

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Committee Meeting

7.40 pm Tuesday 16th July, 2019

Hoppet Meeting Room, Mt Beauty

Minutes

(Actions in bold)

1. Attendance: Pete S, Ewen S, Ann B, Nick W, Warren S, Allan M and Paul G.
2. Apologies: Jeanette McLaren, Ronice Goebel
3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on June 18th, 2019.

Passed: Mish Seconded: Warren

4. Matters arising from the minutes

- Clubhouse: Peter Smith to convene subcommittee. Not sure what this was about ?
- Rois: MF has booked Thursday 25th July.
- Membership: NW has chased up applicants who are unknown to committee to determine relationship to club, club members and/or XC skiing.
- Newsletter: ES has followed up with Kate Prest and Paul L'Huillier.
- Clubhouse use: RG to make a notice asking members to be mindful of busy weekends. This has been made up and needs to be printed up (**Warren to print and post up in clubhouse**).

5. Correspondence

IN :

Alpine Shire Community Grants

S&R Grant : "Skilling Up Our Coaches" \$1970. Members to contribute 50% and club the other 50%.

"Anonymous" Donation \$2000 targeting Junior Program

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Sport & Rec. Grant: "Skilling Up Our Coaches" \$1970 - acceptance

6. Business arising from the Correspondence. A thank you was sent to the donor for the donation to junior program.

7. Reports.

7.1. Treasurer

(JM)

Passed: Paul G. Seconded: Ewen S

7.2. Search and Rescue. Report tabled.

(Warren)

7.3. Race Committee & Race Hut

(AB)

Report tabled and taken as read. Ann also asked committee if we should align the entries with NSW or give extra time given the lateness of the entries being online (hopefully tomorrow). Committee decided that if athletes want to be seeded they need to enter by the Wednesday 24th (midnight) and late entries up until Friday 25th July.

Peter commented that the new sound system worked well for the first races. There is still the option for another speaker up the Hoppet start area if needed.

7.4. Junior Committee (MF/RG)

Report tabled and taken as read. Paul reported that the junior camp went really well given the challenging weather. Also the first Junior Joey event was held last Sunday. Junior Birkies to start next Saturday 1.30pm

7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee (AM/NW)

Marso has ordered a replacement for the blue finish arch. Need to buy 4 more flag poles for the 4 new countries. Marso is looking into a shelter for the volunteers stationed at the dam wall. Still looking for a billet for the Icelandic TD for the week up to and including the Hoppet. A film crew will be here to make a feature about the Kangaroo Hoppet (also including Healesville Zoo, Gapstead as well!) which focused on the spirit of the event. Elite skiers entered include 3 Italian male skiers. Hoppet volunteer vacancies are yet to be taken up. A reshuffle of jobs has occurred. Meeting to be held next week.

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7.6. Clubhouse (PS)

Tony and Peter have restocked clubhouse. Extra special "teas" have been added. Cleaning jobs on board. New club gym toys have been installed.

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7.7. Social (MF)

Report tabled and taken as read. Elaine Thomas has taken over this role. Committee discussed Life Memberships and if there were any nominations. We will relook at this earlier next season. Erin will give a talk about skiing in Canada.

7.8. Membership (NW)

Report tabled and read. 369 members, which includes 78 families, 57 adult members, and 25 New members. 11 new child memberships who attended Birkie junior camp. Committee happy with current membership size.

7.9. Newsletter (KP)

Has been sent out to members.

All reports passed: Peter S Seconded: Ann B

8. General Business (8:00 – 9:00)

8.1 Hoppet Training and Erins' schedule of adult coaching has been posted by Paul.

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8.2 S&R Grant: "Skilling Up Our Coaches" \$1970 – plan to also develop our own "INHOUSE BNSC" Instructing for Beginners Course" and subsidise training course costs. (RG)

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8.3 Cross Country grooming meeting occurs every Monday at Windy (ES). BNSC representation requested – Ronice likely to attend. Both Peter Smith and/or Nick Wright may be available if required.

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8.4 Repair of Ginzu groomer (ES). Tony P has organised for the repair. It has been tried out to a small extent and could be useful. Not sure of its capabilities. Tony is seeking approval from Birke club as well as Parks Vic. Wear and tear of snow mobile is a consideration. More for

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recreation than for racing purposes. Committee proposes that Tony can use it to trial the Ginzu and look into hiring a snow mobile elsewhere if it would be used for commercial purposes. **ES to report to Tony Pammer.**

8.5 **Ewen and Ronice to meet with Falls Creek CEO, Stuart Smythe**, regarding use of Wombats Rambles to access upper trails and the recent social media backlash that resulted.

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9. Other Business carried over from previous meetings

1. Club House use, capacity and membership guidelines to be considered post winter
2. 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.

9. Next Meeting : September 17th 2019 at 7.30 pm

10. Meeting Closed 8.56pm