

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting
MINUTES**

Wednesday, 9th July, 2014 at Hoppet Office, 7.30pm

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

1.0 Present: Ronice Goebel (RG), Jim Gargan (JG), Penny Goebel (PG), Alice Hamilton (AH), Michelle Forrer (MF), Ann Bellingham (AB), Marg Trnka (MT), Tony Keeble (TK), Ian Franzke (IF), Bob Flower (BF), Trish Cross (TC)

2.0 Apologies: Megan Benne, Bill Little, Allan Marsland, Kerry Lucas

3.0 Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 4th June, 2014: Tabled, taken as read and the meeting agreed that they are a true and accurate record of the Meeting. MT/AH Carried

4.0 Business arising from that meeting: 1.Natural Foods post recovery/rehydration still to be followed up (RG) 2. The “Come and Try” program for students in the last 2 weeks of term did not happen. 3. JG has done a post on the website re the mid-week social group calling for interested skiers.

5.0 Correspondence In/Out: Tabled on the agenda.

6.0 Business Arising from the Correspondence :

- 6.1 Safety Signs: Signs installed on Race Hut. 3 more signs have been ordered. The committee decided that a snow shedding barrier around the roof line edge could go on the summer job schedule.
6.2 Use of BNSC signs by FCRM over summer on mountain bike course? A ‘phone call from BD of FCRM during the meeting confirmed that they would be returned to the Race Hut 10/7/14. **RG** will check and report back.

7.0 Reports:

7.1 Treasurer

Treasurer (AB) tabled the Profit & Loss A/c. 1. The new fence poles have arrived. Taxes and GST were not anticipated or budgeted for and will be met by BNSC. 2. AB is still having problems with some accounts from the supermarket, knowing line account they belong to. She requested that committee members who charge items to BNSC , not only sign clearly, but write on the docket exactly what program the items are for.

AB/MF Carried

7.2 Search and Rescue

1. IF reported on the recent rescue undertaken by BNSCS&R. 5 x members left Mountain Creek carpark at 9.30pm on Saturday, 5th July and the 2 lost walkers were located at 3.30am the following morning.
2. During this rescue, one of the rescue party had his sleeping bag damaged. B S&R will replace it.
3. 3 x Applications to join BNSC S&R have been received – Ian Arbuckle, Blair Hume, Alan Hodgson. MOTION: That applicants be approved to join BNSCS&R

IF/JG Carried

4. IF is in the process of updating details on the BS&R list.

5. MOTION: BNSC (TC) will write a letter of congratulations and appreciation to BNSC S&R on a successful rescue outcome.

7.3 Race Committee

- 7.3.1. MT have a verbal report on the running of a successful Birkebeiner Classic event on Saturday, 5th July. There were 74 entries. She expressed thanks to Paul L'Huillier and Brian Keeble for their help and mentoring of herself and Michal.
- 7.3.2 MT alerted the committee to the fact that the timing system is 35 year's old and may need to be replaced. To be further investigated at the end of the season.
- 7.3.3 Forthcoming events: 1. Rocky Valley Rush 10/8/14. 2. Entries for the Nationals can now be done on-line.

7.4 Junior Committee

- 7.4.1 1. MF gave a report on the recent, very successful junior camp. 35 participants from 10 to 14 years (+ 6 adults) were enthusiastic, motivated and engaged in all the activities.
- 7.4.2 Junior Joeys starts next Sunday, 13/7/14.
- 7.4.3 Junior Birkies also next Sunday, 13/7/14 with Tom Smith as coach.

7.5 Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

1. BF reported on the first committee meeting held 18/6/14.
2. He explained the new planned Hoppet Start arrangements.
3. It is planned to have more volunteers in the Nordic Bowl on the Friday.
4. Announced that there will be a separate coloured bib for all competitors who have completed 20 Hoppets.
5. Next meeting is on 16/7/14.

7.6 Clubhouse (tabled)

TK spoke to his tabled report. Further discussion in General Business.

7.7 Social (tabled)

1. 70 people attended the Casserole Night at BOEC with Tim Cope as guest speaker.
2. Mid-season dinner is at Roi's on 24th July. Bookings to KL by 21st July.

7.8 Newsletter and Membership Secretary (tabled)

1. 12 x new family memberships and 4 x individual memberships were approved at the meeting.
2. The July Newsletter/Bulleting was posted on-line on Tuesday, 9th July.
3. BL expressed his thanks to Michal Trnka for a successful 'first race'.

All reports were accepted approved.

MT/AB Carried

8.0 General Business – 8.1 Adult Instruction Programs

4 sessions have been advertised on-line. JG is still taking bookings.

8.2 Club Fixed Asset Renewal Program

JG discussed identifying an amount in the budget for fixed asset renewal/replacement fund. Meeting agreed to this. AB will discuss this with previous treasurer (PLH).

8.3 BNSC Visibility at Trail Head

Deferred to next meeting when BH can present his ideas.

8.4 Skidoo housing

TK has been in discussion with FCRM's Operations Manager, Scot Mann, on ideas for housing skidoos. The meeting decided that TK and IF and confer and investigate what options are available for BNSC.

8.5 Snow Trek & Travel mini-series fees

In 2013 the committee agreed to 'no fees' for these events. Meeting accepted this determination.

8.6 Ian Ryan Award

RG proposed that a photo of Ian Ryan and the Award Citation be framed and hung in the Clubhouse. Julie Ryan is in agreement as was the Committee.

RG will organise for this to be done.

8.7 Race Hut issues

1. It was reported that an Ivanhoe Grammar school group have used the Race Hut to store the group's bags, etc., while they are out skiing. **RG** has discussed this with Ben Derrick and will continue discussions and report back.

2. Race Hut Keys?

Discussed who in the Club has Race Hut keys. **TK** agreed to purchase a small whiteboard and install it near the keys so that anyone taking the keys records such and erases their name on returning the keys.

8.8 Ski-de-Femme

This event will occur on 9/8/14. **RG** tabled the brochure advertising this year's event.

8.9 Radio rechargeable batteries needed

The rechargeable batteries used in the radios are over 10 years old and no longer hold a charge. 18 x new batteries (cost \$7 each) and repairs to 2 of the radios are requested.

The meeting approved the purchase.

8.10 Loud Hailer

The Club's loud hailer has been misplaced. It is needed so members are requested to see if it can be located and stored back in the Clubhouse.

8.11 Broken Amplifier which has been diagnosed by Rob O'Connor (from upstairs in the Race Hut).

It was reported that this will be replaced by the Hoppet Committee.

8.12 Skidoo Driver permit

IF reported that **FCRM** require a copy of the Driver's Licence of anyone permitted to drive/use the skidoo in 2014. This current permit is a "Go Anywhere" permit.

8.13 Clubhouse Noticeboards

TK suggested that 2 extra Noticeboards be purchased for the Clubhouse specifically for Junior Joey and Junior Birkie notices. He suggested that these be installed on the staircase wall.

The meeting approved the purchase to come out of the Clubhouse budget allocation for 2014.

8.14 Clubhouse Usage numbers

Management of busy or crowded times will be investigated. A Clubhouse working group, including Jim Crebbin, another club member and a committee member will explore options to identify possible solutions.

TK suggested he would write a proposal/discussion paper for the **BNSC** committee to consider. He also offered to prepare a Survey to go out to all members to gauge feedback on Clubhouse.

8.15 Meeting times

Several committee members have requested that meeting times be tightened to finish at 9pm. The meeting decided that meetings will start at 7.30 and aim to finish at 9pm.

9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, 17th September (7.30 – 9.00pm)

10.0 Meeting Closed: 9.25pm

Minute Taker: Trish Cross