

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 (2020) – Treasurer (appointed)

Charlie Dee (2022) –

Jeff Tumbleson (2022)

Sue Scheer (2021)

Jan Guenther (2021)

Yuriy Gusev (2021)

John Kotar (2020)

Mike Mandli (2020)

Kathie Pautsch (2020) Secretary

Tom Duffy (2020) – Sawyer County Rep (appointed)

Brett Rondeau (2020) – Bayfield County Rep (appointed)

Birkie Staff

Ben Popp, Executive Director

Kristy Maki, Event Director

Stephanie Martin, Finance Manager

Susan Kendrick, Sponsorship Director

Colette Belisle, Registration Director

Audun Mikkelsen, Membership & Development Director

Nancy Knutson, Director of Marketing and Communications

Ronda Tworek, Director of Volunteers and Participant Services

Jim Sokup, Operations Director

John Oman, Data Specialist

Louise Droessler, Birkie Enterprises Retail Manager

Kurt Proctor, Trail Director

Patrick Sheehan, Operations/Trail

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.