

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 physical activities.

Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election September 28, 2018 (Amended minutes)

President Gale Otterholt called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. 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, Ed Eroe (by teleconference)

Not present: Paul Thompson

Also present: John Kotar

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as read.

The treasure's report was received and approved. The remaining balance on the Mosquito Brook Hut now stands at \$8000.00.

Agenda:

Election of Board of Directors: Gale Otterholt presided over the election of directors. Incumbents Tom Rowley, Jim Tenorio, and Gale Otterholt were re-elected to three-year terms.

Mosquito Brook Hut: Jim Tenorio gave a report on the completion of the decorating and lighting of the Mosquito Brook Hut. Thank you very much Don Olson for helping us out with the wiring! We want to express how much we appreciate all who helped move this project forward and make it a huge success. An especially BIG thank you to Jim Tenorio for his leadership, great ideas, and continued effort throughout the project. A job well done!

Birchleggings web site: Ed Eroe,, our web master, encouraged board members to send pictures and relevant information to him for posting. We thank Ed for his efforts to keep the BL web pages up to date and pertinent.

Credit Card Purchases: The board considered the idea of offering the use of credit cards for people to purchase BL items. Although useful, the board was undecided just how necessary or beneficial it would be at this time. No action was taken.

Donation to youth XC: Bruce Manske, CXC Nordic Rocks Program Director, attended the meeting and presented the board with an overview of the Nordic Rocks program. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to make a \$1000 donation to the group this year. Motion carried. A motion was also made and seconded to give a \$500 donation to WINN. Motion carried.

Birchleggings Club Membership: Ideas for encouraging members to join or renew membership in the Club were discussed. We wish to try to reach out and energize Birchleggers, as well as prospective 20-year finishers, by highlighting the Club's accomplishments, benefits, and possible goals to pursue. John Kotar and Steve offered to work together to expand this idea.

Swix gift: Steve Poulin presented the BL Club with a very generous gift of \$5000 last year to help pay off the amount owed on the Mosquito Brook Hut. We wish to recognize his generosity. A motion was made and seconded to present him with a plaque at the Birchlegger Breakfast. Motion carried. The plaque will then be hung in the Hut.

Birkie Green: The "Birkie Green" concept was introduced for discussion by Paul Thompson. The focus of the program is to encourage conversation at the Expo between skiers and vendors. Paul suggested several ideas for our club to consider and possibly incorporate into our Expo booth.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at the Birkie office.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by Toni Popp
September 28, 2018

