

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting
7.30 pm, Wednesday 19 April 2017
Hoppet Meeting Room
Kiewa Valley Highway, Mt Beauty**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Ronice Goebel (in the Chair), Kerry Lucas, Ann Bellingham, Nick Wright, Jim Gargan, Tony Keeble, Doug Hamilton (Secretary).

2. Apologies

Ian Franzke, Allan Marsland, Alice Hamilton, Marg Trnka, Michelle Forrer, Penny Goebel, Megan Benne, Blair Hume.

3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 10 October 2017

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

Moved: Nick Wright.

Seconded: Kerry Lucas.

Carried.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

The matter of race timing and the involvement of Michal Trnka would be dealt with in general business.

5. Correspondence

Doug referred the meeting to the tabled report on correspondence since the last meeting.

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

Correspondence from SSA inviting the club to submit an application for a Victorian Snowsports Development Grant will be sent to Jim Gargan for his expert consideration.

7. Reports

7.1. Treasurer's Report

Ann read from her circulated report. A financial account had been created with Bendigo Building Society for the club's operations, and had been used successfully once to test it. She said that there is a possibility that Julie Smith could take the Treasurer's job this year.

7.2. Search and Rescue

Nick Wright reported that some BSR potential members who had sought BNSC membership to facilitate their membership of BSR had not yet paid their membership fees for BNSC. The meeting decided that it would not allow these people to have membership of the club without payment of the fee.

Nick reported Ian Franzke had asked the club to buy a set of tools for working on the club snowmobile. He also requested about \$100 to buy a tow hitch for it.

Motion: That the club authorise expenditure up to \$400 for the purchase of a tool kit and a towing hitch for the snowmobile.

Moved: Jim Gargan

Seconded: Nick Wright.

Carried.

7.3. Race Committee

Ronice said the Technical Delegates report had been received and he generally praised the conduct of the Kangaroo Hoppet and Nationals. Ronice had raised with resort management some issues in relation to the track which were relevant to the Ewan Watson injury.

In relation to the new requirement that poles not exceed a certain length for classic races, Ronice advised Andrew Walker said he could make a gauge to ensure this much cheaper than the commercially available.

7.4. Junior Committee

The report was noted.

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

No report was made, but it was observed little happens over summer.

7.6. Clubhouse

Tony Keeble said his role in clubhouse management had been quite enjoyable last year and he was prepared to continue in the position.

7.7. Social

Kerry reported that the BBQ was a success although numbers were down on previous experience, which may have been due to another event in town at the same time.

The meeting agreed that the Casserole Dinner should be on 10 June at the Bogong Village as Kerry proposed.

7.8. Newsletter

Suggested items for the next newsletter included the successful travel grants, the AGM and nomination forms, the working bee, BNSC Autumn Sunday Program, and the purchase of the new roller skis.

7.9. Membership

No report.

8. General Business

8.1. Annual General Meeting

Office bearers need to be advised to prepare their reports before the meeting for earlier circulation. New committee members should be sought.

8.2. Sixth May Falls Creek Trail Works

Advice has been circulated to all members. Doug Hamilton is the contact for volunteers.

8.3. Roller Ski Replacement

Members were aware that the 20 sets of rollers skis had been stolen in November while in an Outdoor School trailer. It was noted that many of those rollers skis were in poor condition. Tony expressed his regret that this had happened. Ronice had advised that 12 pairs of classic roller skis had been purchased as a replacement in a good deal from Snow Trek and Travel. It was suggested that the matter be reported in the newsletter and members asked to contribute ideas for fund raising to replace the stolen skis.

- On the matter of the use of Damms Road by squads or club members using club roller skis, Ronice reported she had discussed this with the Mt Beauty police and they advised there was no impediment

to the use of Damms Road for roller skiing although it is noted that *Damms Road's speed limit is 100 kms/hour. The rollerski Policy includes Roller Skiing Safety Guidelines which will be printed in the May newsletter.*

8.4. Overseas Coach – Miles Havlick is set to arrive and will be billeted with several families. Forrers, Silvesters, Blair and Julie Hume

8.5. Junior Coaching Options 2017. A working group met and discussed the proposal by Rob Jones (Junior and U23nNational Team coach 2016/17) put to BNSC.

8.6. Schedule for meetings

The schedule of meetings was approved with the amendment that there would be no meeting in August. Nick investigated and found the BNSC and Hoppet Committee meetings did not clash.

8.7. Agreement on the use of race timing equipment

A meeting of the *sub* committee to consider this had decided to recommend that Michal Trnka not be charged for the use of the club's timing equipment where he used it for non-club events.

Motion: That Ann Bellingham, and Ronice Goebel be asked to negotiate a memorandum of understanding between the club and Michal Trnka for his use of the club's timing equipment and the provision of timing services over a period of the next three years. The agreement should recognise the mutual contributions of each party in the provision of equipment and expertise, note the extent of that use in events, and have provisions for dispute resolution and modification of the MOU. This MOU should be submitted to the next meeting.

Moved: Nick Wright

Seconded: Kerry Lucas.

Carried.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 17 May 2017. The next executive meeting will be on 21 June.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.