

MIDLAND SKI CLUB – RACE STEERING GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 28th April, 2010 at British Legion, Balsall Common

In attendance:

Sally, Carron, Nigel, Guy, Roger, Bryan, Jeff, Adam & Gill

Apologies:

Rob & Paul

1. Minutes of last meeting

Approved

2. New Member of the committee

Everyone welcomed Gill Hall on to the Race Steering Meeting

3. Midland Ski Club National 2010

Nigel confirmed that all the jobs have now been allocated to individuals but there are no spares so we may need to ask for a few volunteers on the day. Roger, Guy and Nigel have checked the condition of the Stoke ski slope matting and confirmed that it is now in an acceptable condition for the club national. Existing MSC poles and bases need to be checked prior to the club national and it was agreed to order an additional 20 poles and bases at an approximate cost of £500. The main committee has already agreed approval for this expenditure. Jeff informed the committee that he already has some Salomon rucksacks as prizes and that Salomon may be interested in providing ski demonstration tent at the race but prior approval from the slope would be needed. Names of day entries need to be given to Peter Heath a week before the race so that these can be crossed checked against the MSC members list as of the 1st December 2009. Nigel confirmed that we need 130 racers to make a profit but 100 racers was the break-even point. Special race t-shirts will be on sale on Saturday and Sunday and any profit will be shared between Stoke and Midland clubs.

Action: Nigel agreed to speak to Mike Streeton prior to the race to suggest setting a single pole course for both the Stoke and Midland Club Nationals. Bryan to speak to Gary Ryding to ask whether he would be willing to donate some Ski Racing Supplies vouchers as prizes. Jeff agreed to speak to Ski Warehouse regarding donation of prizes/sponsorship. Jeff agreed to ask a Friday night parent to organise the raffle. Guy agreed to check whether Neil from Racer

Ready plans to take photographs on the day. Bryan agreed to purchase wine for the Race Secretary and Chief of Race to thank them for all their hard work.

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

The committee formally thanked Paul Lawrence for organising a very successful Schools race. For next years race we need to have a buddy criteria prior to race day. A meeting of the officials before the start of the race would be useful to ensure everyone is clear on their jobs and ensure everyone is in position in plenty of time. When queuing for the lift it would help if skiers held their skis and only put them on just ahead of getting on the lift. This would minimise the crowd of skiers at the bottom and avoid any crashes into the crowd by a fast skier. The Committee would also like to thank Mark Hawkins for making the podium, which proved a real success at the race. A final thank you to Jane Lee who organised the schools race practice sessions, these were very successful and well attended.

5. Race Reports

Race reports produced after a race should be forwarded to the Race Secretary to send to SSE to publish. Nigel agreed to speak to Tim. It was confirmed that Jane Lee is the co-ordinator for the Friday night sessions and the GSRL.

6. WMSA Inter-regional Race

This year there will be two or possibly three teams representing the WMSA regions. These racers will be selected from Telford, Midland and Stoke clubs. There are two WMSA squad practice evenings arranged at Stoke ski club prior to the race.

7. Press Officer

There is no news to date on appointing a press officer for the club.

8. Indoor Snow Training

Roger has researched the possibility of arranging a weekend at Landgraaf in Holland. To arrange a 48-person coach, accommodation, slope and gate hire, the cost would be approximately £300 per person. There is only availability during August and September but he will gauge interest. Guy reported that he had investigated whether there are any slots available for indoor training but other clubs have already booked all available slots.

9. Any other business

Roger and Guy to investigate the possibility of organising a training week on snow in Austria during October half term.

The Dual Slalom event was very successful and hopefully another can be arranged soon.

David Ryding plans to visit the club some time in May, actual date to be advised.

Michael Barker, the Head Coach of Snow Sport England's National Alpine Ski Racing team plans to attend one of the MSC coaching sessions. Date to be advised.

Esskia has now set their training dates; this information should be sent out to members on google groups.

Gill made the following suggestions for the MSC website: there should be a link to Britski. We should look at the Ravens website as it has photos and information regarding their summer race league, which is useful for new members, and perhaps we could produce similar information on our website regarding GSRL. We should show photographs of our clothing lines, Sally agreed to produce some photos to go on the website. Finally, she thought it would be useful to have some photographs of main committee members and coaches on the website so new members would be able to easily identify key people, as at present it is a bit faceless.

Bryan plans to investigate snow race clothing. Sally will continue to order existing lines.

10. Next Meeting

Wednesday, 2nd June, 2010 at 7.30pm at the British Legion, Balsall Common.