

**SKI COUNCIL OF WALES**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2010**  
**PONTYPOOL LEISURE CENTRE**

Present:

Peter Harris, Ian Gurner, Georgina Kellen, Sam Stephens, Richard Hughes, Nick Roe, Emily Goddard, Richard Hyett (Cardiff rep), Jane Lee, Carolyn Richards (Swansea rep), Julian Jones, Les Crawford, Claire Goddard, Gwyneth Watson, Lee Ford, Andrew Crawford, Hugh Wilson, Huw Evans, Alice Hales, Andrew Watson, Robin Kellen, Rob Davies, Jeni Thomas, Amelia Walsh and Rob Hales.

Apologies for Absence

Ian Fawcett, Peter Harvey, Graham Hubbard, Paul Stephens, Nigel Treacy, Dawn and Jamie Bream, Jake Sumner, Gareth Haines, Ceri Downie, Adrian Amsden, Barbara Davies and Ashley Richards.

**1. MINUTES OF THE AGM (DECEMBER 2009) & THE EGM (JUNE 2010)**

The Minutes of the last AGM in December 2009 and EGM held in June were posted on the website and were accepted by the membership as a true record of the proceedings of the meetings.

*Proposed: Gwyneth Watson    Seconded: Georgina Kellen*

**2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Peter Harris welcomed all those members present and reported on the activities of the company during 2010.

Through the last year Snowsport Wales had seen a busy period with a number of milestones achieved;

- Revised and modernised Memorandum & Articles of Association for the company.
- Developed, in conjunction with Snowsport England, the UK Snowsports Coaching Scheme website.
- Launched an online membership system for our members, allowing members to join or renew online with credit card payments.
- Our top skiing athletes maintained their UK ranking on the artificial slope circuit, with Andrew Watson and Charlotte Davies ranked No.1
- Increased participation in schools skiing events.
- Gained sponsorship for Welsh Schools skiing events from Switzerland Tourism.
- Continued growth and participation in the Welsh Alpine Championships, this event includes two days of FIS racing.

2011 will undoubtedly be a challenging year for the company, with increases in VAT rates and government spending cut backs. Therefore it will be essential to maintain close control over budgeting.

With a new Board being elected at the AGM, Peter has decided to step down as Chairman as of February 2011. This will require the Board to elect a chairman in the period up to the next AGM planned for June 2011. Peter thanked his fellow Board members, staff at SSW and the Ski Centre as well as the membership for their support through his period of chairmanship.

### **3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **October 2008-September 2009**

The Company Accounts showed a loss for the period of £25,047, this was represented by a trading deficit by SSW of £22,829 and the Ski Centre trading deficit of £2,218. Whilst this appeared alarming, it should be seen in the light of the previous year accounts where SSW made a trading profit for the 6 month period of £17,526.

Members noted that in 2008 it was agreed to move the financial year periods, the purpose of this was to demonstrate a true position of our reserves at the lowest point in our seasonal business. As a result this created several anomalies in the presentation of the accounts from one 6 month period to the following 12 month period.

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS**

The Accounts for the Ski Council of Wales for the period October 2008 – September 2009 were accepted and approved by the membership.

*Proposed: Rob Hales    Seconded: Rob Davies.*

### **5. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS & MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

The following director nominations were received and voted on to the Board of Directors by the members present:

Chairman	Peter Harris (until February 2011)
Vice-Chairman S	Nick Roe
Vice-Chairman N	Dawn Bream
Coaching	Ian Fawcett
Athletes Dev.	Andrew Crawford
Events	Gwyneth Watson
Ski Centre Cardiff	Adrian Amsden
Finance Director	<b>No nominations were received.</b>

#### **Appointment of Selectors for the Welsh Squad & Teams**

The following nominations were received for the appointment of Selectors for 2011. The nominations would be proposed to the first meeting of the new Board for ratification. The individuals would be asked to provide a brief cv on their background and expertise.

Robert Hales  
Phil Cobley  
Justin Pagington  
Andrew Crawford – as Athlete Development Director  
Robin Kellen

Robin Kellen was also nominated as Welsh representative on British Team Selection Panels

## **6. RESOLUTION 1**

### **Membership subscriptions for 2011**

The following subscriptions were proposed by the Board to bring Wales into line with the subscriptions charged by other home nation governing bodies. It was noted that England offered Under 11 performers their first year free of charge and it was considered appropriate that Wales should be equitable and do the same. The annual increase for Coaching members reflected the annual increase in insurance cover.

Instructors/Coaches re-registration	£59
Performers – all disciplines	£40
Under 11 performers	£20 – free first year registration
Race Officials	£5 initial fee - £1 renewal
Leaders	£30
Club Affiliation	£3.50 per member
School Affiliation	£20
Individual Affiliation	£10
Family Affiliation	£20
Affiliated Companies	£80 (plus VAT)

The proposed subscriptions were agreed.  
*Proposed: Nick Roe    Seconded: Rob Hales.*

## **RESOLUTION 2**

### **Membership Categories**

To amend the Articles of Association to include an associate membership category without voting rights.

The AGM members present voted unanimously to allow propose the inclusion of Resolution 2.

The purpose for the Resolution was to allow the Ski Centre Cardiff to become a Membership facility with Snowsport Cymru/Wales and for all customers visiting the Ski Centre to become Associate Members.

Discussion ensued with regard to the type of Membership proposed. The question of affiliated Schools conflicting with the School Groups using the

Centre might prove difficult to monitor and the position with unaccompanied children expected to become members without parental authorisation. The members were reassured that these would be matters to be carefully considered.

It was agreed to proceed with the amendment of the Articles of Association to include an Associate Membership without voting rights at AGMs.

### **Amendment to the Articles of Association**

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### **PART 3**

### **MEMBERS**

### **BECOMING AND CEASING TO BE A MEMBER**

#### **Application for membership**

*To add*

#### **21. (3) Associate Membership**

Associate Membership is open to any individual. Associate Members will be able to join the association but will not receive notice of meetings or have voting rights at meetings.

#### **Voting: general**

**28. (1)** Each Member other than Honorary Life Members and Associate Membership, subject to (2) below, shall have one vote at Company meetings. A Member is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when;

*Proposed: Rob Hales    Seconded: Georgina Kellen*

Meeting closed 1.30pm

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