

American Birkebeiner  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Dec 7, 2015  
3:00 PM ABSF Office  
Hayward, WI

Board Members present: John Garrett, Joe Timmerman, John Leighton, Charlie Dee, Paul Eckerline, Tom Duffy, Brett Rondeau, Dennis Kruse, John Kotar  
Board Members attending via phone: Yruiy Gusev, Jan Guenther  
Board Members absent: **Sue Scheer, Mike Mandli**  
Staff Present: Ben Popp, Allan Serrano

Agenda

- Call to order at 3 p.m.
- Approval of minutes from October, 2015 meeting

Charlie Dee moved acceptance, Tom Duffy second, passed

- Approval of agenda

Dennis Kruse moved, Bret Rondeau second, passed

- President's comments
  - 2016 Proposed Meeting Schedule
    - January 18, 2016
    - March 21, 2016
    - April 18, 2016
    - May 16, 2016
    - June 20, 2016 ?
    - July 18, 2016
    - Annual Meeting August 6, 2016 ?
    - Sept 19, 2016
    - October 17, 2016
    - December 5, 2016

- ED Update
  - Proposal for future of the Korte

Various problems with the Korte were presented and discussed: no control over the current trail; no great finish with the new start line; fast growing event; survey participants with specific options; notice should be around the 2016 Birkie. The staff will bring a definite proposal for the January meeting for the 2017 event.

- Combination of phase II/III of capital campaign

This would make completion likely over 2 years rather than 3 years. It would also better suit resolving the start/finish of the Korte. Partners would likely be forthcoming.

**12.07.2015 Motion** Joe Timmerman motioned combining phase II and III, Tom Duffy second. Motion carried.

- Development (endowments)- Ben
  - The formation of a new endowment foundation

Develop a new 501(c) (3) organization. This foundation will raise the money, the Birkie would spend the money. Trustees would raise and invest money, and purpose donor funds. ABSF would make an initial investment in the foundation.

**12.07.2015.2 Motion** Dennis Kruse moved to establish a foundation for the endowment of the ABSF, Joe Timmerman second  
Passed

**12.07.2015.3 Motion** Joe Timmerman moved that the ABSF fund from net income at the end of the 2015-2016 fiscal year up to \$25,000, to establish a foundation for the endowment of the ABSF, John Kotar second.

- Committee reports
  - Finance-Joe

Joe emailed financial statements to the complete Board.

- Trail-Ben

Three new groomers hired. Little trail work being done at the present time. CAMBA will groom winter trails at OO.

- Documentation-John L

The committee has met and discussed the outline of the manual. Progress was made, but nothing yet to propose to the Board.

- Skier Development-Jan

Grants have been issued, and have bought a lot of good will. Charlie proposed a Birkie presence at West Yellowstone.

- Competition-Dennis

US ski team doing well. CXC snowmaking at Telemark very successful.

- Tom Duffy moved Adjourn, Joe Timmerman second
- Party to follow at Old Chicago Club, 14999 County Rd K, Hayward, 54843