

## **MIDLAND SKI CLUB – RACE STEERING GROUP**

### **Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at British Legion, Balsall Common)**

#### **In attendance:**

Sally, Guy, Adam, Bryan, Nigel, Roger

#### **Apologies:**

Carron, Rob, David, Jane, Jeff

#### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

Approved

#### **2. Race Manager**

Adam Beardsmore was formally approved as the new race manager. All members of the group offered any assistance necessary to help him settle into his new role. The group formally thanked Guy for all his hard work and dedication he had shown in the role of race manager.

#### **3. Annual Awards**

After a full and thorough discussion using a criteria which will be published on the MSC Website, the following awards were agreed to be presented to two of our MSC young racers.

**Female skier of the year – Sophia Phelps.** Other females nominated were Emily Dawes, Elisabeth Thomas, Lucy Deller and Olivia Waller.

**Male skier of the year – Harry Hornsby.** Other males nominated were Nick Miller, Sam Smith, Nick Phelps, Adam Beardsmore and Mark Hawkins.

Another award to be presented this year was the Skiers Skier and racers were asked to nominate someone who had helped them and been a role model.

**Skier's skier - Adam Beardsmore.**

**Action:** The awards will be announced at the Christmas Party on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2009. Bryan also agreed to mention during the awards, the MSC members who have been invited to be members of the English Dry Slope Squad and Esskia Squads 2010.

#### **4. Fun Race – Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2009**

Carron was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report. The day went well with 51 racers competing in the race, 4 from Telford, 5 from Stoke, 10 from Loughborough University and 32 from Midlands Ski Club. Full results can be found on the website. Carron had received several emails thanking MSC for a very enjoyable day. It was felt that as this was linked with the WMSA races the numbers attending from other clubs was a bit disappointing and whether it may be better to run one WMSA race per year. This race could be rotated between Telford, Stoke and Midlands and hopefully more racers would attend.

**Action:** Roger agreed to discuss this suggestion with the WMSA committee at their next meeting.

#### **5. David Ryding Fund**

Midlands ski club were delighted to announce that they have raised just over £1000 towards the David Ryding Olympic fund. It was suggested that a press release should be sent out to the Piste Magazine and Racer Ready.

**Action: Guy agreed to put something together to send to Piste and Racer Ready.**

David Ryding has agreed to visit the Club in April to meet members and it was hoped that this could offer an excellent publicity opportunity involving local media.

The group felt that the Midland Ski Club really needed a person to act as a publicity officer.

**Action:** Bryan agreed to ask Robbie Beak to consider taking on this role as the articles he has written for the club in the past have been excellent.

#### **6. Schools Race – Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2010**

The date has been set for the Midlands Schools Race on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and thanks to Jane this date has now been confirmed in the Ackers diary. Unfortunately David who has agreed to run the race could not attend the meeting but the group were anxious that planning for the event must get underway immediately after the Christmas break. It was agreed that the format of last years race was not to be

followed for future races and prize giving would now take place on the same day of the race.

**Action:** We will meet early January to agree format and take any action necessary to make the schools race a successful event.

## **7. Schools Race Training**

Jane has liaised with the Ackers to arrange some dates for Schools Race Training. This training will be open to all Midlands school children who need some race training to enable them to form a schools ski team and also to offer practice for skiers who want to get experience to compete in the GSRL. The dates are:

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 3x2 hour sessions 10-12, 12.45-2.45 and 3.30-5.30 - cost £12.00 each racer.

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2x1.5 hour sessions 1.45-3.15 and 3.30-5.00 – cost £9.00 each racer.

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2x3 hour sessions 10-1, 2-5 – cost £15.00 each racer.

## **8. 2010 Calendar**

It was suggested that a diary should be available on the website showing all events (even if provisional). This would keep all members aware of future events and improve attendance.

Schools Race -21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 - confirmed  
Lockwood Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November 2010 (to be confirmed in Ackers diary)

Dates to be agreed:  
Christmas Party 2010  
Fun Race 2010  
AGM 2010  
Timing nights  
Training days (see below)  
GSRL dates 2010

Guy reported that it was unlikely that Snow Sport England would publish the summer race dates before Christmas.

## **9. Training Days**

The following dates have been booked for training days. Coaches will be Roger, Guy and Benn if available:

31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010 at Rossendale,

14<sup>th</sup> March 2010 may move to Stoke

18<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 at Pontypool (provisional) to be confirmed

## **10. MSC Brochure**

New brochure is now available and has been well received from all groups of the club. The group again thanked Rob for his hard work in producing this years' brochure.

## **11. Midland Ski Club National 2010**

The date has been fixed for Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 at Stoke Ski Slope. Stoke Ski Club plans to run their club national on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2010. It is hoped that more racers will attend as there will be two races over one weekend. The price of hiring the slope would vary depending on the numbers of racers attending. This would limit the financial risk of hiring the slope. An approximate cost would be £5 per person up to 100 racers.

## **12. Any other business**

Guy has formally accepted the job of English Artificial Slope Squad Manager; the group congratulated him on his new role.

Mark Hawkins has offered to construct a portable podium.

Thursday coaches are to receive £15.00 per hour regardless of number of attendees. It is their responsibility to invoice the club for their fees.

The group thanked Roger and Jane for arranging the new coaching programme for the early sessions on Thursdays.

## **13. Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2010** at the British Legion, Balsall Common at 7.30pm.