

**Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club
Committee Meeting
7.30 pm, Wednesday 21 June 2017
Hoppet Meeting Room
Kiewa Valley Highway, Mt Beauty**

MINUTES

1. Attendance

Jim Gargan (in the Chair), Ann Bellingham, Penny Goebel, Nick Wright, Ewen Silvester, Allan Marsland, Doug Hamilton (Secretary).

2. Apologies

Michelle Forrer, Tony Keeble, Ian Franzke, Kerry Lucas, Marg Trnka, Ronice Goebel.

3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on 19 April 2017.

Motion:

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

Moved: Ann Bellingham.

Carried.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

The correspondence report was noted.

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

None.

7. Reports

7.1. Treasurer's Report

The meeting noted the treasurer's report.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Alan Marsland

Carried.

7.2. Search and Rescue

The meeting noted Ian Franzke's report containing two invoices for parts for the snowmobile and an application from Warren Sanders to become a member of Bush Search and Rescue Victoria. The meeting asked the treasurer to pay the invoices and this motion was moved:

Motion

That the meeting support the application of Warren Sanders to become a member of Bush Search and Rescue Victoria.

Moved: Jim Gargan

Carried.

7.3. Race Committee

The circulated report of the race committee was noted.

7.4. Junior Committee

No report had been received.

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

Alan Marsland attended the World Loppet meeting in Changchun on 17 June 2017. The video requirement for Loppet races has been changed with more shorter videos required. The Fossavatnsgangan race in Iceland has proved to be very popular. AGL has changed their logo and Hoppet signage will have to be changed to display it.

7.6. Clubhouse

Tony Keeble had reported that the Clubhouse was ready for the season. There is a need to put a poster up and a hole will have to be drilled in the masonry to do so.

7.7. Social

The report was noted.

Motion: That the midseason dinner be held on 20 July 2017.

Moved: Alan Marsland.

Carried.

7.8. Newsletter

No report.

7.9. Membership

There are 102 total memberships to this year.

Motion: That the tabled list of new members be approved for membership with the addition of the application from the Britten family of Bright.

Moved: Jim Gargan.

Carried.

8. General Business

8.1. Alpine Shire Grants Program

See discussion below in Item 8.3.

8.2. Charge to users of club snow mobile

Regarding the daily charge to other users of the club snowmobile Nick said that he supported increasing the rate but he recognised as well that some other clubs were less financially well off than this club. He said \$130 per day would cover the cost of fuel.

Motion: That the daily charge for the use of the snowmobile be increased to \$130.

Moved: Alan Marsland

Carried.

Paul L'Huillier will be told of the decision.

8.3. Ski de Femme signage

The Ski de Femme subcommittee is preparing an application for the Alpine Shire Grants Program for Ski de Femme signage. It was noted the application required that successful applications must undertake to provide up to 25% of the cost of expenditure proposed.

Motion: That the committee will approve payment of 25% of the amount to be requested by the Ski de Femme subcommittee for the purchase of new signage, as outlined in the email from Michelle Forrer in an email of 20 June.

Moved: Alan Marsland.

Carried.

The meeting authorised the Ski de Femme subcommittee to go ahead with the purchase as outlined by Michelle.

Alan said that the Hoppet had a need to replace many banners it now used and had identified a supplier that could digitally print onto a special fabric with elaborate designs. These could be done for only \$65 to \$70 each. A special rate applied for a purchase of 30 and the club could purchase some of these and enjoy the special rate. It was agreed that the Ski de Femme subcommittee, and the club race committee should discuss this with Alan Marsland to work out numbers and the content of the printed art work. Jim will provide comments based on his past experience in applying for grants.

8.4. MOU on use of race timing equipment

Consideration of the MOU will be delayed until the next committee meeting.

8.5. Nominations for Life Memberships and Certificate of Appreciation

A committee of three life members will be formed to consider the nomination received from Paul L'Huillier. Alan Marsland volunteered to participate, and Bob Flower, following his return from a trip, was suggested as another member.

A nomination of Judy Bottomley for a certificate of appreciation was considered and it was thought this might also be referred to the above ad hoc life membership committee.

The committee meeting considered two possible future events. One is the mid-season dinner on 20 July. Then there was talk of organising a 40th birthday celebration in September. This will be discussed at the next meeting on 19 July.

8.6. Proposal for a second summer working bee

Doug said that Geoff Sorensen had raised after the May working bee the possibility of a second working bee in January or February when days were longer and warmer and a more picnic atmosphere could be enjoyed. The later working bee could be used for track work more closely related to getting trails ready for the season. Doug will bring any further advice received about this to the committee.

8.7. Proposal to meet earlier

It had been suggested that the meeting time be changed to 7.00 pm to allow earlier closing of the meeting. However after consideration the committee decided not to change to the starting time.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19 June 2017.

10. Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.