletter.

8.7. Hoppet Committee Donation of book

Doug advised that the Hoppet Committee had donated a copy of the World Loppet book to the club and that **he will place it in the clubhouse.**

8.8. Club Calendar

Doug referred to the draft of a rolling club calendar he had circulated. The purpose of the calendar is to put club tasks in a planning context to allow lead time for planning and publicity. Dates and other inputs will be revised. The club working bee will be on 6 and 7 May 2017. **Doug will check with Geoff Sorenson to confirm the date and arrange with Blair Hume the work to be undertaken.**

9. Other Business

Ronice said Michal Trnka had asked to use the club timing equipment in a non-club event. After discussion on this, it was decided that a memorandum of understanding should be developed as to the use of the equipment. In order to cover whatever depreciation and wear and tear of the equipment occurred in such use it would be appropriate to come to an agreed charge for the rent of the equipment. Equally when Michal is performing timing services for the club, a fee to Michal for his expertise may be considered. **After Cup Day Ann, Ronice, Doug and Michal will meet to develop this further.**

10. Next Meeting

There is usually no meeting in November. However as there are a number of unresolved matters a meeting may be called and the committee will be given due notice.

11. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm.