

MSC Race Steering Group

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 12th August 2009 (at Guy's house)

In attendance

Guy, Bryan, Nigel, Rob, Sally, Jeff, Roger and Adam.

Apologies for absence

Jane

1. Minutes of last meeting

Approved

2. Race Manager

Action: Guy to circulate to Steering Group the Race Manager's role description (as per the version included in the Snowmark application).

3. Remit and membership of Race Steering Group

The remit needs to be defined and communicated to all members.

Action: Guy to produce first draft for Steering Group approval.

Membership needs to be broadened to include greater representation of junior racers and to spread racing knowledge more widely.

Action: Carron Thorley and David Shakeshaft be invited to join the Steering Group.

4. New racer communication/integration

A welcome pack should be produced for all new racers/parents informing them of who's who and who does what, the MSC race coaching structure, how to participate in races (see guide to racing on MSC wikipedia), where to find support, the right equipment, events, etc.

There should also be a new members section on the web site and all Ackers instructors should be encouraged to promote MSC membership when teaching.

Action: Discuss again at next meeting.

5. Coaching and training programme

There needs to be a communication that sets out clearly what type/level of training is provided on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays so that everyone knows what is available to whom.

Action: Roger and Guy to draft for Steering Group approval.

Payment of fees to coaches for Thursday evening training needs to be clarified and agreed by the MSC Committee.

Action: Bryan to raise with the Committee at its next meeting.

It was agreed that further investigation should take place regarding MSC race training on indoor snow given the growing number of seeded events now taking place on this surface. Slope usage, however, allocated to race training at indoor centres is restricted and therefore the MSC has to consider all available options (including joint training sessions with other clubs who have already secured slope access).

Action: Bryan to enquire of training possibilities at Milton Keynes.

The MSC's overall approach to training/racing on snow (indoor and outdoor) needs to be articulated and communicated to all members. We must define our intentions and set out what we can (and can't) provide to our members.

Action: Further discussion required at next Steering Group meeting.

Forthcoming coaching full-day sessions (including 'away' days) need to be organised and communicated.

Action: Roger and Guy to give further consideration.

6. MSC Club National

The first MSC Club National at Rossendale had been considered a great success and had received a very favourable report from the TD.

Action: Nigel to confirm with Snowsport England our wish to hold another Club National in 2010 (venue to be confirmed at a later date).

7. Lockwoods Cup

The format needs to be reviewed to reflect the event's status as the club's annual championship and a date needs to be set.

Action: Format to be agreed at next meeting and Guy to confirm date of Friday, 6th November with Mark Scott at The Ackers.

8. Fun race

MSC must run its leg of the WMSA inter-club competition before the end of the year.

Action: Guy to agree date with Mark Scott and communicate to the other WMSA race clubs (Stoke and Telford).

9. All England Championships

It was agreed to enter at least two teams in the inter-club event.

Action: Guy to select teams.

10. Snowsport England

SSE would shortly be appointing two Development Officers to support all clubs.

11. Next Meeting

Action: Guy to set a date in mid-September.