

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Committee Meeting

7.30 pm Tuesday April 20th, 2021

ZOOM cyberspace Mt Beauty

MINUTES

1. Attendance: RG, MF, ES, NW, PLH, PG, MO, PS, JM (late)
2. Apologies: JM, WS,
3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on September 23rd 2020.

Moved: PLH Seconded: PG

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.

Committee happy for Mal to go ahead with this.

5. Correspondence

In

From FCRM Re: Fires, lease

Email: FCRM : Re: Nordic bowl development confirming BNSC financial status

EMAIL : Consumer Affairs re deadline for registering compulsory QR Codes.

Email : Snow Australia re Club Insurance. Time to request changes prior to new notice for 2021-22.

Messenger : Request from Callum Brown to join BNSC S&R

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

Email : Snow Australia re Club Insurance – RG following up 'exclusions' in section 3 re child abuse.

7. Reports.

7.1. Treasurer

(JM)

JM has coordinated the preparation of the financial statements of the Association and their certification by the Committee prior to their submission to the annual general meeting of the Association. Viewed by the committee via email. Resolution : The financial statements give a fair and true record of the financial position and performance of BNSC.

Passed: RG Seconded: PLH

7.2. Search and Rescue

(WS)

WS will send out a report next week. One BNSC BSAR member (Pete Panozzo), attended the Bendoc search in Gippsland.

7.3. Race Committee & Race Hut

(AB/BK)

Report emailed by AB. Ronice added the QR code information. Entry before the day will be expected. Race committee meeting to be scheduled soon.

Keeps has been tinkering in the Race Hut and has purchased materials.

7.4. Junior Committee

(MF/RG)

Paul reported to the committee about the junior roller ski program. There are 11 pairs of club skis and Matt Flanagan will pass on 10 pairs from Wangaratta. Only one form returned so far. See 8.2 below.

Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee

(AM)

Planning is underway. Entries will not be open until July 1st. Will run an actual and virtual event together. This year event will see no cups given out but participants need to carry their own drinking vessel. Drink belts/bottles will be given to actual competitors. Buffs for participants in both events. Food will most probably need to be carried by participants. PLH suggested extra food bars in their show bag (sourcing sponsors for this). The Hoppet committee is seeking thoughts and ideas from anyone with experience in Covid friendly event food/drinks strategies.

7.5. Clubhouse (PS)
Locks have been changed. Code has changed back to previous code. QR code signage to be put in place. A big clean might be needed. Also a restock of hot drink materials. Any working bees scheduled? Clubhouse to be open the Queen's birthday long weekend. RG mentioned that a display space for the Ian Ryan award has been made.

7.6. Social (ET)
Do we want to reinstate our events this winter? (ES) Casserole dinner and mid-winter dinner at Roi's. Venue for casserole dinner. Committee are in favor of returning to Outdoor School Bogong for Queen's bday. Saturday 12th of June. Roi's dinner could be held on a weekend instead of the usual mid-week. **Action:** Mish to liaise with Elaine about Casserole dinner and Roi's dinner (need to know maximum numbers). Possible date for mid season dinner: Thursday 15th July.

7.7. Membership (NW)
Report emailed: A query about location being recorded Mount Beauty v's Mt Beauty which is just a data glitch. Membership numbers were 487 (in 2018), they dropped in 2019 and 2020. Committee not particularly worried about this as clubhouse can be at capacity on busy weekends. Membership fees: ES suggested that the committee do not need to increase fees as club is financial. AM mentioned there is still a risk the season could be shortened/restricted. Fees are to stay the same for 21/2022: Moved: NW Seconded: PLH

7.8. Newsletter. ES suggested that the newsletter is maybe redundant as PLH is sending out most current information continually via our membership subscription list on MailChimp. We need to ask Kate if she is keen to continue in this role or do we still need a newsletter?. An advantages of MailChimp is how quickly things can reach members. **Action:** ES to speak to Kate. PLH needs someone to take over the role of sending messages out on MailChimp as he will be away approximately May to mid-June. Another option is to send out emails via the membership list and NW.

8. General Business (8:00 – 9:00)

- 8.1 25th Anniversary of the Opening of the Clubhouse. Will be have a small function? PLH suggested it could be a BBQ and watch a 15 minute video of the construction of the clubhouse. An advertised function to recognise the efforts that were made 25 years ago. ES suggested to pass this over to the clubhouse manager. **Action:** PLH to work with PS on this in conjunction with Jim Crebbin on Saturday June 5th, either afternoon or evening.
- 8.2 Junior Birkie Budget i.e. off-snow training group and on-snow sessions.PG. Next Monday the after school roller ski program starts with Esther, PG, Nick B and Tim R. This will focus on agility and technical skills with an emphasis on fun with a keen group of kids. Bindings and boots are an issue.
- 8.3 Potential use of alternative logo versions (RG)
- 8.4 BNSC Awards (PLH) Paul getting some quotes at BJ Burtons for logo on awards.
- 8.5 QR Codes (RG). Need laminating and to be put up.
- 8.6 Vic Government S&R Grants restructured. Grants for various activities and programs are available – (there is a new insurance issue re the exclusion of child abuse). We currently cannot apply for grants as BNSC (or others) does not have this insurance. AM says we will be unable to get insurance elsewhere. Issue is being discussed with Snow Australia.

9. Other Business carried over from previous meetings

9.1 General rules review (JM) for next including structure/processes for AGM

Jeanette has sent out recommendations to the committee. Needs to happen at the commencement of the AGM. As it is a special resolution it needs to go out to members 3 weeks prior to AGM (therefore, next week). Need to make sure we have proxys. **Action:** JM to work with RG to get info and proxies out to members within the next week.

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 for 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 – on COVID hold

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

10. Business without notice:

AM: has forwarded press release regarding the premiers announcement to change the Victorian Alpine resorts structure which is to occur on June 22, 2022.

JM: any nominations for life membership

RG: Is the AGM to be all Zoom or a combination? ES has a preference for a combination. NW says we need to have the technical aspect right with the right microphone set up. ES has a microphone.

Next Meeting: AGM May 18th 2021