

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club  
Committee Meeting, Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at Hoppet Office, 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

Meeting opened at 7.35pm.

- 1.0 Present:** Ronice Goebel (RG), Allan Marsland (AM), Marg Trnka (MT), Bill Little (BL), Blair Hume (BH), Ian Franzke (IF), Tony Keeble (TK), Alice Hamilton (AH), Bob Flower (BF), Trish Cross (TC)
- 2.0 Apologies:** Ann Bellingham, Megan Benne, Jim Gargan, Michelle Forrer, Kerry Lucas, Penny Goebel
- 3.0 Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014:** Tabled, taken as read and the meeting agreed that they are a true and accurate record of the Meeting. BH/BL Carried
- 4.0 Business arising from that meeting:** 4.1 Signs returned and stored in Race Hut, confirmed. 4.2 Any further info on skidoo housing? (TK & IF) - FCRM & Parks are working on a masterplan to house skidoos. 4.3 Ian Ryan Award framed citation for Clubhouse. **RG** will address this over summer. 4.4 Clubhouse Survey – will be discussed in General Business. 4.5 Donated ski equipment will be stored at the L’Huillier’s over summer. 4.6 JG submitted two applications for VicTalent grants.
- 5.0 Correspondence In/Out:** Tabled on the agenda.
- 6.0 Business Arising from the Correspondence :**
- 6.1 SAXC accounts approved for payment.
- 6.2 Meeting discussed FC Site clean-up email. Point 4 of the email mentioned the need for security fencing if any internal or external building work is carried out during summer. Project manager, Jim Crebbin, and the building contractors will be advised. **BH** indicated that he may be able to access security fencing for the site. **BH** to liaise with Jim Crebbin.
- 6.3 Bendigo Bank Term Deposit renewal approved. As there has been a change of Treasurer since the last renewal, records with the Bank need to be updated.
- MOTION: That Ann Bellingham be approved as the BNSC contact and signatory for the Bendigo Bank Term Deposit. BL/AM Carried

**7.0 Reports:**

**7.1 Treasurer**

Treasurer (AB) was an apology for the meeting but tabled the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss A/c with a covering report. There was one question regarding the electricity as to whether it was an estimate reading or an actual reading. TC was able to table the annual readings/costs from the last 8 years. TC will check with AB who has copies of the actual electricity accounts. MT/BL Carried

**7.2 Search and Rescue**

1. There is one S&R meeting planned before the end of 2014.

**7.3 Race Committee**

- 7.3.1. There has been no Race Committee meeting since the September report.
- 7.3.2 Investigation into the most appropriate timing system is still on-going. MT gave an overview of what has to be considered – types of systems (Chip, ankle banding, etc.), appropriateness in the snow, and costs.

7.3.3 RG reported on the on-going discussions with regard to the 2015 Race Calendar which is due 1/12/14. In 2015 the Australian Junior Championships will run in Victoria.

#### 7.4 Junior Committee

7.4.3 No Report.

Over summer RG will investigate sourcing another overseas coach for the Juniors.

#### 7.5 Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

7.5.3 BF would like to be involved in planning for the 25<sup>th</sup> event. AM indicated that a initial discussion group would meet on 17 Oct., to begin that discussion. BF will represent BNSC on that group.

7.5.4 Hoppet Committee succession planning is an issue that needs consideration.

7.5.5 The Hoppet Course committee is already looking at trying to get a 42km course for future events.

#### 7.6 Clubhouse

7.6.3 TK expressed surprise at the Clubhouse food costs for the year.

7.6.4 The Committee discussed TK suggestions from his tabled report. All agreed that the ski racks outside the clubhouse need replacing.

Tony Keeble will investigate and obtain a quotation to construct lightweight steel ski racks.

7.6.5 TK also suggested that to free up bench space, the Club should investigate installing a plumbed in instantaneous hot water system on the wall. TK will advise committee on the cost of this.

7.6.6 Based on comments from the Survey, regarding the use of the stove which currently needs repairs, the committee decided to remove the stove permanently. TK will get plans drawn up to remodel the kitchen.

As all of the above plans require costings, TK will email costs/quotes to committee.

#### 7.7 Social (tabled)

7.7.3 KL was an apology for the meeting.

7.7.4 The end-of-year BBQ will be on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. As KL will be away in the weeks prior to the BBQ she requested a committee member to be the contact person for bookings. AH agreed to be the contact person.

#### 7.8 Newsletter and Membership Secretary

7.8.3 There are still unfinancial members and BL suggested that the difficult on-line site is the reason.

7.8.4 BL is developing a form that can be filled out on-line for future membership renewals. The old membership system will be deactivated and the new details on membership will be put on the website.

7.8.5 BL has tabled his intention of not continuing his role as Newsletter Editor and Membership Secretary in 2015. He has been doing this for 15 years and he is now working on a Job Description for these 2 roles.

7.8.6 New Member: Amy Watson. Committee approved her membership.

All reports were accepted and approved.

MT/BH Carried

### 8.0 General Business – 8.1 BNSC Visibility at the Trail Head

BH emailed his thoughts for consideration which was tabled. Unfortunately due to time constraints, this discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

8.2 Volunteer Demands; Issues for the future?

**RG** had emailed her thoughts on this subject but time constraints did not allow time for discussion.

8.3 Clubhouse site clean-up

Committee reported that there is no outstanding clean-up requirements on the outside of the Clubhouse.

8.4 National Team Grant Applications

There were six applications received which were distributed to all Committee members prior to the meeting. The committee discussed the applications and based on the Policy agreed on the following distribution of funds:

Phillip Bellingham	\$1000
Anna Trnka	\$ 700
Casey Wright	\$ 700
Paul Kovacs	\$ 700
Abe Wright	\$ 200
Hamish Roberts	\$ 200

MOTION: That National Team Grants be allocated to above BNSC members.  
AM/BL Carried

Secretary, **TC**, will inform recipients of their grant and request that they send bank details to Treasurer, **AB**.

8.5 Clubhouse Survey

There were 76 responses to the BNSC Clubhouse Use Survey.

There was not enough meeting time to discuss all of the points raised so the meeting decided to ask **all Committee members** to consider the responses and choose 2 key issues from the written lists. **All Committee members** should then email these to **BH** and **RG**. **BH** and **RG** will then do an article for the next Newsletter, thanking respondents and identifying the key issues raised.

**9.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15th April, 2015 (7.30 – 9.00pm)**

**10.0 Meeting Closed: 9.46pm**

Minute Taker: Trish Cross