

**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 (2018) - President
Dennis Kruse (2017) – Vice President
Joe Timmerman (2019) - Treasurer
Charlie Dee (2019) – Secretary
Jeff Tumbleson (2019)
Sue Scheer (2018)
Jan Guenther (2018)
Yuriy Gusev (2018)
John Kotar (2017)
Mike Mandli (2017)
John Garrett (2017)
Tom Duffy (2017) – Sawyer Cty Rep
Brett Rondeau (2017) – Bayfield Cty Rep

Full Time Staff

Ben Popp, Executive Director
Allan Serrano, Director of Race Operations
Lisa Schmock, Finance Director
Susan Kendrick, Sponsorship Director
Audun Mikkelson, Development Director
Nancy Knutson, Director of Marketing and Communications
Kristy Maki, Sport Development and Operations Director
Ronda Tworek, Director of Volunteers and Participant Services
Chris Campbell, Trail Director
Louise Jones, Birkie Enterprises Retail Manager
Colleen Dressen, Registration and Office Manager
Jim Sokup, Event Operations

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.