

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 October 21, 2017

Gale Otterholt, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the Mosquito Brook hut in Hayward, Wisconsin.

Board members present: Jim Tenorio, Dave Balsiger, Connie Meek, Gale Otterholt, Toni Popp, Steve Carmazon, Tom Rowley

Not present: Edward Eroe

Also present: John Kotar, Paul Thompson

Agenda:

Change to Bylaws: There was discussion by the board focused around a proposed change to the language in the bylaws that specify term limits for board members. A motion was made and seconded to amend Article III, Sec. 2 of the Birchleggings Club bylaws such that there are no longer term limits for directors. Motion carried.

Election of Directors: Gale Otterholt presided over the election of directors. Incumbents Edward Eroe and Connie Meek were re-elected to three-year terms. Paul Thompson was also elected to a three-year term to fill the position vacated by Don Becker. We welcome him to the board.

Cool Planet Skiers and Citizens' Climate Lobby: Paul Thompson, representing Cool Planet Skiers, came to the board with a presentation outlining the organization's major goals. He discussed their new climate change documentary, "Saving Snow", as well as Citizens' Climate Lobby, an environmental organization that advocates for effective climate change legislation. He asked for help from the Birchleggings Club by supporting Cool Planet and the Citizens' Climate Lobby. A motion was made and seconded to endorse Cool Planet, co-sponsor and endorse the film "Saving Snow", and sign the "Community Leaders Letter to Congress". Motion carried.

Mosquito Brook Hut: Jim Tenorio gave a wonderful presentation, sharing his ideas and thoughts about interior decoration of the hut and how to move forward with the project. Board members Gale, Tom, Connie and Toni offered to help with this effort. A motion was made and seconded to start with a beginning budget of \$1000.

Motion carried. The board greatly appreciates Jim's ideas and plans and applauds all his hard work.

The board has also discussed the idea of a carved wood exterior plaque advertising the Birchleggings Club sponsorship. It was suggested we talk with Kurt Proctor to get design ideas and cost estimates.

BL Swix clothing: The Birchleggings Club Store, updated for 2018, is now up and running. For the second season, Swix has created a special Birchleggings collection. Styles can be viewed and ordered from the Birchleggings/Swix web store from now until November 20.

Birkie Expo: The BL Club will again have a table at the 2018 Birkie Expo. Board members will help with the booth and further operational plans can be addressed at the January meeting.

Donations to Youth XC: Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to make a donation to two youth groups this year; WINN and Nordic Rocks. Both groups will receive \$500. Motion carried.

Birchleggings Clothing: Our current inventory of BL clothing is available via the order form on the BL website. Dave will order more tee shirts hats, caps and 1000K stickers.

Membership Drive: We will again run a membership drive encouraging members to join or renew membership in the Club. Members will be urged to join and become eligible for prizes in a random drawing similar to last year. Dave will again develop this effort.

Tony Wise Statue: The BL Club is still in favor of making a Tony Wise statue a reality. John Kotar has offered to bring the idea up at an ABSF board meeting to look for possible ABSF ideas or involvement.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2018, 3:00 pm at the Birkie office.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Submitted by Toni Popp
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