

**MIDLAND SKI CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING 29 JUNE 2009
MINUTES**

- 1 **Apologies:** Mark Hawkins
2 **Present:** Bryan Thomas, Rob Weeks, Jeff Elmore, John Arnold, Hilary Cox, Bryan Arnott, Phil Deller, Karen Conde, Diana Horth, Roger Crombleholme, Nigel Dawes
3 **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed subject to minor amendments
4 **Matters Arising:**
Phil Deller reported on the current situation re changing bank accounts to the Co-operative Bank with better service facilities and interest.

The committee agreed that Midland Ski Club should proceed with the change of bank and to hold a debit card.

Chairman to draft a letter of authority.
The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary to act as the three signatories. Mandates completed at meeting.

Phil to collate all documentation including Club Constitution and take to the Co-op Bank. The new account would be set up and available in a few weeks.

PD

5 **Reports**

Secretary:

A number of documents received from SSE:

Electronic questionnaires had been circulated to committee. A hard copy of a workforce (coaching) questionnaire was copied to Roger Crombleholme for completion by 31 July 2009.

RC

Notice of this year's ski show at NEC and how to obtain free VIP passed for club members. Jeff Elmore to investigate how this will work for MSC.

JE

Notice of a coaching conference in September - Roger Crombleholme to attend on behalf of MSC.

RC

Notice that renewal of club affiliation fees would now be due in October instead of the current January.

Treasurer

Deposit for Training Week raised.
Current account £4397.57
Deposit account £5,060.55
Flags, slalom poles and banners purchased

MSC asked to donate £50 to WMSA Jeff to investigate further.

JE

Membership Secretary

Four new members since the last meeting. 3 Juniors and 1 family. Committee members to ensure that any new members not already known would be contacted and welcomed.

One family had resigned their membership.

Hilary had chased up non renewing members. Committee members had been contacting non renewals since the last meeting and Hilary expected the list to be cleared by the next meeting.

Members who had asked to subscribe to Racer Ready had been asking where the magazine was and when they were likely to receive their copy. Jeff Elmore to send apologies and explanations.

JE

Hilary to ensure that the Nordic ski members had paid their membership subscriptions.

HC

Coaching

Roger reported that coaching was going well – particularly Friday nights. Thursdays could run better – most of the skiers were in the top group in terms of seed pointing but some were at the lower end of the seed point barrier creating a bit of a gap.

Snowmark accreditation would bring further challenges and Roger was reappraising the coaching from various angles. A key factor was to introduce a paper on equity in sport to cover diversity and equal opportunities. Coaches would have to assimilate equity in everything they did along with CRB checks and child welfare.

Although summer was the busiest season there was a need for a meeting of the coaches and a thorough review of MSC coaching policies.

Roger noted that MSC now had a lot more coaches and it was in the club's best interest to use them well and keep their interest

Capacity at Ackers continues to be a problem and MSC should continue with the pressure on the Ackers Trust.

Racing

GSRL – MSC fielded three teams of 10 with the 3rd team fees paid by imposing subs of £5 on the teams. MSC now had 35 team members racing at Gloucester allowing for substitutions when necessary and 'lending' members to the Harlequins which enabled MSC members to get in race practice. However with entry fees at £11 per head and team members paying £5 there was a £6 shortfall. Phil Deller proposed that the club should support the

shortfall for the rest of this year and the team members' subs would be increased next year to continue with the self support process. The committee agreed funding up to £150.

There were continuing issues with boys racing girls. Historically some other teams supported MSC suggestions that they should have separate events to ensure the girls could gain points. GSRL management however had shown no inclination to change.

6 Updates

Holidays

Training week – 30 places sold. John had received 30 cheques. 5 coaches had been booked. John to ensure he has sight of coaches' qualifications and Personal Indemnity insurance. **JA**

Family Training Week – Kim Hancock in the process of arranging this holiday

Club Holiday – all places sold and holiday now oversubscribed. Diana was trying to secure extra rooms.

Snowmark

All documentation was now with SSE. MSC is still waiting for an acknowledgement and update on progress. Karen will give SSE until end of July before chasing for an update.

SSE in the process of appointing 2 development officers to deal with Snowmark etc and also intend to set up a panel of assessors.

Ackers

Still gathering facts and reviewing next steps.

There had been no further discussion on development of the site

There was still no regular dialogue between MSC and Ackers Directors.

A youth forum had been set up so that young people could have a voice and assist directing the Ackers in opportunities that may arise. Next meeting on Friday 3 July.

Questionnaire

52 responses received. Summary circulated to committee. Still some further analysis to be done.

Thanks offered to Diana Horth for the work to date.

7 SSE AGM

SSE had acquired a £1m grant from Sport England to allocate over the next four years. There were strings attached in terms of targets i.e. Sport England would expect to see more people skiing and better/improving standards. Clubs could expect to see a lot more

activity in terms of questionnaires on coaching, resources and qualifications over the next few years. Clubs would be expected to aim for Snowmark accreditation (SSE target 30 out of 76 clubs). Clubs that did not achieve the Snowmark standard could see less help from SSE.

A forum comprising regional chairs would be implemented. This could have a knock on effect on the clubs with extra workloads as SSE was not sufficiently resourced. Two development officers were expected in post by end of July.

A lot of information would be available via SSE website but a key issue was to ensure all clubs were aware of the developments at SSE.

WMSA

Jeff Elmore was now the WMSA Chair. The merger of East and West Midlands Schools Association had not yet happened

8 Club National

Entries are currently very low with only 35 by 22 June. Club needs 100 entries to break even. The GP series is more open than it has been for a number of years but MSC was not hosting the final round entries were expected to pick up. If the entries remain too low the club will run a head to head team race to raise some funds.

Jeff has 1st place prizes for all categories. Getting sponsorship funding is quite difficult at the moment. Committed sponsors are Salomon, Racing Supplies and Lockwoods.

Jeff to try Travelodge, Travel Inn and ASDA for sponsorship.

JE

9 Any Other Business

Karen Conde was now the club's Welfare Office

Kim Hancock was the club's Fundraising Officer

Deadline for the next newsletter was 19 July 2009-06-30

Secretary to contact Old Silhillians about room hire for the Christmas party.

DH

10 Date and Venue of next meeting: 10 August at Hilary's