

MIDLAND SKI CLUB – RACE STEERING GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th January, 2010 at British Legion, Balsall Common)

In attendance:

Sally, Carron, Jeff, Adam, Nigel, Guy, Paul & Bryan

Guest – Stuart Robertson

Apologies:

Rob, Jane, & Roger

1. Minutes of last meeting

Approved

2. Schools Race – Sunday, 21st March, 2010

Invitations had gone out to all schools and to date entries from 3 schools had been received (7 teams) but more are known to be on their way. Paul had collated a jobs list which he had distributed. Trophies being collected.

Action: More volunteers needed so all members agreed to ask people on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Paul will send out a reminder email to schools and to all MSC members (via Google groups) prior to the closing date. Sally to discuss the purchase of medals for the race with Nigel.

3. Gloucester Summer Race League

Stuart Robertson gave the group a clear history of the GSRL and how it had evolved over the years. He explained that Jean who runs the race has asked David Mann to review the cut off for girls and boys looking at seed points over the last 5 years. Whatever decision he makes after the review Jean will accept and the group all agreed also to accept. With regards to the boys and girls racing against one another in the same age category – this was discussed but it was felt the value of the race experience gained far outweighed the other issues. Tim Fawkes has confirmed there is no problem with the Equity Policy.

Action: Stuart Robertson agreed to chair a meeting at the end of the GSRL season where a representative from each club could offer their suggestions for improving the event for the following season and he would collate all the suggestions and put them to Jean for further

discussion. The seed point cut off decision made by David Mann this year would not be open for further discussion.

4. WMSA

It was agreed that WMSA would ask for a lead from Snowsport England with regards to clarifying how many teams should be entered for the Inter-regional competition in July, there will be two practice sessions held at Stoke in May prior to the competition.

5. Midland Ski Club National 2010

Guy has agreed to set the course for the Club National in Stoke. Louise Dawes has agreed to be chief of race.

Action: Nigel to discuss with Stoke Club the cost of entry but we will charge the same as Stoke. He will also discuss whether there could be a reduced entry cost if racers enter both days.

6. 2010 Calendar

Adam, Rob and Jeff are working on the 2010 calendar and once up and running will offer an excellent tool for all members.

7. Training Days

Training day – 14th March has been booked at Rossendale and although Stoke was considered as an alternative venue, it was decided to stick with Rossendale as it was too short notice to change. Coaches will be Roger and Guy.

Action: Another training day will be arranged – date and venue to be confirmed soon.

8. Any other business

General communication for Race Steering Committee

It was agreed that we should ensure that topics for discussion by the group should not be carried out by E-mail. The forums for discussions are at the regular meetings and any item such as GSRL should be requested to be put on the Agenda via the chairperson. If a member cannot attend the next meeting and they wish their point of view to be known then please send an E-mail beforehand fully detailing this issues to be discussed.

Club Identity – Bryan to investigate further MSC clothing and merchandise – Sally does not really have enough spare time so was pleased for Bryan to take the lead.

Press Officer – This is a main committee issue so will be discussed at the next main committee meeting.

Google group for Race Steering Committee – Rob Weeks to be asked to set up a special Google group for this committee so we can ensure nobody gets excluded by mistake from any communications.

Snow Training – The group recognised the need for race training on indoor snow so Guy will ask Andrea Grant about the possibility of getting a slot at any of the indoor venues.

Skier Cross – suggestion was raised by Jane regarding Skier cross but as MSC does not have adequate resources for this area so we would need to refer to Snowsport England for a suitable club who could offer their expertise.

Dates for diaries - Lockwood Cup – will try to book the first weekend of November. AGM has been booked for 5th May and Christmas party has been booked for the 11th December – we must get these dates on the website so MSC members can keep the date free.

Thank you – A big thank you must go to everyone who helped or took part in the event on 4th February at the Ackers. It proved a very successful evening and Snowsport England were delighted.

Dual Slalom – As the dual slalom event was so successful it is hoped to run another event in collaboration with Telford and Stoke clubs in August.

13. Next Meeting

Monday, 15th March, 2010 at Paul Lawrence's Office in Solihull Town Centre – location, time etc to be sent out prior to the meeting (unfortunately the British Legion is not open on a Monday evening)