

# Canadian Birkie News

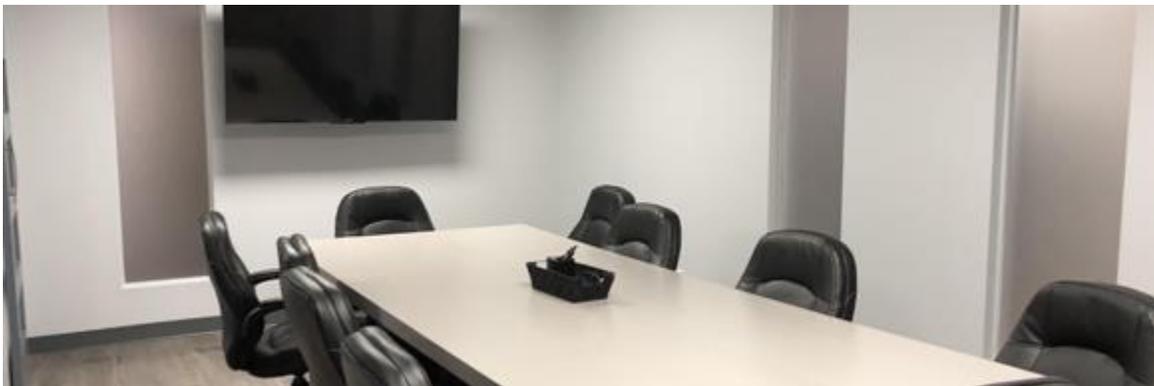
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## We know it's summer but...

Who is thinking about the Birkie in July? The board is! We have some updates to share with our skiing community.

Our long-time and beloved **Birkie Administrator, Nicole Brenda**, is retiring at the end of the summer. She is the cheery voice on the phone, and the one who makes things happen behind the scenes. It will be a major task to find someone with her qualities, but we are going to try. **A full job posting can be found [here](#)**. The part-time position (full-time during event time) will appeal to someone with small office experience, a self-starter with some important skills in bookkeeping and computer knowledge. And, of course, an interest in cross-country skiing will be an asset.



## The Board

Several members left as their terms expired, and we thank them for their great work. They aren't going far, as some will continue to contribute as volunteers on committees or the loppet group, and some may handle other events.

Thanks to Loppet Chief **Charles World**, who organized the successful 2020 Birkie and spent multiple hours planning for the "safe" 2021 event that was ultimately postponed.

**Jim Black**, our renowned former past president and long-time volunteer, will always be a strong Birkie supporter.

**Delianne Meenhorst**, our amazing marketing director, will hopefully stay on as part of the marketing committee.

**Roberta Hyland**, the force behind the BarneBirkie, will likely be around to champion that event next year.

And **Peter Kershaw**, likewise, will probably remain the driving force behind the Full Moon Ski events.

**Randy Stebner** is stepping back into his critical role as organizer of the stadium at the finish line.

We are once again seeking fresh blood for the board. Why not get involved in maintaining this unique and special Birkie event that has delighted and challenged so many thousands of skiers over the decades?



## **Welcome new and continuing members**

**Ben Gready**, a dedicated skier who lives close to 'Birkieland' has joined the board as a Director at Large.

**Cam McGregor**, our former president and loppet chief, has rejoined the board as Past President for this year.

**Dave Cooper** remains President for the year, **George Foxcroft** is Vice President, and **Mike Dickenson** moves to Secretary. **Darcy Randa** remains Treasurer, **Aman Hojanepesov** remains Fund Development Director and **Annie McKitrick** moves to Human Resources/Administration.



## Parks Update

Alberta Parks, under budget cuts, has had to redesign its support for the Birkie at Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area. We hope to have an idea soon of what next year will look like, and how much extra the Birkie Society will have to do to stage this annual event. Parks has extended our use agreement to Oct. 31, 2021 so that some trail work by our volunteers can be done in the late summer and fall. A full agreement is something the board is anticipating, and it will be extremely important to the sustainability of the Birke.

*But hey, it's July. We are looking forward to a great 2022 Birkie and probably a Virtual Birke as well. But nobody is wishing for snow yet! Are they?*

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