

MINUTES
ABSF Board of Directors Meeting
September 19, 2016
3:00 PM ABSF Office
Hayward, WI

Board Members present: Paul Eckerline, Dennis Kruse, Joe Timmerman, Charlie Dee, Tom Duffy, Brett Rondeau, Sue Scheer, Mike Mandli, Jan Guenther, John Garrett, Jeff Tumbleson,
Board Members Absent: John Kotar, Yuriy Gusev
Staff Present: Chris McGrath (3:45)

Call to order, 3 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Mandli moved, Rondeau second, approved

Approval of minutes from July 18, 2016 Board Meeting: Duffy moved, Mandli second, approved.

Tentative Approval of minutes from ABSF Annual Meeting, Aug. 6, 2016: Duffy moved, Dee second, approved.

President's Comments, Paul Eckerline
Welcome to new Director Jeff Tumbleson
Election of board officers will be at the October meeting

ED Update, Ben Popp
No report

Committee Reports

Finance: Joe Timmerman

- No comparables this month. Will have next month.
- Timmerman moved: the Tony Wise Endowment Legacy fund will be moved out of ABSF and into the Foundation for the Endowment of the American Birkebeiner. Second: Scheer. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of \$6000 taken out of Skier Development fund for incentives for Korteloppet.

Documentation: Charlie Dee

- Dee moved correction in minutes for May 3, 2016 meeting that phrase regarding "ethical and transparent operations" be added to Bylaws III (16) (a) rather than III (17) (a). Second Duffy. Approved unanimously.

- Report: “Systematic presentation of motions.” No action recommended as Wisconsin statutes Chapter 181 requires no notice of motions prior to board meeting.
- Report: May 3, 2016 and September 19, 2016 will be added to amended dates in Bylaws and asterisk removed.
- Dee moved the addition to Bylaws of II (2) (b) stating “The term of annual membership shall be from April 1 to March 31 of the subsequent year.” Scheer second. Approved unanimously.
- Dee moved that language in IV (8) (e) and VII (2) referencing “corporate seal” be stricken. Scheer second. Approved unanimously.
- Dee moved, Scheer seconded change in Appendix B of Procedures Manual to eliminate ten endorsing members as requirement for ABSF members to run for Board of Directors and simply require one nominator. Kruse offered friendly amendment (accepted) to eliminate the nominator. Mandli offered friendly amendment (accepted) to eliminate distinction between incumbents and non-incumbents. Passed unanimously.
- Dee moved adding to Procedures Manual the process for annual review of Executive Director. No second.
- Discussion of voting procedure and on-site voting for Directors.
- Discussion of making vote totals in Directors election available and storage of vote totals. Need for policy on these.
- Discussion of need for language governing tie votes.

Trail: Mike Mandli

Report: Erosion spots all filled in and trail in pristine shape prior to Chequamegon Fat Tire race. Mosquito Brook and Rosie’s Field areas show significant damage after race. Race has grown to 3500. Discussion of responsible party for damage.

Skier Development: Jan Guenther

Report: Committee met today. Received 45 applications for Birkie grants. Will be reviewing, meet again and decide on grants by October 15. Need for sponsors of races impacted by change in Korte being moved to Friday to be notified in timely manner of downstream effects.

Competition: Dennis Kruse

Had meeting. Elite internationals are still important component to our race. We’re not in FIS Worldloppet Cup this year. In future would like to piggyback with another event so international elite skiers could come here for two events.

Would like to put together list of families who can host elite international skiers so we save money on expenses and put money into stipends.

Bikers in town for Fat Tire very impressed by new start area. Need schematic of where everything will be located at new start area.

Phase II Capital Campaign Report: Chris McGrath

\$372,000 donated to date.

Event in Oconomowoc at Will and Kris Edwards' home quite successful. Ten others scheduled this fall, including Birkie Bash. Events listed on website.

November would be best time for staff and board challenge to be announced.

Adjournment: Moved, Tom Duffy. Approved by acclimation.