

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting, Wednesday, 15th April, 2015
Hoppet Office, 7.30pm**

MINUTES

- 1.0 Present:** Bill Little(BL), Ronice Goebel(RG), Tony Keeble(TK), Allan Marsland(AM), Ann Bellingham(AB), Ian Franzke(IF), Kerry Lucas(KL), Blair Hume(BH), Alice Hamilton(AH), Marg Trnka(MT), Penny Goebel(PG), Guest: Doug Hamilton
- 2.0 Apologies:** Bob Flower, Michelle Forrer, Jim Gargan
- 3.0 Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 15th October, 2014** Tabled, taken as read and agreed that they are a true and accurate record of the Meeting. MT/BH Carried
- 4.0 Business arising from that meeting:**
- 4.1 Clubhouse electricity: Actual reading taken.
- 4.2 Timing system?
MT reported on investigations to date. The company called “Race Results” looks like being the preferred choice. Provisional costs will \$7,500 for the hardware/software requirements. Additional costs will include either disposable tags (of which the cost could be included in a race entry fee) and are suitable for citizen race events or the permanent ankle bands (at a cost of approx \$60/each) which are required for the FIS events. The Committee requested that **MT** present a written itemised costings report asap. Additionally, the suggestion to hire and have a trial run was discussed. This would cost \$200 + GST/weekend and would include the hardware and 25 chips.
MOTION: BNSC to hire the “Race Results” test system for a weekend prior to making final decision. MT/BH Carried
- 4.3 Overseas coach for 2015 season? RG reported on the success of this role over the last 3 seasons. Committee agreed it is worth continuing to support this program.
MOTION: BNSC will support the overseas coach program to the value of \$1200. AH/BH Carried
- RG** will contact previous applicants and current interested coaches.
- 4.4 Clubhouse refurbishments? Costings? (discussed in General Business)
- 4.5 Membership renewals – BL is retiring from this role. An EOI to take on the Role of Membership Secretary has been received. It will be voted on at the AGM in May.
- 4.6 Clubhouse Survey report – A report will be published in the next Newsletter.
- 4.7 Ian Ryan Award? **RG** will work with Julie Ryan on this.
- 5.0 Correspondence In/Out:** Tabled on the Agenda
- 6.0 Business arising from the Correspondence –** Discussed in General business
- 7.0 Reports:**
- 7.1 Treasurer** (tabled) AB spoke to her report and tabled the full Profit and Loss A/c and Balance Sheet. There were no questions from the floor.
- 7.2 Search and Rescue:** (1) IF reported that 2xBNSCS&R members were involved in the search at Lake Eildon over Easter. (2) BNSCS&R have been approached by a newly formed S&R group at Omeo who wish to team up with BNSCS&R. They would team up for training and searches. The committee felt this would be a positive move and supported this. MOTION: BNSCS&R approve the following applications:

Kerryn Wrapt, Orme Kewish, Maree McDonald, Bonnie Fitzpatrick, Liz Leyshan, Michelle Kerin, Kia Kennedy, Jake Creaves, Cassy Lear, Sharna Dyson, Tim Dyson.

AM/AH Carried

- (3) BL reported on JG's email re the placement of the newly purchased litters/wheels. One will be housed at the Mt. Beauty Police Station and one at Bivouac Hut.

7.3 Race Committee: Nothing to report

7.4 Junior Committee: MF tabled a pre-season Event List. RG discussed the early planning for the Junior Birkie Camp. A 'Come and Try' roller ski session/s is still being considered by MF and RG.

7.5 Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee: AM reported: (1) There have been no meetings over summer. (2) Achieving a 42km course is being worked on by ParksVic and KH. (3) A Kangaroo Hoppet Facebook page is up and running. (4) Weekly "Faces of the Hoppet" is appearing in "The Observer" and on Facebook and via email. (5) Kate Prest is working closely alongside KH to publicise and support the 25th KH, (6) A KH marketing group meet weekly to plan and develop KH exposure.

7.6 Clubhouse: Discussed in General Business

7.7 Social: KL proposed 2 dates in June for the Casserole dinner. A confirmed speaker is available on the 6/6/15 (Saturday night of the long weekend) so that date was agreed on. The committee discussed the possibility of town based venues for this year. **KL** will check suggestions and confirm a venue.

7.8 Newsletter and Membership Secretary: (1) BL reported that the next Newsletter is imminent. (2) 1 new membership pending – The Beanland Family. Committee approved this membership.

As BL is retiring from this position, the committee expressed their thanks for his long-serving commitment to this role.

There have been EOI received for the M'ship Secretary role and the Newsletter editor. These will be considered at the AGM.

8.0

General Business – 8.1 Pre-Winter working bee: This is planned for Saturday, 23rd May to do the following: erect snow fences, do a fencing audit, mowing/slashing, fixing some signs/poles that need re-seating, and Clubhouse cleaning. There is also a request for a TV for the Clubhouse. A BBQ lunch will be provided. A post will be done closer to the date with replies to Blair Hume.

BH will contact Geoff Sorrenson of FCRM re the Nordic Bowl ski racks which are missing many of the pegs.

8.2 Clubhouse Renovation: (1) External renovations almost complete.

Trims and flashing around new windows and the removal of the scaffolding is still to be done. (2) Kitchen renovation plans were explained by TK.

MOTION: The Club purchase a bar 'fridge, a microwave, sandwich maker and an urn.

RG/AM Carried

TK will contact kitchen installer, Len Plum to carry out the cupboard/Bench work.

(3) TK informed meeting that the Men's Shed will make new metal ski Racks with the cost of the metal being met by the Club.

8.3 Overseas Junior Coach: Refer to 4.3 above

8.4 Membership Fees for 2015: Deferred

8.5 Clubhouse mice invasion: Situation explained.

8.6 Casserole Dinner: Refer to 7.7 above

- 8.7 Club uniform/race suit? Deferred until next meeting.
- 8.8 SSAXC meeting report: RG gave a brief report of the meeting and the media workshop held in Canberra.
- 8.9 2015/2016 Committee: Resignations/Nominations pending:
2 x resignations pending – Secretary and M’ship Secretary and Newsletter editor.
- 8.10 Meeting days: As BNSC meetings often clash with Hoppet Meetings in June, July and August (if a meeting is held). TC posed the moving of the day/week in the month to a different day/week. The Committee decided against any changes.
- 8.11 Dryland coaching training in Mt. Beauty: Refer to 4.3 above.
- 8.12 YMCA Windy Corner announcement: Committee member, Blair Hume will be the manager for the 2015 season.
- 8.13 VSA/SSA issues: (1) AM reported that the VSA organisation has folded. SSA is now the peak body for all snow sports in Aust. Previously club insurance was through VSA. It will now be organised by SSA from the 1st May until a separate policy is developed.
(2) SkiXCVic autumn meeting is on Saturday, 18th April in Melb. AM is the chair of this meeting.
- 8.14 FCRM: (1)AM reported that the Falls Creek Master Plan released last year is currently with the Minister awaiting sign-off.
(2) The newly appointed Falls Creek Resort Management CEO is Stuart Smyth.
- 8.15 Race Hut Power Supply: Members of the committee were unaware of The current status of the Race Hut Power Supply. MT investigate and report back to the next meeting.

9.0 Next Meeting – Annual General Meeting – 20th May, 2015

10.0 Meeting Closed: 9.25pm

Minute Taker: Trish Cross