

**Sons of Norway Resolutions Worksheet- Resolution 1**

<b>Title of Resolution:</b>	Advisory Resolution: District 5 Barnebirkie and Birkebeiner Support
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lodge District 5 Board of Directors
<b>Date approved by the above entity:</b> <i>(If from a lodge, need 2 lodge officer signatures – Pres, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)</i>	Date: April 3-4, 2024 Board Meeting Discussion  Lodge Officer Signatures:  Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary
<b>State reasons for making a change</b> from present policies and written directives, or for creating a new policy or procedure, in one or more <b>“WHEREAS”</b> statements	<p>Sons of Norway District 5 has supported Barnebirkie, the children’s race during Birkebeiner week, by supplying homemade and store-bought cookies, monetary support for supplies, and limited compensation for volunteers and the Sports &amp; Recreation Director’s expenses.</p> <p>Traditionally, we had several lodges in the Hayward area who supplied volunteers, so travel, lodging and other expenses weren’t an issue. Now that those lodges have closed, many of our volunteers are traveling further to assist with the week.</p> <p>District 5 has continued our support of Barnebirkie as we have felt it’s an opportunity to market Sons of Norway, to promote Masse Moro to the hundreds of youth, and a way to share our passion for Norwegian’s love of skiing.</p> <p>Birkebeiner Foundation is also revitalizing the old Telemark Lodge area with the building of Mount Telemark Village. An effort is being made to increase the history of the Birkebeiner with possibly putting up a statue of the ski scene rescue of Prince Haakon.</p> <p>WHEREAS the District’s expenses for supplying cookies, supplies and volunteers have grown with the closure of nearby lodges; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the District does not see a profit from the donations for the coffee and cookies at the Expo; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the District has been approached to support the concept (financially or in other ways) of the Birkebeiner ski scene sculpture; and</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board struggles with the amount that should be budgeted for Barnebirkie and Expo presences;</p>

<p><b>Follow the request for change as a “THEREFORE” statement.</b> This is a statement of the action you wish to happen.</p>	<p>THEREFORE, be it resolved that the District 5 Board is seeking input from the District Lodge on the continued support and involvement in Barnebirkie and Birkebeiner. The Board welcomes discussion on how we can represent Sons of Norway, provide cookies and promotion of Masse Moro, and how much we should budget for that work. We also ask for input if the District feels we should consider support of the proposed sculpture.</p>
<p>If there is a known, quantifiable <b>financial impact</b>, state here:</p>	<p>Currently: The District reimburses up to 4 people mileage/car + up to \$100/person for people from outside 50 mile radius. Separately a gift card of \$25 for those closer + full reimbursement for Sports Director according to current policy.</p>