

# Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Committee Meeting

7.30 pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2020

ZOOM Cyberspace Mt Beauty

## MINUTES

1. Attendance: JM, PG, RG, MF, ES, NW, AM, MO, PS, AM, WS
2. Apologies: BH
3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
Moved that the minutes were accepted. Passed: NW Seconded: ES
4. Matters arising from the minutes
  - 4.1 OS Coach position (see General Business)
5. Correspondence

IN:

SSA Volunteer of Awards

Athlete Reports (some have been received, more to come). Carried over  
SSA -Committee

SSA Insurance

OUT:

Business Plan (AM)

Mountains History on website (PL'H)

6. Business arising from the Correspondence  
NIL

7. Reports.

7.1. Treasurer

(JM)

Finance reports were tabled. The committee recommend that they are suitable to be used  
at AGM Passed: PS Seconded: AM

7.2. Search and Rescue

(WS)

A couple of unsuccessful rescues over the Summer. BSAR have been temporarily withdrawn  
from Search and Rescue with COVID19 restrictions.

7.3. Race Committee & Race Hut

(AB/BK)

No report from RC. Lining boards in Race hut have been replaced.

7.4. Junior Committee

(MF/RG)

Junior development camp cancelled for July.

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee (AM/NW)

Planning meetings continued by Skype. Given current restrictions The Hoppet committee is not taking any new entries (had 25-30). 30<sup>th</sup> Hoppet celebrations and committee looking at worst case scenario and the possibility of a 'Stay at Home Hoppet' to keep interest. Continued support is to be provided by AGL. Also been negotiating with Ben Bank regarding sponsorship.

7.6. Clubhouse (PS)

No report. Window fixed. Mal looking into remote switch on/off options.

7.7. Social (ET)

No report.

7.8. Membership (NW)

NW has tabled some ideas regarding membership for 2020.

7.9. Newsletter

(KP)

## 8. General Business (8:00 – 9:00)

8.1 AGM and positions. Ronice has suggested that in line with Consumer Affairs we delay the AGM when things become a bit clearer. AM suggested that we should organise an electronic AGM and that we go with Ewen's proposal.

The date is set for May 19<sup>th</sup>. Ronice suggested that committee members who do not intend to re nominate for the committee to let Ewen know. We decided to ask everyone present and every committee member has put their hand up to stay on in their current positions. The procedure with the notice of AGM, nominations and proxy votes still happens. Voting can happen for General committee on Zoom if it is needed. Jeanette will look into any necessary procedures via Zoom.

8.2 Membership (ES). Ewen tabled a membership proposal to rollover existing membership in 2020. There is an option for anonymous membership 'donations'. Ewen calculated the fixed costs (with the help of Jeanette) and asked if the committee is happy to meet these costs. One of these costs that we would like to honour is the Athlete Grants. New members are welcome at the 2019 membership rates.

Plan B would be the resort opening earlier (under stage 2 restrictions) and income streams are in a better situation. Both Ewen and Jeanette recommended that any fixed costs be worn and membership donations go towards programs at the committee's discretion. Nick is looking into the possibility of using our existing system (hard to make this anonymous and therefore unrecorded) or the option to transfer money at any Ben Bank with a direct deposit donation. Action: Ewen, Jeanette and Nick to make a recommendation that is proposed at AGM and word this ready to be sent out to our membership and in newsletter. Action: Ronice to update Nomination forms and distribute to committee and membership.

## 9. Other Business carried over from previous meetings

1. Club House use, capacity and membership guidelines to be considered post winter. Closure.

NW volunteered to place a sign on the clubhouse door on his visit tomorrow. Also a notice on the website is needed (PL'H). Peter asked about floor heating once the weather turns cold. Paul G asked is there a problem with the water tank/pipes freezing then bursting? Pete suggested that in mi- May we turn heating on very low (for example 2 degrees).

2. XC Ski Coach COURSE funding

RG

Action: Ronice to contact to see if we can seek an extension until it can be used.

This may need to be delayed to a spring program.

3. Lease and Business Plan update

AM

A big thank you to Allan for putting this together. It is currently sitting with FCRM until they get back to us.

4. Venue for Casserole dinner

RG

It was recommended by Helen LH to move venue from Arby's to Senior Citizens Centre. The casserole dinner will not be happening this year so this is not a priority. The social secretary, Elaine, can look into this. Action: Michelle to speak to Elaine.

5. Ian Ryan Award

ES

This award has run for 20 years. Julie had suggested retiring this award. The iconic block of wood trophy will now reside in the club house. Does the committee want to continue this an annual award? If so, what do we call it? PLH suggested asking the membership for their ideas. Ronice suggested a posting in the newsletter with photo and call for future ideas. Allan suggested, why continue it? We already have certificates of appreciation and Life Membership. Could it be every second year?

Action: Ronice to come up with 3 options for people to comment.

6. The Race Committee develop a draft MOU with SSA re conducting National Junior & Senior Championship Races similar to that which it has with the Kangaroo Hoppet. Action: ES, along with AB, RG and PS to develop. Keeps to be invited to join in.

7. OS Coach position (ES). This was not resolved at the end of last year as the committee was not comfortable having a volunteer coach on a tourist visa. This will not be a problem this season but we need to look into a solution that is legally and financially viable. The coach may not be necessarily from overseas. Ronice had a chat to Andrew Hall about how OEG get their overseas seasonal workers which could be an option. The money that is put into the current program (airfares and other costs) could be put towards a joint partnership with YMCA Howmans Gap. Action: This needs to be looked at by a sub-committee (ES, RG, PG and PS).

8. Athlete Grants. Wording needs to be amended for 2020 grants. Action: Ronice to action with a working team.

9. Next Meeting : The AGM

May 19th 2020 at 7.30 pm

10. Meeting Close: 9.10pm