## 2017 - 2018

American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Board Candidate Profile Information

Dear ABSF Board Candidate,

This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the members of the ABSF. Your contact information and answer to the following question will be included in the Board Election Packet sent to all eligible voting members prior to the election on August 5, 2017. Please submit your profile electronically to board@birkie.com by June 20, 2017.

Candidate Name: Therese White Address: 3245 Richmond Ave.

City: Shoreview State: MN Zip: 55126 Home Phone: Other Phone: 651-262-8303 Email Address: therese.white2@gmail.com Years of Membership in the ABSF: 5

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Please respond to the following question (feel free to use additional space).

Why are you interested in being a member of the ABSF Board of Directors and what knowledge and skills do you possess that can benefit the organization?

I skied my first Birkebeiner in 1984. At the time we lived in Albuquerque, NM and it was exciting to walk in the Parade of States under the New Mexico Flag. The conditions were icy and I was very slow but enjoyed the event immensely. We have since moved back to Minnesota and we have been a Nordic Ski family. My daughters started skiing in the Minnesota Youth Ski League, and I coached the little ones. Our daughters progressed to competing for Roseville Area High School, and Junior Olympics. My husband is now the head coach for the Roseville High School team. I have always been active as a volunteer and citizen skier. In 2010 we purchased our cabin in Cable, Wisconsin next to the Birkie start area. We enjoy coming up and using the Birkie Trail all 4 seasons. We enjoy biking, skiing and kayaking in the area. Our cabin is often full with friends and family joining us in enjoying the Birkie Lifestyle. I retired from teaching this year. I now have time to volunteer more and I hope to spend more time at our cabin.

I am interested in this position to represent the "everyday active Birkie participant". I like that the Birkie is a year round lifestyle. I support the trails and the area. I love the Cable/Hayward area and participating in all of the events. I volunteer for the events when I can and I am amazed by the community of volunteers. As a retired educator, I can bring my skills of communication, organization and planning.

All nomination forms must be received in the ABSF office by no later than June 20, 2017. Again, thank you for your interest, and we look forward to receiving your candidate profile and question responses.

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