

American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation

Board of Directors General Information

Board Term Length: Three (3) years **Board Size:** 11 Members, 1/3 elected annually, two county representatives appointed annually.

Current Officers & Year of Term Expiration:

Paul Eckerline (2021) - President
Dennis Kruse (2020) – Vice President
Michael Brown (2019) – Treasurer (appointed)
Charlie Dee (2019) – Secretary
Jeff Tumbleson (2019)
Sue Scheer (2021)
Jan Guenther (2021)
Yuriy Gusev (2021)
John Kotar (2020)
Mike Mandli (2020)
Kathie Pautsch (2020)
Tom Duffy (2019) – Sawyer County Rep (appointed)
Brett Rondeau (2019) – Bayfield County Rep (appointed)

Full Time Staff

Ben Popp, Executive Director
Kristy Maki, Event Director
Stephanie Martin, Finance Manager
Susan Kendrick, Sponsorship Director
Audun Mikkelsen, Membership & Development Director
Nancy Knutson, Director of Marketing and Communications
, Registration & Office Manager
Ronda Tworek, Director of Volunteers and Participant Services
Jim Sokup, Operations Director
John Oman, Marketing & Sport Development Specialist
Louise Jones, Birkie Enterprises Retail Manager
Kurt Proctor, Trail Director
Meredith Ingbretson, 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 meetings are usually 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.