

American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation
Annual Meeting
August 4, 2018
6:45 PM Birkebeiner Start Line Trailhead
Cable, WI

Board Members present: Paul Eckerline, Sue Scheer, , Dennis Kruse, Joe Timmerman, Yuriy Gusev, Jan Guenther, Kathy Pautsch, Jeff Tumbleson
Board Members absent: Brett Rondeau, Tom Duffy, Mike Mandli, John Kotar, Charlie Dee
Staff Present: Ben Popp

Board President's Remarks – Paul Eckerline, President
Called the meeting to order and welcomed all.

Introduction of new ABSF Board of Directors – Kathy Pautsch, Board Member subbing for Charlie Dee, Secretary

- Thanked all candidates for their commitment to the Birkie.
- Re-elected to the ABSF Board were Paul Eckerline, Jan Guenther, Yuriy Gusev and Sue Scheer

Birkie Lifestyle Impacts – Ian Karl, ABSF Volunteer

He explained how the Birkie Lifestyle helps the children he works with at Northwest Passage in Frederic, WI. Children experiencing significant emotional and behavioral disorders benefit greatly from outdoor activities such as skiing and nature-based therapies.

Treasurer's Financial Update – Joe Timmerman, Treasurer

Explained the financial details contained in the Annual Report that was in everyone's possession. (See attached Annual Report)

Endowment for the American Birkebeiner – Jim Coors, President, Board of Trustees

Jim explained recent developments with the Endowment.

ABSF Sports Development – Kristy Maki

Kristi explained recent developments in Sports Development.

Worldloppet Update – Dennis Kruse, Vice President

Dennis explained recent developments with the Worldloppet.

Ben Popp – Executive Director

He explained the ABSF mission, introduced the staff, acknowledged the organization's accomplishments over the past year and plans for the future.

- Snow making
- Nordic Center at OO

- Bridge at OO
- Other improvements

Adjournment
