

SKI COUNCIL OF WALES
PUBLIC MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/EXECUTIVE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 JULY 2009

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Phill Maurice, Alun Evans and Rob Davies.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 15 MAY 2009

The following Minutes to be amended:

5. UKS COACHING

First sentence be amended to read:

"(i) RK reported to the Board that Snowsport Scotland was working in agreement with BASI."

Subject to the above change, the Minutes of the last Meeting were approved by the Board as a correct record of the meeting.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Update on Snowsport GB

A letter had been received from Snowsport GB to the Chairman of Snowsport Cymru/Wales. The letter set out in some detail the contractual basis for Robin Kellen to carry out the interim role for SSGB.

It was noted a Congress meeting was scheduled on 12 July when SSGB would be finalising its future. Alun Evans representing SSW would be attending.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

It was noted that the Company accounts and financial statements would be presented to Companies House by the end of July.

Free Squad training sessions

Ceri informed the Board that invitations were extended to all Squad members for access to free usage for training when there was a paying member of the public booking the slope. This had been done for several years. However, the opportunity was not being taken up by the Squad and this was a great disappointment to the Ski Centre Management.

5. COACHING

UKSS/BASI

It was reported that BASI had put forward proposals to work with the UKSS Scheme with reference to performance coach levels 2, 3 & 4 criteria. Initial costs proposed significantly increased the costs to participants. Negotiations and discussions were still ongoing.

Revalidation of members

Ian expressed concern on the depleting numbers of existing members revalidating their qualifications. Ian suggested he visit the ski centres across Wales in September to see if he could generate more interest with the instructors and make courses more accessible and attractive for our coaching members.

Robin suggested meeting with Ian and Nigel Treacy in North Wales during the summer to discuss this further.

6. MEMORANDUM & ARTICLES

Copies of the Memoranda & Articles had been received from Snowsport Scotland and England and Alun Evans hoped to organise the revised document for SS Wales by the end of the month.

Not for Profit status

Adrian referred to the fact that SCOW used the not for profit status laid down in the current Memorandum & Articles and this was not the case for SS Scotland or England. Adrian requested that this status must be included in the revised document since the Ski Centre Cardiff benefit from discretionary rate relief and this would be important to retain.

7. VICE CHAIR REPORTS

Dawn reported on a very successful training programme with Alan Hughes with the NW CODE scheme. To date four sessions had been held at Llandudno and another four to be arranged. It was noted that this also provided a good opportunity for coaching development.

8. MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTION

Nick had received several requests for the Minutes of Board meetings to be circulated to the membership and the Board agreed that appropriately edited Board Minutes from meetings would be sent to the affiliated Ski Clubs and posted on the website.

It was agreed that the office would circulate the Minutes from the meeting on 15 May 2009 in the first instance.

9. PROGRAMME & EVENTS

Gwyneth reported that Celtic Cups 3 & 4 went very well although race officials were still difficult to find.

It was reported that Martin Watson has completed his training as TD and would be TD at the All England Championships.

RK reported that Dairy Farmers of Great Britain had gone into receivership but that Milk Link a subsidiary company had agreed to honour the current contract with SS Wales and wished to extend this for a further three years.

Robin had entered into discussions on renewing the contract for the Welsh Alpine Championships with Champery Les Crosets who were still keen to continue. Snowsport Scotland would be continuing with their partnership and RK would be meeting with the organisers in Champery in August.

It was noted that the entry fee for the British Artificial Slope Skiing Championships would be increased to £36 for 2009.

Gwyneth would be completing the FIS race organisers application form for SSGB.

10. RACE OFFICIALS

It was reported that the number of SSW race official members was very low. In Wales alone, we only have three qualified jury panel members.

The Board agreed that Alun and Peter should run a Level 1 training course in the foreseeable future, possibly at a forthcoming CODE training session at Pontypool.

A Level 2 training course organised by SS England was to be held in Chepstow in November and details had been circulated from the office to ski clubs.

Peter reported that Alun Evans would be retiring from his role of TD and race official work at the end of this season. It was pleasing to have Martin attaining his TD qualification but new recruits were desperately required.

11. ATHLETES DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Andrew had prepared the Code of Conduct for Athletes and would be circulating this to be agreed by the Board.

It was reported that the Selection Panel had recently met when new selection for the Welsh Alpine Squad 2009/2010 was made. Robin would prepare a list of Squads and this would be posted on the website.

12. ATHLETES REPRESENTATIVE

David reported that an email had been sent from the office to all registered racing members for any matters to be brought to the Board. No responses were received on this particular occasion.

The Board agreed that such communication to the racers should include a request to the parents of racers to join SSW and become race officials if we were to continue to run successful racing events for the future.

13. PUBLICITY, SPONSORSHIP & MARKETING

Ian reported he was looking at a potential sponsor with Gaia Technical and would report back to the Board.

14. CHILD PROTECTION

Ian reported on a recently organised Safeguarding & Child Protection workshop held at Plas y Brenin with good attendance.

Ian would supply the office with dates for future workshops and courses.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Insurance - Coaching Employees

Perkins Slade had confirmed that they would add an employees liability section under the Civil Liability cover in the policy. An additional payment of £250 would need to be paid by SSW to cover these additional employees.

Ski Centre Lease and repairs

The Board wished to express its thanks to Rob Hales for his work in arranging the lease for the Ski Centre and office buildings. As a direct result of this work, in the past year the Ski Centre and offices have had a new roof and ceilings and resurfaced car park at little cost to the company as a whole.

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