

SKI COUNCIL OF WALES
PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING - THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2010

Telephone Conference

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 March 2010 were received and approved as a correct record.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

The Board received a report that Paul Stephens had resigned as Finance Director with immediate effect and a replacement would be required. There was some outside interest, but one of the areas highlighted to assist the FD was the necessity of a part-time book keeper.

The Board agreed to the appointment of a part-time book keeper with shared costs between the Ski Centre Cardiff and Snowsport Wales.

BUSINESS PLAN 2010 – 2014

Following the advice given by the Sports Council Wales with regard to the re-writing of Memorandum and Articles of Association, it had become apparent that SSW needed to set out a Business Plan and objectives in a clearer manner.

It was noted that as a Board, the Ski Council of Wales covered both the Ski Centre Cardiff & Snowsport Cymru/Wales. It was now necessary for consideration to be given to the construction of a Ski Council of Wales Business Plan which encompassed the activities of both businesses and to achieve some clarity upon the business relationships between the two organisations.

The Board agreed to proceed with the setting up of a working group to draw up plans regarding business relationship/structure of business relating to SSW & Ski Centre.

MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION & EGM

The revised Memorandum and Articles of Association had been posted on the website with an invitation to the membership for comment. The Board noted that there had been no negative comments received with regard to the proposed M&As and these would now be presented to an EGM.

Proposed: Peter Harris

Seconded: Robin Kellen

As the result of the revision, reference was made within the M & As to the document "Rules, Policies and Procedures". This document replaced the outdated Standing Orders (last updated June 1990). It was proposed that this document should be presented to the EGM for the members to approve as part of the whole process of modernising the Company documents.

Discussion took place on the content of the document when comment was made on the mixture of legal references and procedures at meetings that were deemed unnecessary. It was noted this acted as a guidance document for the company and would be easier to amend or change in the future without the necessity of calling EGMs.

It was agreed that an amendment be made to Standing Orders 8 and 9 and Board members were requested to bring any other changes to the office by 12 May before its issue.

EGM Time Table

10th May 2010 - Preparation of documents to be circulated to the membership

17th May 2010 - Calling Notice distributed

12th June 2010 – EGM, 17:00hrs Pontypool Leisure Centre (after racing CC)

ON LINE MEMBERSHIP

RK requested the Board's authority to organise and implement an on-line basis for SSW members to be able to join and renew their membership via on line facilities. This would initially cover athletes and coach/instructor registrations and then extend to all membership affiliations.

The Board agreed to implement the system and for RK to keep directors informed accordingly.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2010 MEETING

Code of Conduct

LC would bring the revised document to the next meeting.

Squad Fund

PH reported that some problems still existed in accessing the information for the account but he was now in a position to send figures to the office.

Athletes' payments

RK reported that cheques had been issued to all recipients.

Trophies

It was reported that as the result of meetings with AC and Hugh Wilson different medals would be presented at this year's events.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PH reported on the recent resignation of Rob Davies from the Board due to ill health.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board received the Profit and Loss report for the period October 2009 to April 2010.

Ski Centre Cardiff

Financial reports prepared by CD were circulated.

It was reported that a reduction in staffing had provided some savings and CD would look at improving the insurance premium payable with Zurich.

COACH EDUCATION

IF and RK had put plans in place for new Revalidation days for coaching members and these would be advertised in the autumn. IF was also running an ASCL Refresher course for SSW. IF reported that the SCO courses have not been very active but hopefully this would improve in the autumn.

UKsnowsports.co.uk

RK reported that he had been working closely with Snowsport England with regards to the development of the above website which went live today. This website would act as a resource for all UKS courses throughout England and Wales. Facilities would include on-line calendar of courses with interactive bookings as well as comprehensive information and resource materials.

Coaches and Instructors clothing

Dare2B would be a supplying uniform offer for our coaches and details would be available shortly. SSW would also use some of its existing kit and would put this offer out to members.

UK Coaching Strategy

RK had attended a meeting 4/5/10 at SSE with a view to producing participant models and needs surveys to ensure that our coach education programmes met the needs of the sport in the years to come. Involvement in this group would help us to produce effective talent, ID and development models as part of our performance planning strategy.

PROGRAMME AND EVENTS

British Indoor Championships

Wales had some good results at the British Indoor Championships in April at the Chill Factore, Manchester:

Megan JENKINS – 1st Children 1
Nia JENKINS – 3rd Jnr1/7th Overall
Jeni THOMAS – 2nd Jnr2/4th Overall

The Board noted that Snowsport Wales was likely to be taking responsibility for running the event for the following two years and discussions with Chill Factore have been entered into.

Artificial Slope Programme 2011

RK suggested to the Board that through 2010 SSW should conduct a review of its artificial slope competition programme to consider its effectiveness and structure.

Celtic Cup Series 2010

The Board noted that Champéry would be bringing a team to the Celtic Cups in June that would include representatives from Valais Tourism, Champéry Tourist Office and Ski Club.

Perpetual Trophies

A good response had been received with regards to sponsors of perpetual trophies and RK would be organising these in readiness for the Welsh Championships in September.

School Events

RK reported that over the past few weeks SSW has embarked upon a series of regional Schools events with a number of successes and good levels of participation. School Vouchers had been issued to participants at these events offering 50% discount on Ski Club sessions at some of the centres.

BRITISH SKI & SNOWBOARD

The Board noted that RK had been asked to sit on the Board of British Ski and Snowboard (BSS) to represent the Home Nations.

British Alpine Championships 2010

RK was pleased to report to the Board that the British Alpine Championships ran as a competitive and financial success and produced a surplus some of which will be allocated to supporting British Team programmes for this year and the remainder as support for the following Championships.

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Dare2B – Squad Kit

The Board noted that *Dare2B* had offered to sponsor the Welsh Ski Team with uniform for the foreseeable future. *Dare2B* would also supply uniform for CODE as well as instructors/coaches offers.

Dare2B would also be providing offers for our clubs members to be able to buy on line at discount prices and SSW would be issuing a discount code to clubs to access this.

Junior Skier Development

Andrew Crawford had been working on organising mini camps for young skiers throughout Wales. This came out of interest from a number of parents. The plans are to run camps at Ski Pembrey and Llandudno through the school half terms. SSW was looking at what can be organised at other centres throughout Wales dependent on facility charges.

The aims of the camps were to develop individual skills in free-skiing, freestyle and gates. Target groups would be 9 to 14 year old skiers. Young coaches with the appropriate qualifications would be used to deliver the range of skills.

Freestyle/Skier Cross

SSW had received a number of requests following the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver on how to access the sport. RK would be looking at opportunities for athletes to join Skier Cross camps this summer that would be established by British Skier Cross Team members.

GB Childrens Team Selection 2010/11

The Board was very pleased to note that Zac Pierce and Megan Jenkins had been selected to the British Childrens' Team.

Fitness training

Squad fitness sessions had been established for 2010 and it was hoped SSW could include also extend this to cover indoor training camps.

Facility would be made available for athletes to join the English and Scottish Squads summer programmes as required.

SNOWBOARDING

RK reported on several meetings with the Snowboard Officer, Richard Hughes, and was awaiting information on camps and events that would be set up for the summer.

MEMBERS QUESTIONS

No feedback received from the clubs.

CHILD PROTECTION

IF reported on a meeting he had attended in North Wales on the ISA and the new Vetting and Barring Scheme being implemented. A report would be brought to the next meeting on action that would be required to be taken by SSW.

IF and WP would be attending a meeting of the British Snowsports Child Welfare Group on 10/5/10 at Halesowen. The Board noted that IF was now the appointed Chairman of this group.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The EGM would be held on Saturday 12 June 2010 at Pontypool Leisure Centre.

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