

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Committee Meeting

7.30 pm Tuesday August 18th, 2020

ZOOM cyberspace Mt Beauty

Minutes

1. **Attendance:** AM, JM, RG, NW, PS, MF, PLH, WS, AB, ES
2. **Apologies:** PG
3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on JULY 21ST, 2020.
Passed: WS Seconded: JM
4. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - Mal looking into remote switch on/off options (clubhouse). Needs an access point and data plan. Estimate for this system would be \$120 each year and some set up costs. **Action:** Mal would like to enter clubhouse and check out a few things if no objections and run a test for the committee before next meeting.
5. **Correspondence**

In:

 1. SSA. Certificate of Insurance. Ronice to file. Ronice to chat to Ryan Taylor
 2. Bushwalking Victoria membership/for BSAR insurance

Out:

 1. Letter to FCRM in regard to proposed webcam (JM) Sent: 21st July
6. **Business arising from the Correspondence**
7. **Reports.**
 - 7.1. Treasurer (JM)
Report emailed out. Term deposit renewal. PS recommended to reinvest for 12 months at 0.85%. AM suggested that grant processes are stalled due to COVID19.
Passed: RG Seconded: AB
 - 7.2. Search and Rescue (WS)
No report. Some call outs for Melbourne region not involving BNSC members.
 - 7.3. Race Committee & Race Hut (AB/BK)
No meeting or report.
 - 7.4. Junior Committee (MF/RG)
No report
 - 7.5. Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee (AM)
Hoppet-Do it your way is still on until this Sunday. Entries are still coming in. Need an entrant from Antarctica (with bonus free entry). Facebook page has some great pictures and videos. Within World Loppet other countries are looking at the virtual style event.
 - 7.6. Clubhouse (PS)
No report. Peter has given it a good clean.
 - 7.7. Social (ET)
No report
 - 7.8. Membership (NW)
One new member. Jenny Laidlaw (nee Smith). Approved! New Memberships this year: adults=11, children=7, BSAR=2
 - 7.9. Newsletter
No newsletter.
Reports passed: WS Seconded: PS

8. General Business (8:00 – 9:00)

8.1 Potential use of alternative logo versions

9. Other Business carried over from previous meetings

9.1 Sport & Rec grant “Grant Skilling Up Our Club” which is aimed at coach development (RG) On hold.

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

9.3 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.

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

9.5 BNSC Awards Review. Ronice has sent out an award summary update. PLH put a notice in the newsletter for membership input. No input was given. In summary, feedback is that Life Membership is ongoing, that the Ian Ryan award and Certificate of Appreciation be retired, and be replaced with a Service Award (tittle to be determined). RG: Do we need a small group to keep working on this? PLH: Suggested that we keep the Certificate of Appreciation just in case the need arises. Selection criteria need to be considered and included. A catchy name to make it significant and only for members and not for sponsors or an entity (who may receive a certificate of appreciation instead). A certificate of appreciation has not been awarded for a long time. Paul suggested that the new award becomes an item on agenda each year. AM: suggested a Certificate of Appreciation be awarded outside membership when needed and the new Award be given to members. ES: Club award to be given every year and can be called ‘Birkebeiner Club annual award’. On the matter of awards, congratulations to Ewen for his SSA Victorian Volunteer of the year award which is so well deserved.

ES: Start with the Ian Ryan award criteria. **Action:** Ronice to update her document to reflect the committee’s discussion.

Action: PLH to get Men’s Shed to make the new award and Esther to create a design.

Thanks to Ronice for her work on this.

9.6 General rules review (JM) for next AGM. Jeanette sent out 2 documents. A copy of our current Constitution and another with suggested changes (membership, quorum, AGM via online, account access, electronic banking and credit card access). JM suggested that we have a sub-committee to make a proposal and then call a separate special meeting to change the rules. ES asked what the 75% of eligible voting members might look like (eg: is a family membership 1 vote or the number of adults over a given age). PLH, says that it is 75% of the members who are present at the AGM. AM, proxys could be appointed to make it easier to manage. JM: Rationale for changes to go out to the whole membership with proxy process. ES: Reality is different if the meeting is electronic compared to a regular AGM gathering. AM: Proxys have not been looked into for 20 years or so. It has not been encouraged greatly in the past. ES suggested that 20 people for a quorum might be more ambitious than 15, and that it would be good to have the committee plus same number in addition. RG: suggested to look at how other clubs are looking at these changes and that the sub-committee can look at it. ES: It needs to be realistic for our club and now is an opportunity for committee to have a say. RG: suggested that the sub-committee would bring recommendations to the committee before it goes out to the whole membership. ES: asked if anyone outside the committee with expertise in this area would be interested to help in this process. RG: suggested **Angela Pollock**. AM: happy to help. JM suggested **Mandy Milne**. PLH also happy to be part of the sub-committee. Advice from Consumer affairs? ES: can do a poll on ZOOM. RG: Executive should be sorted by the AGM when nominations close. JM: Team Mount Beauty had an online vote for general committee members as they had too many nominations. ES: Anything is possible. AM: Nominations to go out with the notice of the meeting.

Action: Sub-Committee to make recommendations to committee JM, AM and PLH.

Thanks for all your work on this Jeanette.

PLH: Have we looked into registering for **Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC)**, instead of Consumer Affairs Victoria (\$58)? **Action:** PLH to explore this. Ronice suggested the process with CA was onerous.

9.7 Cross Country webcam (JM). Jeanette has written a letter to FCRM. Update to come.

9.8 New club beanie proposal: P L'H has asked Esther to come up with a design which was emailed to the committee. Will need a minimum order to proceed. Club could use them as gifts and awards as well. Ronice also suggested we could access a Vic State Gov Uniform grant of \$1000 (covers artwork and subsidises price of each beanie). **Action:** Look at grant opportunity and liaise further with PLH (Looks like this grant closed in February MF). Update: Paul has looked at the Kamer samples and we just need to decide on design details. Around \$25 each if we have an order of 50 items. Good prizes and gifts. RG: would like to see Birkebeiner or BNSC written on it somewhere instead of the logo. **Action:** PLH to get back to the design team to come up with an updated version. Keep looking into any available grants.

Thanks for this Paul and for your regular newsletter updates as well.

Meeting Closed: 8:58pm

Next Meeting: September 15th

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