

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club Committee Meeting

Sptember19<sup>th</sup> 2023– 7.30pm

Hoppet Meeting Room/ZOOM cyberspace Mt Beauty

MINUTES

1. Attendance: WS, MT, SG, ES, AH, AM, RG ZOOM: WS
2. Apologies: MF PG, KP
3. Minutes of the previous committee meeting held on July25<sup>th</sup> 2023 Passed SG, MT
4. Matters arising from the minutes (see below)

5. Correspondence

In :

1. FCARV - Lease fee - bill \$840 up from \$10 – meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am was tabled
2. Requests for BSAR membership (see below) were accepted

OUT : FCARV - Lease fee discussions

6. Business arising from the Correspondence

Club House Lease: Ongoing discussions with Falls Creek included a meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am with Elise Armitage, Head of Property and Planning. Government policy is that occupation of crown land is to be based on a site valuation. The peppercorn rent of \$10 that has applied in recognition of BNSC NFP status which contributes significantly to Cross Country Skiing at Falls Creek, will no longer apply. There are different rules for calculating rent in the case of not for profits as distinct to commercial operations. Applying the formula to the BNSC clubhouse would create an annual rental of \$1680. ARV have offered BNSC a 20-year lease (5+5+5+5) at a 50% reduction to \$840 annually. After discussion, JM moved BNSC accept the offer with a request to further reduce the lease fee to 25% and for the new lease arrangements to be affective from now, not 2016. Seconded AM. RG to write letter this week.

7. Reports.

**7.1.** Treasurer - the tabled reports were accepted. Moved AH and seconded MT

**7.2.** Search and Rescue - Sheepy reported little activity in the field. BSAR continues to offer training and 3 new members have been accepted.

**7.3.** Race Committee & Race Hut MJ submitted a detailed summary of the season which included the post season debrief. The Birkie Classic and Nationals were the only two races weekends due to poor snow season. Note was made on the impact of FIS rules and the Fluor ban testing. Race bibs and other items are stored in the Hoppet storeroom. AG noted the need to return vouchers for Rocky Valley AH to chase up.

**7.4.** Junior Committee – no report

**7.5.** Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee – No 2023 race. Open Track well received. Big thanks to AH Chief of Course and Sandra Paul Chief of Race who contributed to decision making. The TD, Sally Jones gave useful feedback regarding processes. FCARV response – many thanks in recognition of efforts and organisation Marso also submitted a summary report of the FIS Popular Races meeting that included a discussion on the Fluor ban. Thanks to the generosity of Bendigo Bank, AGL and ‘management’, the Hoppet may break even. Further discussion is required around expanding the BNSC input and/or membership of the Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee.

**7.6.** Clubhouse - Sheepy submitted a detailed written report that included a note on the weekly ‘clean’ of the clubhouse which in Sheepy’s opinion was a big winner. The clubhouse received this clean once per week on normal weeks and twice weekly when he knew a higher number of members were present on a weekend (clean before on a Thursday and clean again the following Monday. In total there was 10 x ‘cleans’ completed for the season with the last one completed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of September. The floor heating was also turned off that day. RHS toilet cistern was replaced during the season. The LHS one is working fine but may need to be replaced in the future.

**7.7.** Social : End of year BBQ date to be scheduled.

**7.8.** Membership: As of 19 September 2023, Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club has 273 members comprising: 192 members *within* Family memberships, 55 Adult memberships, 7 Junior memberships, 13 Life memberships, 1 Search & Rescue memberships, 5 Associate memberships

## **8.** General Business (8:00 – 9:00)

8.1 Life Membership: Nominations were called for in Birke Bulletin and are yet to be received from a club member. Two possible members were discussed.

8.2 Race secretary role. MJ is retiring from this position. Replacement race secretary required – still looking – Heather Mull? Tim Clarke?

8.3 XCSAV Update – no decision has been made in relation to the FCARV planning permit application for the ANARE Development at Lakeside. Significant objections are being considered.

8.4 Provisional National Teams announced – Phil Bellingham, Clancy Harvey, Rosie Franzke

8.5 Athlete Travel grant to be advertised. (RG to contact MH)

8.6 Child Safety Officer appointment is Mish Forrer. Mish has placed notices on the Junior notice board of club house.

8.7 New BNSC BSAR members approved. Thanks to Michael Sherry, Eric Phillips, Mardi Phillips for volunteering.

8.8 Volunteer recognition was discussed – two post-race ‘pizza’ nights to be organized in 2024, subsidized by BNSC.

9. Other Business carried over from previous meetings

MEETING DATE	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE	STATUS	UPDATE
Sept 2022	MOU for Timing Arrangements Action: Update document (ES) for 3 years	Race Committee	April 2023		ES to send to RG
July 2022	OS Visitor Project	ES	Oct 2022	Ongoing	
Sept 2022	Race Hut Extension proposal Additional undercover space needed for races.	Sub Committee	Oct 2022	Ongoing	On hold until FCRM developments are clear
Sept 2022	Junior Sub Committee – dev. of role descriptions. Dryland training starting soon	PG, Tim Rechford,	Oct 2022		Put a call out to members for juniors subcommittee and Dev camp. Need to target members
June 2022	MOU with SSA re conducting National Championship Races				Discussion needed with Finn M (ES) Is it required?
April 2022	Roller Door quote for skidoo shed	PS QUOTE sent to Sheepy	Summer		ASAP

NEXT MEETING: October 17th