

# Birkebeiner Awards Policy

## Club Member Award

Called [Year] Birkie Award (e.g. 2020 Birkie Award)

This is awarded to a club member for *services provided that benefit:*

1. **Club committee** e.g. as a committee member or supporting it;
2. **Programs** e.g. junior coaching, junior camps, adult instruction, search & rescue;
3. **Events** e.g. social functions, ski de femme
4. **All members** e.g. clubhouse steward, skidoo maintenance
5. **Kangaroo Hoppet**

**Selection Panel** — Made up of the *President* and the *two previous winners*.

*For 2021 this would be the 2018 & 2019 winners of the Ian Ryan Award i.e. Ann Bellingham & Blair Hume.*

**Nominations** — members should have the option to be able to nominate a person(s) for the Award which the Selection Panel can consider. **Note** – nominations have to be in by the *May committee meeting*.

**When awarded** — Following the year in which it is won and at a social function during the season as happened for the Ian Ryan Award.

**The Award itself** — A framed certificate indicating in summary the member's achievements and contributions to the club. For example: '*For outstanding service and commitment to club programs & events*'.

**Ongoing display in the Clubhouse** — An honour board will be displayed in the Clubhouse. Each year the recipient's name is placed on it.

**Note** — previous *Ian Ryan Award* recipients will be eligible.

## Life Membership

1. A notice should be placed in the first BNSC Bulletin of the year calling for nominations for Life Membership. At the discretion of the committee a nomination can be made at a later date.
2. A *sub-committee made up of three existing Life Members* will be given the task of receiving nominations (must have a seconder) and to make recommendations to the General Committee. This can be done via email or at a later meeting and a vote taken.

3. The *Life Membership Award* will take the form of a framed certificate indicating in summary the member's achievements and contributions to the club.
4. The *Life Membership* may be presented at the annual pre-season casserole dinner in June, the mid-season dinner in July, the end of season BBQ or at another function.
5. *Life Memberships* are awarded to honour a major contribution to the club over an extended period of time, with a maximum of two in any one year.

## **Certificates of Appreciation**

1. A notice should be placed in the first BNSC Bulletin of the year calling for nominations for *Certificates of Appreciation*. At the discretion of the committee a nomination can be made at a later date
2. Nominations (must have a seconder) should be sent to the secretary and forwarded to the General Committee. This can be done via email or at a later meeting and a vote taken.
3. The *Certificate of Appreciation Award* will take the form of a framed certificate indicating in summary the **recipient's** achievements and contributions to the club.
4. The **Certificate of Appreciation** may be presented at the annual pre-season casserole dinner in June, the mid-season dinner in July, the end of season BBQ or at another function.
5. There is no limit on the number of Certificates of Appreciation in any one year.
6. *Certificates of Appreciation* can be awarded to members or other supporters including volunteers and businesses e.g. sponsors, grant providers & community organisations.

*Policy reviewed and ratified .....*

