

SKI COUNCIL OF WALES
PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING - THURSDAY 8TH JULY 2010

Telephone Conference

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of meetings held on 6th May and 28th June 2010, together with the EGM Minutes held on 12th June were received and approved as correct records of the proceedings.

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(i) PH reported on correspondence received from Geraldine Holbourn thanking the Board for bestowing a perpetual trophy in memory of her late husband Chris.

A letter had been received from the Sport Wales forecasting future financial cutbacks for sporting governing bodies and advising on careful budgeting for the future.

(ii) Next AGM

- (a) The Board agreed that the next AGM would be held date on **Saturday 4th December 2010** at the Pontypool Leisure Centre
- (b) The following timescales would be adopted:
Notice of meeting issued by 3rd September
Receive Nominations for Directors by 22nd October
Receive Resolutions by 19th November
Publish Resolutions & Director Nominations 19th November
- (c) With the implementation of the new Memorandum & Articles of Association approved by the membership in June 2010 it was agreed that all Directors on the Board would step down from office and would all be re-elected at the AGM in December 2010.
- (d) It was also agreed, due to the change in financial year, the timing for the approval of accounts was not synchronised and in order to correct this for the approval of Statutory Accounts, the AGM for the following year would be six months later in June 2011.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

(i) **Snowsport Cymru/Wales**

RK had presented financial statements for the period October 2009 to June 2010.

RK reported on the successful appointment of a bookkeeper for SCOW. Mrs. Susan Jenkins would be contracted on an hourly basis and would issue

separate invoices to the Ski Centre Cardiff and SSW on time spent on preparation of accounts. The bookkeeper would prepare quarterly reports with balance sheets and profit and loss accounts for the Board.

(ii) Ski Centre Cardiff

CD had presented income and expenditure analysis from October 2009 to June 2010.

CD stated whilst there appeared a down turn in the current figures this was not of a major concern compared to business at other slopes. CD also reported some good news with additional 5x60 Scheme funding from schools expected in September.

(iii) SCC/SSW Working Group Report

RK had kept the directors informed via email on the progress of the Working Group on the re-structuring of the two organisations. Whilst there was still some on-going research to be completed, a comprehensive report would be provided to the Board at its meeting in September.

The Board was informed that this exercise was not for financial reasons but an exercise to improve the business structure of the two organisations. There were several matters that would need to be agreed before a final proposal was submitted and the Working Group would be meeting again at the beginning of September. It was also recommended by the Board that the Cardiff Ski Club should be included in discussions as its input would prove advantageous.

Once the final proposal had been reached a Special Resolution from the Board would need to go to an AGM or EGM for the membership to vote – this vote would require a majority of 75% of the membership.

PROGRAMME & EVENTS

Perpetual trophies

RK reported that twelve offers had been received from sponsors for perpetual trophies to be awarded in the following categories: Minis, CH1, CH2, J1, J2 and Seniors.

Events 2011

RK would be meeting with the SSE race co-ordinator and SSW Events Director to discuss ideas to improve the race calendar for future races. With the growing number of indoor snow events it was felt that the artificial slope programme needed to improve.

Homologation of Pembrey

The Board approved the proposal to proceed with the homologation of Ski Pembrey so that the slope could be used for future Club National events.

TD Forum

The Board approved the proposal put by the Chair of the TD Forum, Ian Roberts, on an increase in costs for the British snowsport organisations of around £150 per annum (from £200 to £350).

Snowboard Event

RK reported on the successful Ramp & Rail event organised by SSW Snowboard officer, Richard Hughes, recently held at Pontypool that received some good publicity for all involved. It was noted that this event did not incur any costs to SSW.

Celtic Cups 5 & 6

GW reported that entries for the forthcoming Celtic Cups 5/6 were initially low but now stood around 100 competitors for the weekend event.

GW also suggested in this current financial climate, SSW should dispense with the scheme for free entry invitation to Welsh races for the top ten GB racers.

It was agreed that free entry for the Celtic Cup Overall Winners should continue but invitations for the top ten GB racers to Welsh events would cease in 2011.

ATHLETES DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mini Camps

AC reported on the successful Mini Camp held at Ski Pembrey in June with 15 participants. It was hoped to repeat these camps in Cardiff and North Wales during the summer months. RK had published a series of dates for the SSW camps and of other ski training independently run by SSW coaches that offered a wide range of venues and activities for younger skiers throughout Wales.

Squad

AC and Hugh Wilson were looking at various ideas to encourage the athletes to attend fitness training on a regular basis.

CHILD PROTECTION

It was reported that with the recent change in Government, the Vetting & Barring Scheme would not go ahead in July and the need for an Independent Safeguarding Authority check as well as a CRB check would not be implemented. The recommended practice for the safe recruitment of volunteers within sports for Enhanced CRB checks would still be maintained via the WCVA.

SHARED COMPANY COSTS

RK reported on the SCOW company costs (for Board meetings, AGM/EGM administration, company registration fees etc) being borne solely by SSW

since the company was established and it was proposed that these costs should be shared between SSW and Cardiff Ski Centre on a 50/50 basis.

After some discussion it was agreed that the split in costs should be based on the organisations' turnover during a year and accurate calculations would be made by the managers for the last year.

ADMINISTRATION – COPIER LEASE

RK reported that the Siemens lease on the office photocopier was shortly due for renewal

It was proposed that a financial saving would be made by purchasing a new printer/copier for the office. The Board agreed that the Siemens lease should not be renewed.

CLOSURE OF PLAS Y BRENIN

RK reported on the closure of the slope at Plas y Brenin within the next two to five years. RK, IF and the North Wales Snowsport Club had been in discussions on the future of the slope and the Club was looking seriously at setting up a Trust with a view to taking over the facility.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 30 September at 7pm by video conference.

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