

American Birkebeiner  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 18,2016  
3:00 PM ABSF Office  
Hayward, WI

Board Members present: John Garrett, , John Leighton, Charlie Dee, Paul Eckerline, Tom Duffy, Brett Rondeau, Dennis Kruse, Sue Scheer, Mike Mandli, Jan Guenther, John Kotar

Joe Timmerman arrived at 3:23

Board Members attending via phone: Yruiy Gusev

Board Members absent:

Staff Present: Ben Popp

- Agenda
- Call to order at 3 p.m.
- Approval of minutes from December 7, 2015 meeting  
Tom Duffy moved, Charlie Dee second, approved
- Approval of agenda  
Charlie Dee moved, Tom Duffy second, approved
- President's comments  
No meeting next month
- ED Update  
2017 Kortie to start at OO, finish in Hayward on Friday, costs and time table was covered. Moving several events to Thursday. Increase in volunteers, one new aid station. Everyone will park at Birkie Ridge. Total cost to be \$50,000. Increase race fees by \$10.00. PH may run at the end of the day from Mosquito Brook to Hayward, or loop from OO to Boeddeker.

**1.18.2016.1 Motion:** Charlie Dee for the approval of the change of the 2017 Kortie to Friday, Joe Timmerman second, carried.

- Phase II Update
- Birkie Week Review  
Looking forward to a Birkie week of events.
- Trail Pass Sales  
Looking up and improving
- Fire Tower Improvements, Update  
Well and heating system complete, usable this year.
- Committee reports

- Finance/2017 Budget-Joe  
Anderson Hager Moe will look quarterly in preparation for a yearly audit.  
Financials are generally in line with budget.  
Draft presentation of budget in April
- Trail-Mike  
No committee meeting. Tracking devices are not working.
- Documentation-John L  
Proposed manual is really an extension of BOD minutes. Question whether it should be mentioned in the Bylaws. Question as to whether lobbying is already covered by the conflict of interest provisions of the Bylaws or whether it should be separately defined. Intend to have a proposal for the next meeting.
- Skier Development-Jan  
No committee meeting.
- Competition-Dennis  
Some concern for competition since we are not in the Worldloppet cup, but a good field is developing. We drive a lot of participation with our purse.  
Would like an elite start for 2017 Kortie; national distance championship for juniors.
- Adjourn  
Tom Duffy moved, Sue Scheer second.