

MINUTES
ABSF Board of Directors Meeting
May 21, 2018

3:00 PM ABSF Office

Board Members present: Paul Eckerline, Dennis Kruse, Joe Timmerman, Jeff Tumbleson, Brett Rondeau, Sue Scheer, Kathie Pautsch, Mike Mandli , Yuriy Gusev, John Kotar, Jan Guenther

Board Members Digitally Present: Charlie Dee

Absent: Tom Duffy,

Staff Present: Ben Popp

Call to order: 3:00 PM

Approval of Agenda: Pautsch moved Mandli second. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2018 Board Meeting: Dee moved, Mandli second. **Approved**

Approval of Minutes from April 19-23, 2018 Digital Board Meeting: Scheer moved, Mandli second. **Approved**

President's Comments: Paul Eckerline

- Closed session for evaluation of Executive Director.

Executive Director's Report: Ben Popp

- World Lumberjack Championship: We held a volunteer cleanup day with Johnson Bank. Planning for venue to be used as a community space. Improvements: can now buy tickets on line and event will be live-streamed.
- OO Nordic Center Glitch with contractor quitting. Finding a new builder. Meeting with potential contractors. Don't think there will be a great delay. Webcam will allow folks to view the progress.
- Development – Forerunners: 34 down, 1 to go. Contributors will be able to create their own funds for specific purposes.
- Summer “to do’s”: Lot of trail work at Hatchery and Mosquito Brook as well as OO. Big timber cut coming up near the Classic trail south of Telemark, between K3 – K7 that will necessitate us to rebuild the trail.
- Allocation of staff: Replacing Lisa with combo of contract labor and staff. Lisa still helping during transition.

Committee Reports

Finance: Timmerman

- Motion to transfer \$10,000 to the Foundation for the Endowment of the

American Birkebeiner for operating expenses: Timmerman moved, Scheer second. **Approved.**

- Current standing: Strong position for both cash and profit, though down from last year due to smaller registration numbers for the Birkie. We will close this fiscal year with a \$375,000 profit.
- 2018-19 Budget introduced. Projects \$3.1 income, 2.7 expenses. Stephanie will be main person to ask questions of.
- Birkie Enterprises essentially broke even this year.
- Treasurer's Description/Selection
Motion for Bylaw addition: Article III, Section 2, (d) "The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may appoint one Director to serve as Treasurer of the Corporation."
Timmerman moved, Kruse second. **Approved.**

Documentation: Dee

- In response to a question asked at the last meeting, Dee affirmed that the Procedures Manual has language on saving and storing vote totals for Executive Board Elections.
- Motion on amending language to the Procedures Manual dealing with tie votes for Executive Board Elections:

RESOLVING TIE VOTES

A. Election of ABSF Board of Directors

1. If there is a tie vote, there shall be an immediate re-count supervised by the Secretary of the Board. ~~with each candidate or candidate's surrogate observing the recount.~~
2. If the Secretary is a candidate, *another officer of the board who is not a candidate shall be designated by the Board President to supervise the counting and the re-count, if one is necessary.* ~~the tied candidates or their surrogates shall mutually agree on an officer of the ABSF Board to supervise the recount.~~
3. *If all officers of the board are candidates, the Board President shall designate a Board Member who is not a candidate to supervise the counting and re-count, if one is necessary.*
4. *If the vote is still tied after the re-count, the Board Secretary, or the designee if the Secretary is a candidate, shall schedule a meeting in the ABSF office by August 1 to which the tied candidates shall be invited. Each candidate shall be allowed a representative if he or she is unable to attend. The meeting shall be made available for electronic participation for any candidate or representative who cannot attend in person.*
5. *If this re-count also results in a tie vote, Following the recount,* ~~Following the recount,~~ a two-way tie shall be decided by a coin flip. The "caller" shall be determined alphabetically.
6. A tie of three or more shall be decided by the supervisor of the election drawing names out of a hat.

Dee moved, Scheer second. **Approved**

Skier Development: Guenther

No report.

Trail Committee: Mandli

No report.

Competition: Kruse

- We will not be in the FIS Worldloppet Cup for 2019. On our date will be the Finlandia Hihto
- We're working on getting a World Cup race on the Birnie Trail in 6 six years, which would be consistent with our 50th Anniversary Birnie.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment: Kathy Pautsch moved. **Acclimation.**