

**MIDLAND SKI CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING 2 NOVEMBER 2009**

- 1 Apologies:** Mark Hawkins, Bryan Arnott (coaching)
- 2 Present:** Bryan Thomas, Rob Weeks, Jeff Elmore, John Arnold, Hilary Cox, Diana Horth, Roger Crombleholme, Nigel Dawes, Anne Ford, Karen Conde.

Jan Doyle Snowsport England

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Jan outlined her role as Development Officer at SSE and explained that she would be covering clubs, facilities and partnerships in the Midlands and North England. Each of the Development Officers would have responsibility and the lead on national issues. For instance Jan would sit on the Nordic committee.

The recent MORI poll showed a healthy membership in snow sports and Sport England now recognise SSE as an active body resulting in much more dialogue between the two organisations.

Jan talked about the funding that was available via Sport England and County partnerships but there would be strict focus on the SSE interventions.

1. Intervention 1 – Increasing participation and Membership
2. Intervention 2 – Clubs & Coaching
3. Intervention 3 – Performance Pathway and Talent Identification
4. Intervention 4 – Children & Young People (PESSYP)

SSE had 2 years to grow and hit targets. Snow sports should be understood as race, freestyle, boarding and Nordic styles. Initially Jan and Vikki would be working with approximately 10 clubs between them. This would act as a pilot and allow for amendments to approach.

By working with county partnerships such as Warwickshire and Birmingham Jan hopes to secure practical help for clubs and facilities. She emphasised the importance of regional groups e.g. WMSA and asked us to think about aspirations for the West Midlands, If the other clubs in the region failed to engage in the process MSC should concentrate on its own targets and submit its own development plan as part of WMSA.

Ackers Trust will be expected to aspire to the same goals. For priority clubs (accredited with Club Mark/Snowmark) SSE will ask County partnerships to forge links with local schools in order to bring more youngsters into the sport. For MSC this might involve newcomers beginning at Ackers and moving on to MSC for more advanced coaching and development.

Committee discussed the tight timetable for the Sport England consultation on Whole Sport Plan

Jeff to ensure that WMSA development plan is in place and to substitute with MSC's plan if necessary.

4 Minutes of last meeting: Agreed with minor amendments

5 Matters Arising:

Treasurer (PD) new account is open and available. Phil is to undergo further surgery and will take over the treasurer role after that. Proposed to get new account up and running gradually once all major outgoings e.g. holidays have been finalised.

Lockwoods Cup 6 November between 6-10pm – Nigel coordinating

Fun Race 29 November – Carron Thorley coordinating

6 Reports

Secretary:

Nil

Treasurer

Accounts circulated. PD noted a few items that required attention including the funds from the Club National £1,390 and a negative amount showing against the Family Training Week.

Membership Secretary

102 renewals (includes family memberships) but 3 resignations. Possible joiners from ski show. Reminder had been sent out via Google Groups.

Club to check the SSE insurance implications of members taking part in events if they haven't renewed.

Nordic

Taster day saw 10 people having a go at roller skiing at Draycote Water. The day went very well. The next taster session would be on 14 November.

Coaching and Racing

Racing now finished and the focus would be on coaching for the next 6 months. Juniors on Friday nights was going very well.

The coaches forum would be held on 7 November with 7 confirmed attendees. This would include talks on future opportunities and what instructors want from the club. Instructors would be encouraged to develop and sue the Snowmark accreditation wherever possible. Attention would be paid to schools to help children form teams.

7 Updates

Holidays

Training week – Equity had asked for date of birth so JA would circulate this info to those going.

Family Training Week – Kim Hancock to be asked to report on bookings

Ackers

Nil to report

8 Snowmark

MSC had been presented with its accreditation certificates by xxxxx at the ski show on 1 November.

9 Social Evenings

The social on 14 October was quite well attended with about 30 members turning up.

Jeff and Diana had met the Land Rover Social Club committee and agreed on the room booking and price of £100 for this year's Christmas Party on 12 December. Diana to complete the contract forms and send in the cheque + £100 for security (returnable). Diana to contact the club stewardess for buffet menus and cancel Old Sils provisional booking.

10 Racing Steering Group

Guy Hornsby had announced he would like to step down from his role as race manager and chair of the group but would stay on the committee. Adam Beardsmore was ready to shadow the role in anticipation of taking over. Roger noted that he would support Adam. Meanwhile Sally Phelps will act as chair and secretary of the group. Adam to be approached with a view to joining the main MSC committee in place of Mark Hawkins who was encountering difficulties getting to meetings.

11 Ski show

This year's show had gone very well. There seemed to be people from all over England and Wales. The organisers were looking for feedback from clubs about the facilities in the club lounge. Committee noted the opportunities for SSE to have a much larger presence at the show.

12 Membership subscriptions

Committee agreed that it was appropriate to issue follow up reminders more promptly

14 Thursday night coaching

At the moment members pay £5 per head for training. This results in coaches having to carry sums of cash each week. Committee discussed how this could be managed more efficiently; suggestions included £20 per month paid in to club account in advance which meant that coaches would be paid through club books. This raised further considerations in that it would look as though the club was 'employing' coaches and may cause dissatisfaction from those members who did not go to each Thursday session. Bryan T and Roger to discuss further.

15 Any Other Business

Newsletter deadline 8 November. Christmas party details to go in.

Rob noted that he now had more than enough articles. The club had secured about £1,000 in advertising. He asked for photos for the brochure. Rob hoped to have it ready for the party.

Monday nights at Ackers were still causing problems although it was early

days yet. It seemed as though if members turned up there were not enough instructors and vice versa. John Arnold to talk to Bryan Arnold to ensure this is resolved.

The schools race date would be set by the Race steering group.

Roger noted that he had written a document on coaching but it had been written in isolation and needed to be set in the context of the club's mission statement.

Jeff to give Karen the completed Snowmark files. The club should look to the future and the renewal of the accreditation in 2012.

16 Date of next meeting: 7 December at Ackers [BT to check room availability]

Action points

Secretary to confirm booking and send payment to Land Rover Social Club (completed). To contact Stewardess re buffet. To cancel Old Sils booking

Jeff to ensure that WMSA development plan is in place and to substitute with MSC's plan if necessary.

Club to check the SSE insurance implications of members taking part in events if they haven't renewed **Action ?**

Adam to be approached with a view to joining the main MSC committee
RC/BT

Bryan T and Roger to discuss how best to organise coaches' payments from Thursday nights

John Arnold to talk to Bryan Arnold to ensure problems with Monday nights are resolved.