

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting, Wednesday, 17th September, 2014 at Hoppet Office, 7.30pm

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

1.0 Present: Ronice Goebel (RG), Jim Gargan (JG), Penny Goebel (PG), Kerry Lucas (KL), Michelle Forrer (MF), Ann Bellingham (AB), Marg Trnka (MT), Bill Little (BL), Ian Franzke (IF), Trish Cross (TC)

2.0 Apologies: Megan Benne, Tony Keeble, Bob Flower Allan Marsland, Alice Hamilton

3.0 Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 9th July, 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. No signs returned. **RG** will follow up on this with Ben Derrick. 2. Skidoo housing: **TK** in discussions with Scott Mann (FCRM). **IF** suggested that the size of any skidoo housing should be considered for possible larger future replacement. 3. Ian Ryan Award. **RG** will attend to this after 2014 winter. 5. Race Hut keys located and housed in clubhouse. 6. Loud hailer: Old one not located. New one purchased. 7. Skidoo driver permits: Copy of Driver's licence to be presented to FCRM each year. An "Access all areas permit" is now issued. 8. New Clubhouse noticeboards installed. 9. Clubhouse usage: Survey currently on-line with 70+ responses. Survey will close at end of September.

5.0 Correspondence In/Out: Tabled on the agenda.

6.0 Business Arising from the Correspondence :

6.1 Alpine Shire Youth Awards submitted. 6.2 **MT** contacted coaches and managers re not using Race Hut electricity for waxing purposes. 6.3 BNSC signs not returned to Race Hut. **RG** will follow up this with Ben Derrick (FCRM). 6.4 "Help Rebuild Callum Watson" - discussed in General Business. 6.5 Change BNSC website to different host provider: Committee agreed to change to the suggested new host site 'Stone Throw IT'. **TC** to notify Paul L'Huillier. 6.6 Colin Geraghty skis and equipment donation: This equipment has arrived and a decision on its use will be made when the L'Huilliers return. 6.7 Loaning BNSC radios: The Committee approved the loan of the 4 radios as per arrangements set out by Brian Keeble.

5.2.1 **TC** will follow up with a thank you letter to BNSC S&R following the last two rescues.

7.0 Reports:

7.1 Treasurer

Treasurer (AB) tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss A/c. 1. AB explained the inconsistencies in the Membership and Race Entry fees as printed in the tabled document. These have now been rectified. 2. AB had discussed the previous meeting's question about planning for replacement of fixed assets with the previous Treasurer. Having a healthy bank balance has ensured that there has always been sufficient funds to replace fixed assets. 3. There was a question about National Team Grant applications. **BL** will do a post on the website advising team members to get applications submitted asap.

AB/MT Carried

7.2 Search and Rescue

1. IF gave an overview of the 2 searches since the last meeting. He also tabled reports on both.
2. MOTION: BNSC (TC) will write a letter of appreciation to BNSCS&R.
3. IF recently attended update training on Razorback.
4. BS&W have supplied transceivers to BNSCS&R recently. They will be housed at the police station.

7.3 Race Committee

- 7.3.1. MT gave a verbal overview of her tabled report.
- 7.3.2 MT reminded the committee that the timing equipment needs to be updated. MT has been investigating and reported that a new system will cost at least \$5000. Meeting discussed applying for a grant to meet this cost. MT will report back at the next meeting.
- 7.3.3 MT also gave a report on the serious accident that occurred at the National Championships. A general discussion followed on 'Ski Insurance' and what it covers.

7.4 Junior Committee

- 7.4.1 RG & MF spoke to their tabled report and acknowledged some young club members who have done well this year.

7.5 Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

- 7.5.1 No report.

7.6 Clubhouse (Report tabled by TK)

It is hoped that results from the Clubhouse usage survey will be available for discussion at the October meeting.

7.7 Social (tabled)

- 7.7.1 KL spoke to her tabled report.
- 7.7.2 The meeting discussed the date of the end-of-year BBQ as, in the last few years, it has clashed with another community event that several of our club members are committed to. The Committee decided that the BBQ would change to the Sunday (23/11), same time, same place.

7.8 Newsletter and Membership Secretary

1. BL explained the reason for a Supplement to the September Newsletter.
2. 3 x new family memberships (Caswell/Neville, Zwar, Fitzgerald/McInnes) and 2 x individual memberships (Rundell, Lindell) were approved at the meeting.
3. BL expressed his dissatisfaction with RegOn-line computer program which has been used to manage the Membership. This year was increasingly problematical with the change in the membership fees and the lack of help from RegOn-Line, when requested. BL has investigated other options but felt that he could more easily do it himself via a spreadsheet and offered this solution to the meeting. The Committee agreed to BL handling membership this way in 2015.

All reports were accepted and approved.

MT/PG Carried

8.0 General Business – 8.1 BNSC Visibility at the Trail Head

BH discussed a wish to see a more prominent presence of the BNSC at the Trail Head. Some suggestions from the meeting included ‘feather’ type signs and/or a large banner at the bottom of the ramp leading up to the Clubhouse.

BH will present a proposal at the October meeting.

8.2 Grant Application for Clubhouse Upgrade

RG announced that an application has been submitted for a “Local Facilities for Local Clubs” grant to cover bush fire compliance.

8.3 National Team request to borrow Club radios

Committee discussed the tabled request from Brian Keeble to borrow 4 radios for his role a manager of the Australian contingent at the World Cross Country Ski Championships from 28th January, 2015 to 10th March, 2015. Committee approved this loan of club radios. **TC** will advise Brian Keeble.

8.4 Callum Watson Appeal

RG gave an overview of the Appeal and the current donations. The appeal has been posted on the BNSC website and many members of the Club have contributed a significant amount to the Appeal.

8.5 Volunteer Demands: Issues for the future

To be discussed at the October meeting.

8.6 Vic. Govt. Grants for Community and Sport & Recreation Groups

The Club has received VicTalent grants in the past. The Committee agreed to apply again in the current round of applications. **JG** agreed to submit the application.

8.7 Alpine Shire Community Grants

Guidelines have been distributed to all Committee Members. Applications close 31/10/14.

9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15th October (7.30 – 9.00pm)

10.0 Meeting Closed: 9.05pm

Minute Taker: Trish Cross