

SKI COUNCIL OF WALES
PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/EXECUTIVE
SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2009
LLANIDLOES

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 24th SEPTEMBER 2009

The Minutes of the last meeting were received and approved by the Board as a correct record.

Proposed: Phill Maurice seconded: Peter Harris

MATTERS ARISING

Officials Training

Level 1 course organised for 5th December.

SSGB Members Representative

No nominations had been received.

Athletes Code of Conduct – Welsh Squad

This would be sent out following next squad selections.

Perpetual Trophies

A letter to be sent to the clubs asking if they would like provide perpetual trophies for our Welsh Championships.

SSW Trophies

RK would clarify expenditure on trophies for 2009 and organise a meeting with GW and AC to consider trophies for 2010.

Squad Fund Raising/Squad Funding

PH noted that the account detail had been circulated as requested. LC reported that expenditure due from squad funding had been committed but not charged to squad funds, i.e squad coaching prior to championships. RK would report to next Board meeting on detail.

PUBLIC MINUTES

The Board agreed the Minutes to be published on the website for the public domain.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Snowsport GB

CEO post

PH reported that, as most were now aware, SSGB had now appointed a full time CEO who would be based in the offices in Edinburgh. As such he was pleased to confirm that RK would now be returning to his duties as normal with SSW.

PH also noted that Alun Evans would be retiring from officiating after a considerable number of years service to the sport in Wales and GB as a whole. The Board thanked Alun for his commitment.

FINANCE REPORTS

Snowsport Cymru/Wales

PS reported that he had spent considerable time preparing the year end accounts, this was compounded by changing the year end. PS is preparing (with RK & CD) systems of reporting for managing budgets against income and anticipated putting in place these systems within the next month.

PS also reported he now sits upon the SSGB Finance Committee.

RK requested that we put in place a clear policy of levels of delegated responsibility with regards to budgetary expenditure.

Ski Centre Cardiff

Ceri had circulated accounts for the Ski Centre prior to the meeting.
(Copies of the documents are attached in the Minute Book).

MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES

The Board received a document highlighting the amendments made from the original M & As.

It was agreed that time scale was too short to present the document to the AGM in December and that an EGM would be organised in Spring 2010 to seek agreement upon the new M & As.

LC requested that we look at some way of ensuring that no one club could dominate the membership of the Board. It was agreed that RK would seek advice upon this from SCW.

The Board agreed to accept the document as presented and RK would organise a meeting with the Sports Council to seek legal advice.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PH reported that following confirmation of legal advice we were to ensure we made facilities available for proxy votes to be accepted.

It was agreed that all voting at the AGM would be carried out by ballot.

COACHING

IF presented a paper prepared following a meeting with NR looking at way in which to help promote and develop the coaching membership of SSW. It was felt that whilst we had a structure of coaching awards, we needed to do more to develop CPD opportunities for the coaching scheme members.

IF/NR/RK to look at ways in which the objectives set out in the paper can be pursued and achieved.

RK would consult with SCW to consider ways in which funding for coach development can be gained.

IF requested that we look at diverting previous years spend from Child Protection courses to assist in the delivery of CPD courses. RK would clarify budgets with PS & WP and to report back to IF. IF and RK to liaise and produce suggestions for courses.

IF requested he attend a English Schools and Youth Committee meeting in November where we needed to ensure a presence and understanding of developments for leaders and safety issues. This was fully supported by the Board.

RK informed the Board that he would be attending meetings with Sports Coach UK along with HNGBs & BASI to consider how our coaching awards can be integrated into the UKCC Awards.

VICE-CHAIR REPORT

DB informed the Board that Zac Pierce had won the Conwy County Sports Award Junior Sportsman of the Year award at a recent ceremony.

RK to send letter of congratulations to Zac and to place an article on our website.

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS

Nothing received

SKI CENTRE

CD had submitted a report to the meeting. AA noted that income was down upon last year and that as such expenditure on matting had been held back.

Expenditure upon replacement crash mats would proceed to the safety nature of this purchase.

AA requested that squad members write individually to CD to request free use of the ski slope. RK noted that he had written to CD on behalf of all squad members following the last meeting requesting this use. The Board requested that CD reply to RK to confirm the squad members free use of facilities outside of the ski club sessions.

PROGRAMME & EVENTS

Alpine Events

RK reported the bulletins for the Alpine Champs were now in place.

Schools Events

GW noted schools event 15th November at Pontypool, we have a large entry and unfortunately the event clashes with the TD forum in Birmingham. As such many of our senior officials will not be available to assist.

Celtic Cup 2010

RK reported that he had been approached with a view to establishing an indoor snow event as part of the Celtic Cup series in 2010 in conjunction with the Telford Club National event. It was agreed that we should proceed with this event in addition to the current event programme. RK would liaise with Telford.

The Board requested that we confirm dates for next years events as soon as possible.

European Artificial Slope Champs

It was also noted that we have the opportunity to run the European Artificial Slope Championships in 2010 and that we should confirm how we will integrate this into our programme.

Welsh Performances

The Board noted once again the excellent season of results by our Welsh Squad athletes and requested that RK write to Andrew Watson and Charlotte Davies to congratulate them on behalf of the Board upon achieving UK number 1 rankings on artificial slopes. This is the first time that Wales has achieved this feat in both male and female rankings in the same year.

ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

David Hatcher reported that due to increased travel commitments he intends to step down at the AGM. The Board thanked David for his commitment over the past few years.

PR & MARKETING

No report

CHILD PROTECTION

WP had circulated two documents giving advice upon Social Networking Websites and Communicating by Text or Email. These would be placed upon the website and clubs & coaches should be directed to the documents on the website.

It was noted that at some stage the Board would need to agree a policy upon the levels where individuals need to register under the Vetting and Barring Scheme. IF to investigate with WP and report back with recommendations when appropriate.

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