

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting, Wednesday, 18th September, 2013
Hoppet Office Room, 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 1.0 Present** Helen L’Huillier (HLH), Paul L’Huillier (PLH), Bill Little (BL), Jim Gargan (JG), Bob Flower (BF), Allan Marsland (AM), Ian Franzke (IF), Bronwyn Gray (BG), Patricia Cross (PC)
- 2.0 Apologies** Tony Crapper, Elaine Thomas, Ronice Goebel
- 3.0 Minutes of the previous general meeting held on 10th July, 2013**
Tabled, taken as read and the meeting agreed that they are a true and accurate record of the meeting. BF/BL Carried
- 4.0 Business arising from the meeting**
- 4.1 Clubhouse Fire Evacuation Plan – deferred for discussion in the Clubhouse Report.
- 5.0 Correspondence IN** Tabled on the agenda
- Correspondence OUT** Tabled on the agenda
- 6.0 Business Arising from the Correspondence**
- 6.1 CEO Mountain Mixer Forum: AM gave a brief report on the forum he attended.
- 6.2 Re 5.1.4 Junior Subsidy for events request: Deferred to October meeting with a request for RG to report on this.
- 6.3 Alpine Radio Membership: MOTION: That BNSC renew their membership of Alpine Radio.
- 6.4 Alpine Youth Sponsorship: The meeting decided not to offer sponsorship this year.
- 6.5 Alpine Youth Award: The Committee discussed several possible nominations that fit the guidelines for the award. **PLH** agreed to do the nominations. PLH/HLH Carried
- 7.0 Reports**
- 7.1 Treasurer (PLH)
- 7.1.1 Treasurer (PLH) tabled the Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss A/c and a budget summary. As membership was down in 2013, there was a discussion on possible reasons for this. It was decided that Bill would provide Helen with a list of un-financial members and she would email out a reminder via the Active Network. Action: Bill & Helen PLH/BL Carried
- 7.2 Search and Rescue (IF)
- 7.2.1 BL has been approved as the new North East PLO (Police Liaison Officer). BL explained his role to the meeting.
- 7.2.2 IF reported that there have been several call-outs since the last meeting.
- 2 x BNSC S&R members attended the Razorback rescue.
 - There were 2 other local police call-outs but these were cancelled quite soon after leaving for the rescue.
- 7.2.3 S&R personnel have been supplied with new uniform tops.
- 7.3 Race Committee (BL)
- 7.3.1 BL gave a brief report on the events held – Sprints, Distance Event and the Rocky Valley Rush.
- 7.4 Junior Race Committee (RG) As RG was an apology for the meeting, there was no report.

- 7.5 Kangaroo Hoppet (BF)
7.5.1 BF gave a brief report on the success of the Hoppet Race Committee for 2013.
- 7.6 Clubhouse (BG)
7.6.1 BG brought up the issue of the Clubhouse lease and the need to discuss the Building Code Report and the Bushfire Risk Assessment report. AM informed the meeting that as the building is owned by FCRM, there is a possible change from a 'lease' to a 'licence to occupy'. The Committee agreed that there is a need to enter into discussion with FCRM on this change before work is done on the exterior of the building. BF and/or AM will contact the Property and Leasing Dept., manager, Mark Lucy to begin discussions. As BF will be away in October, it is planned to arrange this meeting in November.
7.6.2 Sit-up to bench in clubhouse (general business 7.14) Because of crowding in the clubhouse, especially at lunch-time, the suggestion of removing the round tables in the southern annex and replacing them with a bench running along the wall from the full-length window/door to the western end was discussed. This would provide the same number of sit down eating places but give easier access and movement.
MOTION: That a bench be installed along the upstairs southern wall of the clubhouse.
BG/JG Carried
- PC** will contact Mike Smith to provide a quote for this work.
- 7.7 Social (KL)
No report received. A late email report arrived with a suggestion for the end-of-year BBQ This will be discussed at the October meeting.
- 7.8 Newsletter and Membership Secretary
7.8.1 BL advised the meeting of the new pending memberships (McCluskey family, A Thomas, Kent family, Dahl family, Tina Cook) The Committee approved these.
JG/BG Carried
7.8.2 BL reported that the latest Newsletter will be published within a day or two.
- 7.9 Skidoo Report (IF)
7.9.1 IF asked the committee if the daily hire charge should increase in 2014, based on the annual cost of running the skidoo. The committee decided to retain the \$100/day hire charge for 2014.
7.9.2 IF reported a broken fuel guage. He will investigate it over summer and organise a repair.
- The Meeting accepted all reports. AM/JG Carried

8.0 General Business

- 8.1 Rules of Incorporation (i.e. Club Constitution): The new Constitution needs to be approved and submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria by 26th November. There will be a Special General Meeting at 7pm on the 16th October to ratify the new Constitution. The proposed new Constitution and forms for proxy votes will be advertised in the next Newsletter. Committee members are encouraged to get as many proxy votes as possible as we need attendance or proxies of a third of the current membership entitled to vote to have a quorum.
- 8.2 Junior and Australian Sprint Format: Discussion on this deferred to October meeting.
- 8.3 Skidoo trailer: The skidoo trailer needs some repairs. Committee discussed what needs to be done and if there is a need for signage on it. **IF & BF** will repair it at a summer working bee.
- 8.4 8.4.1 Race Hut: Committee discussed the state of the Race Hut. The large heavy picnic table takes up too much room and makes access difficult. It was decided to remove this and replace it with light weight trestle tables. MOTION: Purchase 3 x moulded trestle tables for the race hut.
HLH will purchase 3 tables.
HLH/BL Carried

- 8.4.2 Outdoor ski racks in Nordic Bowl: Most of the dowel pegs are broken off. The repair of these will go on the list for the summer working bee.
- 8.5 Aluminium fence posts: Old aluminium posts for fence erection need to be replaced. The meeting discussed alternatives. **PLH** will investigate the suggestions with a view to purchasing new ones that will be suitable for use in snow. Grants will be investigated to finance this.
- 8.6 Orange conduit poles: More needed for race course marking. There is a stock in the old horse shed. This will go on the list for the summer working bee.
- 8.7 Support for families hosting Viktor Gustasson: The committee discussed this issue. **PLH** will contact the families who hosted VG and offer them \$50/week to cover costs.
- 8.8 Bendigo Bank Community Grants: Applications close 30th Sept. The committee discussed this and **PLH** will investigate if the club has any needs that meet the criteria e.g new fencing posts.
- 8.9 Alpine Shire Grants: Applications close 30th October. Committee to consider this and discussion was deferred to the October meeting.
- 8.10 Alpine Shire Youth Awards: Discussed in 6.5
- 8.11 Mt. Beauty SC Award: No request has been received. Will consider this at the October meeting if a request is received.
- 8.12 “Powerhouse”: The meeting discussed the proposed name change for the auditorium space. There was some surprise from amongst the committee that neither BNSC nor the Kangaroo Hoppet Committee, as the most regular users of the space, was consulted. The Committee felt that the proposed name would not identify the space for residents or visitors. It was suggested and agreed that the ‘Information Centre Auditorium’ or ‘Information Centre Hall’ would be more appropriate names. The committee urged all committee members to write to the Alpine Shire Council to express their views. **PC** will write on behalf of the Committee.
- 8.13 UKVCommunity Association Inc. MOTION: That BNSC join the UKVCA as a Community Group. **PLH/BF** Carried
- 8.14 Clubhouse Bench: Discussed in 7.6.2 above.
- 8.15 Golf Course access: This issue had been discussed in the 5th June 2013 Committee meeting. HLH agreed to speak to individual members of the Golf Club Committee.
- 8.16 Summer Working Bee: A date and a schedule of jobs that need to be done will be decided at the October meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 16th October, 2013 immediately after the 7pm Special General Meeting.

Meeting Closed: 9.30pm

Minute Taker: Trish Cross