

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting, Wednesday, 16 September, 2015
Hoppet Office, 7.30pm**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Ronice Goebel (in the Chair), Michelle Forrer, Jim Gargan, Nick Wright, Ian Franzke, Allan Marsland, Kerry Lucas, Penny Goebel, Alice Hamilton, Ann Bellingham, Doug Hamilton.

2. Apologies

Marg Trnka,
Helen L'Huillier
Tony Keeble
Megan Benne

3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 15 July, 2015

Motion:

That the minutes of the previous meeting be acknowledged as a true and proper record.

Moved: Nick Wright.

Seconded: Jim Gargan.

Carried.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

No matter arose from the minutes that would not be picked up in the following items.

5. Correspondence - See correspondence report.

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Bushwalking Victoria News (online); Commonwealth Bank Cheque Statement; Mt Beauty Supermarket Account; Snow Trek and Travel account.

The secretary reflected it had been a quiet month for correspondence once again.

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

The secretary noted that the collection of invoices from Mt Beauty Supermarket appeared to be related to the Hoppet or late season races but not all of them could be attributed to particular events. The committee repeated that when signing for such accounts members should sign and write their name and also note the purpose of the purchase.

7. Reports

7.1. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled a financial report. She said the race entries and membership this year were quite good. She noted the donations including \$500 from the Victorian Juniors to help with the cost of the overseas coach costs, \$400 from Wangaratta Ski Club to Race Hut costs, and \$200 Juel Briggs towards the Ski de Femme.

The new timing gear and its potential use under lease for other events, and depreciation of such assets were discussed.

Ian Franzke noted there were still expenses to be incurred related to the repair of the snow mobile fuel tank.

There are also payments still to be received from the Hoppet Committee.

Motion

That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Jim Gargan.

Seconded: Penny Goebel.

Carried.

7.2. Search and Rescue

Ian Franzke advised there had been a rescue near Cleve Cole hut in August.

He recently attended a meeting about having a 35 year celebration of the first rescue by the group. The celebration could involve 60 people and might be held in May next year, 35 years after the first rescue involving Bruce Vine, a club life member. Ian will gather more information and inform the committee further.

7.3. Race Committee

The secretary read from a written report from Marg Trnka who is overseas.

Michal Trnka is to attend a conference on timing on 16 and 17 October. Nick Wright may attend as well. The meeting discussed expanding the pool of people who could operate the timing system. It would be good to have a third or fourth person who was able to operate the software if Michal or Nick was unable to attend.

There was also discussion of having a TV screen to display the results of races at the race hut.

Further work is being done on proposals for a camera for the timing equipment and on Hoppet timing equipment.

7.4. Junior Committee

Summarising the season's work, Michelle Forrer advised that the Junior Camp had been cancelled due to conditions and some consideration will be given to moving the date of the camp next year to avoid this happening again. Of the Junior Joey events the first was cancelled, the second was held but had conflicted with another event which had attracted some potential participants, and the third had been conducted successfully the weekend after the Hoppet.

Of the Birkie Juniors it was noted that the participants had been younger than expected.

All involved agreed that Eric Thorvald had been fantastic in support of these groups and events.

Ronice Goebel said regarding the overseas coach position, next year it would be better to start the recruitment process earlier. This matter will be agendaed for the next meeting.

Action: Doug Hamilton

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

Alan Marsland advised that the Final Review Committee meeting had been held in winding up a successful Hoppet program. He noted that Alice Hamilton's management of the Hoppet Presentation event had received particular praise. He also noted that the Technical Delegate had written a report for the Hoppet administration that provided much praise for the Hoppet, and had also provided useful comments on the conduct of the Hoppet to the committee.

Allan also said the merchandising was very successful, with the Buff being very popular.

7.6. Clubhouse

Doug Hamilton read from an emailed report from Tony Keeble. The clubhouse had functioned well throughout the year. Forthcoming work was tiling behind the sandwich makers. The committee endorsed this work.

7.7. Social

Kerry Lucas reported the mid-season dinner had been held successfully at Roi's. She proposed the end of season barbeque be conducted on 22 November. She will investigate whether a Community Band concert would conflict with that date.

Action: Kerry Lucas

7.8. Newsletter and Membership Secretaries

The secretary read from a report from Helen L'Huillier, who is holidaying in Europe.

8. General Business

8.1. Event Timing

The key points in this were dealt with above.

8.2. Working with Children Checks and Children in the Clubhouse

Doug Hamilton spoke briefly to the proposed text for a policy on WWCCs in the club he had forwarded to members for this item. He noted the matter of children's behaviour in the clubhouse was a separate matter with different responses from the club and its members, and so it was not dealt with in the policy text. The matter will be re-agendaed for the next meeting, to give members time to consider it further.

Action: Doug Hamilton

8.3. Falls Creek Cross Country Advisory Committee.

Ronice had approached Geoff Sorensen asking that BNSC be invited to attend this committee. He agreed but Ronice would be unable to attend the next meeting. Doug Hamilton said he could attend the next meeting on Friday in her absence and report to the next BNSC meeting.

Action: Doug Hamilton

8.4. Newsletter Deadlines

Doug Hamilton reminded members of the deadline for the newsletter on 1/10.

8.5. Ross Forrest and Grooming

Jim Gargan advised that Ross Forest is trail grooming less and it appeared he may retire. Jim said that the club might make some step to recognise his work which has benefited the club, by for instance inviting him to the next end of year barbeque.

Ronice said that the club should write a letter to Stuart Smythe Falls Creek CEO thanking him for the excellent provision of cross country skiing facilities by the Falls Creek administration, and particularly this year more fencing, snow farming, the new groomer machine and improved grooming.

Action: Doug Hamilton

8.6. National Team Grants

The club's national team members need to be advised they can apply for the club's grants. It requested a notice be placed in the next news letter, and the website be updated to this year's contact and submission details.

Action: Doug Hamilton, Paul L'Huillier

8.7. Club Uniform

Work on this is progressing and now artwork is needed for the uniform.

The Ronice Goebel asked the committee to approve the payment of up to \$300 to Kerry Lucas for the development of the artwork.

Motion

That the committee approves the payment of up to \$300 for the development of club uniform artwork.

Moved: Jim Gargan.

Seconded: Ann Bellingham.

Carried.

8.8. Roller Skis

Ronice raised the issue of where these should be bought, through local providers or online? After brief discussion it was decided to agenda this to the next meeting.

Action: Doug Hamilton

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 October 2015.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Alice Hamilton apologised that she would not be able to attend the next meeting.