

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting, Wednesday, 14 October, 2015
Hoppet Office, 7.30pm**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Ronice Goebel (in the Chair), Ian Franzke, Penny Goebel, Kerry Lucas, Helen L'Huillier, Allan Marsland, Nick Wright, Ann Bellingham, Doug Hamilton.

2. Apologies

Jim Gargan, Michelle Forrer, Alice Hamilton.

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: Allan Marsland.

Seconded: Nick Wright.

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.

IN

Mt Beauty Supermarket Account; letter from Bendigo Bank regarding term deposit renewal; email from Geoff Sorenson regarding FC track works

OUT

To Stuart Smythe, CEO FC Resort;.

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

None.

7. Reports

7.1. Treasurer's Report

In relation to expenses in the dry season, the Treasurer was informed the only substantial expenses were for repairs to the Skidoo's petrol tank, which might cost up to \$1000 and has to be imported from the United States.

The Club's fixed deposit needs to be rolled over. It was proposed that as it was a six month rollover she might increase the amount using money from the cash account. The committee gave the Treasurer permission to make a decision as to the amount.

7.2. Search and Rescue

Ian Franzke advised there had been a call out since our last meeting but it was resolved before he was deployed in the field.

7.3. Race Committee

A report on race timing can be expected in the future.

The 2016 race calendar is not yet available.

7.4. Junior Committee

Ronice advised that Ash Forrer, India Zwar, Ayla Armitage and Nicola Smith are in the Victorian Junior squad.

Action: Doug Hamilton

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

Alan Marsland advised that work now involves preparing reports to State Government departments on the event, work on the financial accounts. Alan advised he is stepping down as Race Director, with the role being taken over by Ben Derrick. Alan will still be the Hoppet Committee chairman.

More 10 litre water containers have been bought as they are easier to lift than 20 litre containers. More fencing is also being bought for the race.

Alan advised that he had attended a stakeholders meeting recently where he was informed that more snow fell this year than last. Visitor days were up, although day visitor numbers were slightly down, overnight visitors stayed longer. The lift company had its best season for income for some 30 years.

7.6. Clubhouse

There was no report.

7.7. Social

Kerry Lucas advised that the Community Band concert would be on Saturday 21st November. The Club End of Season Barbeque can therefore be on Sunday 22nd. Members will need to RSVP for the barbeque.

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. National Team Grants

Ronice noted that the five applications for these grants had been considered by herself, Michelle Forrer and Doug Hamilton. Further she had heard that Abe Wright had recently had a serious accident on his mountain bike and this might affect his ability to ski as he convalesces.

Other members, who had been sent copies of the applications, said they appreciated the high standard of the five applications.

It was noted that Kate Paul had been a member of the club for just 2 years not 3 years. The executive decided that her application should be accepted because of her involvement in BNSC and demonstrated potential in the sport.

After discussion the allocation of grants proposed was modified so the distribution was thus:

Philip Bellingham	\$1200
Paul Kovacs	\$600
Kate Paul	\$600
Casey Wright	\$600
Abe Wright	\$500

After discussion she moved that:

Motion

That the above grant allocations are approved.

Moved: Ronice Goebel.

Seconded: Alan Marsland.
Carried.

8.2. Volunteers and date for Falls Creek trail works

Doug Hamilton read through the tabled paper which was essentially points raised by Geoff Sorensen for potential work and dates.

The committee suggested that Blair Hume be asked to co-ordinate the volunteers and work as he had in the past.

The meeting considered potential dates and suggested either 7-8 May or 16-17 April 2016.

8.3. Overseas Coach

Ronice tabled a Project Proposal on the guest coaching instructor. She spoke in support of the proposal noting it was for action similar to the previous two years, and sought approval for the allocation of funds for the airfare of the selected coach.

Motion

That the Overseas Coach proposal be accepted

Moved: Nick Wright.

Seconded: Helen L’Huillier.

Carried.

Ronice then noted that she had received a resume and expression of interest from Kristian Holmsen a Norwegian who had expressed interest in the position. She proposed that she and Nick Wright contact Ms Holmsen by Skype to outline the scope of the position and her duties. After this Ronice and Nick could make a recommendation. This was agreed.

8.4. Working with Children Checks and Children in the Clubhouse

Doug Hamilton noted this item with its text was briefly discussed at the previous meeting and it was carried over to give members further time to consider. He noted that if accepted it could be put up on the website with the other two policies on roller skis and use of the race hut. There was little discussion and Doug put the following motion:

Motion

That the text on Working with Children Checks be adopted by this committee as the Club’s official policy on the matter.

Moved: Doug Hamilton.

Seconded: Helen L’Huillier.

Carried.

8.5. Falls Creek Cross Country Advisory Group

Doug Hamilton referred to the paper he had circulated reporting on his attendance at this meeting. Alan Marsland also commented as he had attended the meeting. He noted the resort had changed its grooming practice to groom higher trails early in the season, and moving to a core of lower trails as the season progressed. This allowed for better use of fuel and groomer’s time. In response to a query Doug said that the meeting was told Ross Forrest has decided to reduce his time grooming as he is approaching retirement.

8.6. Appeal for Volunteers for Mitta to Mount Beauty

Michelle Forrer had advised Doug of the need to recruit volunteers to work on this race and he asked members to advise the race administration if they were able to help.

8.7. Club Uniform

Kerry Lucas showed members artwork related to the Uniform and top like the proposed garment. She was asked to bring examples to the November barbeque for the information of members.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20 April 2016.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.