

# **Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Committee Meeting**

**7.30 pm Tuesday June 16th, 2020**

**ZOOM cyberspace Mt Beauty**

## **AGENDA**

**1. Attendance;** Paul LH, Ewen, Ronice, Ann, Jeanette, Allan, Nikko, Peter, Warren, Paul

**2. Apologies:** Mal O

**3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting** held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
Accepted as read: AB Seconded: ES

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

- Mal looking into remote switch on/off options (clubhouse). Mal sent a proposal to Ewen and Mish. Costs are \$10-15 a month plus about \$200 upfront set up cost. Ewen suggested to have this in operation over Winter only. Split system can be controlled on a timer (NW). Currently slab heater is on at a low temp and only at night. **Action:** ES to email Mal's proposal out so a decision can be made.
- Michelle to speak to Elaine re: casserole night venue. Michelle has emailed Elaine and awaiting a response.
- Ronice to come up with 3 options for people to comment (Ian Ryan award). Ronice has started this procedure.
- SSA MOU – National Junior and Senior races (race committee). Race committee to report on this.
- Athlete grants – wording. Ronice has done this.
- OS Coach (sub-committee). Yet to be finalised.

4.1 Subcommittee convenors

### **5. Correspondence**

#### **IN :**

Athlete Reports – Patrick Manning

B Keeble - AGM voting procedures

Snow Australia – Snow Ready (Return to Sport guidelines)

S&R – extension of grant

Consumer Affairs – reminder notice. Action: Ronice to follow up with Paul L'H

FCRM Nordic Bowl Development – grant request (general business)

B Keeble : Ian Ryan Award

#### **OUT**

Letter of Support FCRM Nordic Bowl Development (to be forwarded to FCRM Wednesday 17 July)

### **6. Business arising from the Correspondence**

6.1 AGM nomination and voting procedures, Rules of Association. RG suggested that BK clarified his understanding of the rules in his letter and RG now has a document for Secretaries on model rules from Justice Connect, an NGO for Not for Profit Organisations. Jeanette

suggested we have a review of our model rules (**Action:** a sub-committee be formed to make some recommendations, especially for AGM).

6.2 COVID19 Safe Officer/Committee: Only needed if we are running races/events. See race committee report below.

## 7. Reports.

### 7.1. Treasurer

(JM)

Report tabled and passed: AM      Seconded: PS

### 7.2. Search and Rescue

(WS)

Warren sent out a report today. He has been trying to clarify numbers of Birkie BSAR members as there are some discrepancies. One Birkie member (TK) attended the Mt Disappointment search. Ronice asked a question if a Melbourne based member can join the Birkie BSAR. The answer is yes they can.

### 7.3. Race Committee & Race Hut

(AB/BK)

Scheduled meeting was postponed but the race committee met at 7pm tonight and decided to recommend that the club not run any races this season due to lack of manpower and willpower to run a COVID safe event. Difficult to make it fair considering access issues with limited resort entries per day. ES made a recommendation to run various Strava style events.

The committee accepts the recommendation of the Race Committee to not run races/events during the 2020 winter season. Ronice emailed out Brian K's race hut report that was missed at the last meeting.

### 7.4. Junior Committee. No report.

(MF/RG)

### 7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

(AM)

Allan emailed out a copy of the Hoppet 2020 'Do it your way' event to go live on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

### 7.6. Clubhouse

(PS)

The door code has been changed and **Action:** Peter plans to buy a new lock and replace the existing one.

### 7.7. Social. No report.

(MF)

### 7.8. Membership

(NW)

Some volunteer contributions have been made by members. There are two new family memberships. Nick to correspond with these proposed memberships and if they would like to continue with their membership given that we cannot offer access to the clubhouse and are not offering events. NW suggested that we post on our website that the club is not offering the above benefits so prospective new members are aware of this. **Action:** PLH to do this.

Motion to accept reports, PG      Seconded: NW

### 7.9. Newsletter

No report

(KP)

## 8. General Business (8:00 – 9:00)

### 8.1 FCRM Nordic Bowl development and possible cash contribution (AM & ES)

ES waiting to hear back from Ben D in regard to a financial offer by BNSC. AM outlined his proposal that was emailed out to the committee. A steering group will be set up by FCRM and BNSC will have a representative on this group. AM reiterated the point about the grant needing a 'mixed' contribution. Hoppet has committed \$30 000 and AM suggested that Birkie offer \$20 000. NW asked what this might mean for the club given that this is a significant amount. AM suggested that this money will be a good way for us to help FCRM receive this grant and that this might give the club some consultation and say in the project which will value add to what we can offer our members in the future. RG mentioned the proposed upgrade/extension of the race hut would have cost the club \$15-20 000. Committee members were consulted on AM's proposal and all were in

favour to support especially if concerns, issues, additions, alterations can be heard in the consultation process. JM consulted our model rules which outline that one of the committee aims is to support the development of XC skiing. ES suggested that as a club we could not drive this development on our own and that this is a great opportunity for much needed improvements at the Nordic bowl.

Motion: (AM) *That BNSC committee agrees to commit the sum of \$20 000 to the FCRM Nordic bowl development if the project grant is successful.* Seconded: PLH. Majority agreed, so the motion is carried. **Action:** ES. This offer to be added to our letter of support to FCRM.

8.2 25th Anniversary of Clubhouse opening (June 2021). PLH suggested that we have a gathering to acknowledge this milestone. **Action:** All committee members to think of suggestions for next meeting.

8.2 Rollerskis and the running of a Birkie junior roller skiing session (PG). Ronice has renumbered the roller skis and made bags for each pair. Where should these be stored in regard to insurance, access? Paul is happy to store these at his house and only offer sessions for Birkie juniors. Access to Mt Beauty Secondary College is problematic at this stage. ES suggested we get all our gear together and do an inventory and maybe buy any extras needed (poles/tips). **Action:** PG to make an inventory once all the gear is relocated to his shed.

## **9. Other Business carried over from previous meetings**

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

9.2 S&R "Grant Skilling Up Our Club " aimed at coach development RG

9.3 Lease and Business Plan update (current status : sitting with FCRM) AM

9.4 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.

9.5 OS Coach position – future program (ES, RG, PG and PS).

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

9.7 Ian Ryan Award (now retired) Does the committee want to continue with an annual award? If so, what do we call it? Action: Ronice to come up with 3 options for people to comment.

9.8 Venue for Casserole dinner: location to be reconsidered. Cancelled for 2020. The social secretary, Elaine, to look into this. Action: Michelle to speak to Elaine.

Business without notice: Snowmobile. NW regarding payment of \$100 to FCRM. He recommends not paying this account if it is not used. AM asked if it is needed this season for Strava event and ES answered no. The club is prepared to pay this amount if it is needed.

Windy Corner opening. Warren informed us that the café, hire and ski school will be in operation from July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**9. Next Meeting: July 21<sup>st</sup> 2020**

**10. Meeting Close: 9.05pm**