

**MIDLAND SKI CLUB  
COMMITTEE MEETING 21 SEPTEMBER 2009**

- 1. Apologies:** Phil Deller, Bryan Arnott

**Present:** Bryan Thomas, Rob Weeks, Jeff Elmore, John Arnold, Hilary Cox, Diana Horth, Roger Crombleholme, Nigel Dawes, Anne Ford, Karen Conde.

Bryan Arnott will be asked to continue in the role of Treasurer whilst Phil Deller recovers from a serious car accident. Cards had been sent to Phil on behalf of the club and the committee. Phil and his family were wished a speedy recovery.

- 2. Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed

- 3. Matters Arising:**

Roger had organised a training day for 8 November aimed at racers but with all coaches and instructors attending (coaches and instructors at no cost). The day would be scheduled to start with 90 minutes of theory and self profile, practical sessions on the slope followed up with a final classroom session and a re-profile. Coaches and instructors would be invited to an instruction day on 7 November.

Dates had been set for:

Lockwoods Cup 6 November between 6-10pm

Fun Race 29 November

Roger to ensure all organisers used Google Groups to circulate information.

Snowmark – Karen had contacted Tim Fawkes at SSE and was informed the club should receive an update by end of September.

- 4. Reports**

**Secretary:**

Letter from SSE introducing Jan Doyle and Vicki Pullin as the new SSE Development Officers. Details of Ski Show included. Bryan Thomas to respond and copy Secretary in.

**Treasurer**

Accounts circulated

**Membership Secretary**

One renewal, 2 enquiries and a commitment from an old member to rejoin.

Hilary informed the committee that Neil Hardy had passed away. A card had been sent to his wife and daughter.

Hilary had chased up non renewing members. Key reasons for leaving the club were that people had mostly given up skiing or had moved from the area.

### **Coaching and Racing**

Good results coming in from the racing in what was a championship season. All young racers were really coming on. Results on the website.

## **5. Updates**

### **Holidays**

Training week – Equity had asked for full passport details for each traveller to comply with changes to air transport regulations. John had circulated a note to all members on training week.

Family Training Week – Kim Hancock reported that bookings were coming in.

Club Holiday – Similar request from Equity for passenger details.

### **Ackers**

Bryan T and Jeff noted that they had not had any recent updates. The Ackers AGM was scheduled for 22 September when we could expect to hear more about Ackers plans.

### **Members Questionnaire**

BT and DH still working on a précis for the newsletter.

### **MSC Racing**

A scheduled meeting had been postponed. BT to speak to Guy Hornsby.

The Lockwoods Cup event would be a good opportunity to raise funds for Olympic hopefuls David Ryding.

Nigel noted he would probably be away for the Lockwoods Cup on 6 Nov. He will confirm ASAP to BT.

### **Nordic**

10 October scheduled for a taster session at Draycote Water starting at 10am until lunchtime. Attendees to be asked to contact Anne Ford. Anne had enough equipment to enable 7 people to ski at any one time.

Anne noted the possibility of a UK Nordic event in Solihull in September 2010. This could be an opportunity for the club to field a team.

### **Coaches Conference**

Roger reported that Matt Higginson wants to attract telemark skiers for taster sessions.

## **6. Fund Raising for Olympic hopefuls**

Guy Hornsby to circulate a letter to clubs with a proposal to support David Ryding and Ed Drake in their Olympic fund raising. Guy will propose levying £5 per head for the Fun Race and Lockwoods Cup.

Agreed in principal by the committee. **To be confirmed when amounts are known**

Committee discussed the possibility that Ackers might give the slope for free for the events.

7. **Ski Show**

SSE had secured a stand and Jeff had spoken to Tim Fawke to discuss what they will display. Jeff to contact Jan Doyle, Tim Fawke and Barry Spouge to talk over what has happened previously as none of the present SSE representatives had covered the Ski Show before.

Jeff to ask for, and co-ordinate distribution of, 150members' free entry tickets.

Jeff to keep committee informed about SSE decisions about the display stand and members' lounge arrangements.

JE had invited Jan Doyle to meet MSC committee at its next meeting.

8. **Brochure**

Tim Fawke had agreed to write an article.

Anne Ford to write an article about Nordic skiing.

Caroline and Steve Wragg to write an article on skiing in Slovakia.

Karen Conde to ask the Rydings for an article.

Some adverts received: Ski Warehouse, Lockwoods, Mountain Air Holidays, Mountain Paradise Holidays and awaiting Unico Devani.

Brochure would not be ready to go out with renewals in September. Committee agreed that any remaining brochures from this year should be taken to the Ski Show.

9. **Social Evening**

Confirmed for 14 October. Supplementary newsletter to be circulated with a note and asking people to bring photos along.

10. **Any Other Business**

Roger spoke about video capture systems and noted that Sports Motion is apparently less expensive than Darkfish equipment. The club would still need to purchase a rugged laptop. Roger and Guy to investigate further.

Roger noted it was time to start thinking about the Schools Race for 2010

Hilary noted that she was receiving member applications/renewals with qualifications that did not appear in the members' database so was unable to correctly profile qualifications. RC and RW to help update the database.

Karen noted that 14 November was a confirmed course date for coaches and officials on the rules of racing. Details on Britski website. MSC to support attendees.

Coaches validations to be gathered at the training day on 7 November

Anne Ford noted that a ski expedition acquaintance would like to broaden her audience. Committee agreed that an article for the brochure about her trips would be a suitable vehicle.

Jeff needed to move on some of the equipment he holds and asked for volunteers to take some of it.

11. **Next Meeting: 2 November –at Ackers** BT to check room availability

### **Action points**

RC to let all event organisers to use Google Groups to circulate information.

Secretary to complete précis of questionnaire report

BT to acknowledge appointment of new SSE Development Officers and copy in Secretary

BT to speak to Guy Hornsby about an MSC Squad meeting

Roger will try to set up a coaches meeting in September.

RW to circulate a reminder notice about social evening

Jeff to liaise with SSE on ski show and keep committee informed