

**American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Board
of Directors
General Information**

Board Term Length: Three (3) years **Board Size:** 11 Members, 1/3 elected annually, 2 appointed

Officers and Year of Term Expiration

Paul Eckerline (2017) - President

Dennis Kruse (2017) – Vice President

Joe Timmerman (2016) - Treasurer

John Leighton (2016) - Secretary

Sue Scheer (2018)

Jan Guenther (2018)

Yuriy Gusev (2018)

John Kotar (2017)

Mike Mandli (2017)

Charlie Dee (2016)

John Garrett (2018)

Tom Duffy (2016) – Sawyer Cty Rep

Brett Rondeau (2016) – Bayfield Cty Rep

Full Time Staff

Ben Popp, Executive Director

Allan Serrano, Director of Race Operations

Lisa Schmock, Finance Director

Susan Kendrick, Sponsorship Director

Chris McGrath, Development Director

Nancy Knutson, Director of Marketing and Communications

Kristy Maki, Sport Development and Operations Director

Ronda Tworek, Director of Volunteer and Participant Services

Chris Campbell, Trail Director

Louise Jones, Birkie Enterprises Retail Manager

Cindy Zsohar, Office Administration/Registration

Organization: Governed by Non-profit Foundation, By-laws.

Mission Statement: The mission of the American Birkebeiner® Ski Foundation is to promote and conduct the finest international cross country ski competition, to serve as good stewards of the American Birkebeiner® Trail and to support healthy and active lifestyles among skiers of all ages.

Board Meetings: Monthly meeting scheduled on the third Monday of the month at 3 P.M. Meetings are subject to change and will be announced accordingly. Meetings usually last 1 1/2 - 2 hours depending on agenda topics. Attendance can be electronically, but physical attendance is strongly encouraged.

Board Member Involvement and Commitment: Board members are ambassadors of the ABSF and are expected to be active in that role. A Board member is also expected to actively participate in ABSF committees, ABSF events, ABSF fundraising, and to act as a volunteer.