

**MIDLAND SKI CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING 7 DECEMBER 2009**

1 **Apologies:** John Arnold, Rob Weeks, Karen Conde, Jeff Elmore
Present: Roger Crombleholme, Adam Beardsmore, Mark Hawkins, Phil Deller, Nigel Dawes, Hilary Cox, Bryan Thomas, Bryan Arnott, Diana Horth

2 Minutes agreed

3 **Matters Arising**

Christmas party – all arrangements in place. Room booking and buffet paid for 100 members

PD to email out to advise about Wii and controllers

Lockwoods and Fun race had both gone well with the new format working successfully. Funds raised for David Ryding's Olympic bid amounted to £525. Committee agreed to raise this to £1,000.

Roger reported that the training weekend had been successful. 20 racers attended the Saturday event with presentations and actual ski training at Ackers. The coaches' forum on Sunday was also well attended and had spent some time considering the development document drafted by Roger.

Adam Beardsmore had been appointed as the Race Manager and would also sit on the main Committee. The post would be rationalised at the next AGM.

4 **Reports**

Secretary – nil

Treasurer 2009/10 income and expenditure in balance. The new Coop account was now fully functional and was to be used with immediate effect so that the old Nat West account would be run down by the end of 2009. PD had circulated cheque books and Visa cards and had set up the internet account.

£22k in accounts

Membership Secretary

Approximately 80 outstanding membership renewals. Reminders had been sent out and had netted some response. 2 new families had joined. HC reported that pulling off reports from the membership database was not straightforward. Rob, Phil and Hilary to look into more appropriate software for the database.

Coaching report

A new Thursday programme was to be released imminently. This would focus on childrens' development strategy, thus will be aimed at developing talented youngsters by invitation building on the our recent successes. To be invited the skier must be committed to racing at least 3 next year's SSE Club National events and therefore must be registered as a performer with SSE. To be considered the skier must also be at the right consistent level of skill and performance as judged by the Head Coach.

Dates for 2 more race training days had been published. Both at Rossendale.

Nordic – nil

5 Updates

MSC Steering Group - Guy had stood down from chairing the MSC Race steering group. Adam as Race Manager would take over the post when ready. Meanwhile Sally was acting as chair and secretary.

Next meeting on Wednesday 9 Dec and minutes would be circulated

Ackers all very quiet at the moment

6 WMSA

Last WMSA meeting was poorly attended. Another meeting has been arranged for mid Jan where the Regional Development plan will be discussed. SSE had recently informed Jeff that 3 regions have submitted plans so far, and these may be looked with a view to possible funding or support to enable the plans to happen. JE to write to WMSA members to advise them of this development.

Committee noted £300 funding available

7 Club National

Date confirmed as 16 May 2010. Stoke would be 15 May. Committee noted that it might be convenient to work with Stoke with the advantage for non racing members not having to arrange overnight stays. Costs of the Stoke venue were similar to Rossendale at £5 per head up to 100 and then £6 per head. First Aid would be extra.

With a concern about the bias on snow based club nationals the committee agreed that the Race Steering Group could raise a challenge to SSE.

8 Item 8 – covered in Membership Secretary report

9 Thursday night training fees

With falling numbers the committee considered whether this was the right time to introduce a new payment format. It was agreed that for now cash payments would remain in place at £5 per head. A responsible person would collect the fees. Coaches would submit an invoice for their time and expenses. The committee did agree that the club should look to a more efficient administration of collecting fees.

10 Any Other Business

BA – invoices for yearbook to go out and would total £1,800. BA would ensure training week coaches payments came from Nat West before closing account.

Update on insurance for members who hadn't renewed their membership – they would be covered by SSE insurance until the end of the calendar year.

Roger noted that MSC shouldn't sit back now that it had achieved the Snowmark accreditation. It was important to develop a strategy.

Mark noted that it would be nice to have a podium at races and offered to build something

PD noted that Jan Doyle had said that the Ackers was to have had an input into SSE calendar (extract from minutes 2 Nov - Ackers Trust will be expected to aspire to the same goals. For priority clubs i.e. 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. JE to check progress

PD – route into skiing via Pingu for children whose parents ski but was the club missing an opportunity to capture school children who may not know of MSC? Could the club offer some incentive to encourage membership?

HC – brochure/yearbook now printed and ready to circulate. HC to take brochures to the party to hand out.

JE – had been approached to ask whether Committee would support funding for a "coaches coach" for the Family holiday. The idea being to have a coach who will shadow the other coaches whilst they are with the groups so that improvements in their coaching technique can be made. This technique had been used previously in the early season Training Weeks in the past where Alan Parkin used to ski with one or two of the groups each day and give feedback to the coaches on how they were doing etc. Family Training week organizer, Kim Hancock, estimates that she would need £600 from Club funds and this could be less if more people go on the holiday than are currently booked.

BA – problems with numbers turning up on Mondays. Averaging 6 but Ackers require 8 minimum.

11 Date of next meeting **11 January at the Ackers**

Action points from meeting

Jeff Elmore

To check Ackers progress on SSE goals for partnership working

To write to WMSA about Regional Development plans