

## THE BIRCHLEGGINGS CLUB INC

Our purpose: To contribute support of the American Birkebeiner Cross Country Ski Race and promote healthy life styles by encouraging participation in outdoor physical activities.

Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election  
November 14, 2015

Gale Otterholt, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at 5340 Harold Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Board members present: Gale Otterholt, Steve Carmazon, Dave Balsiger, Toni Popp, Tom Rowley

Not Present: Don Becker, Jim Tenorio, Connie Meek, Edward Eroe

Also present: John Kotar

The minutes from the September meeting were received and approved as amended.

The treasurer's report was received and approved.

Agenda:

*Annual meeting and Election:* Gale Otterholt presided over the election of board members. Incumbents Tom Rowley, Jim Tenorio, and Gale Otterholt were reelected.

*Changes to Bylaws:* The board discussed two revisions to bylaw requirements. First, changes were proposed to require an annual meeting to be held sometime between September and December (instead of September and October) as it was originally written. The second proposal was to change the requirement for non-incumbent nominations for the board to be due 35 days prior to the election (instead of the current 45). A motion was made and seconded to accept the two revised bylaw requirements. The five board members present at the meeting approved the motion. Connie Meek approved by phone.

*Birchleggings Ski Shop discount program:* Gale has contacted several ski shops regarding discounts for paid BL members. Outdoor Ventures, OutThere, and Spring Street Sports have offered discounts. A message with this information will be sent to BL members and will also be posted on our website. New Moon will again offer merchandise for our silent auction.

*Brichleggings and the Tony Wise Museum:* Gale gave an update on the latest museum report from Allison Slavick regarding donations in response to the recent fund raising letter effort. Members agreed to continue to lend support by offering the book Telemark Memories for purchase on behalf of the Tony Wise Museum Foundation. The book will be available at the Birkie Expo and the annual awards

breakfast, with proceeds to go to the museum. The board also voted to donate \$2000 to the museum fund to be paid out of the Birchleggings treasury.

*BL website improvements:* Improvements and updates to the BL website were discussed. Ed would like input and recommendations from the board.

*Trademark Birchleggings Club:* There was a brief discussion concerning the trademarking of the Birchleggings logo or name. Don will look into this further.

*Birchleggings clothing:* Our current inventory of Birchleggings clothing is available via the order form on the BL website. Also the BL logo skiwear from Mt. Borah is again available on the Mt. Borah website.

Steve Carmazon reported that Steve Poulin, SWIX representative, has expressed an interest in meeting with the club concerning clothing with the Birchleggings logo. A meeting time and date will try to be arranged for further discussion.

*Birkie Expo and BL breakfast:* Details for the Expo booth and BL breakfast will be addressed at the January meeting.

*Membership raffle:* A membership drive raffle, similar to last year's raffle, will be organized, with 2 Birkie start line parking passes being offered as incentives.

*WINN donation:* The board voted to make a donation to WINN. This organization gives scholarships to high school Kortie skiers.

The next meeting will be January 17, 2016, 9:00 am, at the Sawmill Saloon in Seeley.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Submitted by Toni Popp  
November 14, 2015