

SCOTTISH SKI CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 2008 AGM HELD IN THE FIRST STIRLINGSHIRE SCOUT GROUP HALL ON WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.30 PM

1. PRESENT

Mr Edward Guest, President (in the chair) welcomed the 19 members present, whose names are recorded in the Attendance Book.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from 11 members were received with regret and are recorded in the Attendance Book.

3. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2008

No amendments were requested. The adoption of the minutes was accepted by the meeting (Proposer: Mr William Aitken, Seconder: Rona Hulbert).

4. MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters were raised.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr Guest reported that there had been more activity at Cairngorm despite the unpredictable season. The Club holiday at Zermatt had been fully subscribed and was a great success and the group booking had led to a substantial saving. The Selva trip in 2010 was now fully subscribed and already showing a saving.

The Anglo/Scottish championships held at Les Houches in January had attracted 170 entrants and would take place there again next January. Craig Lamont the head coach had revived race training at Cairngorm and regularly had 30 trainees on the hill. Finlay Mickel had announced his retrial from racing and the president reminded the meeting that he had achieved 10th place in the Lauberhorn.

The Cairngorm hut was once again being used by the trainees and members. A work-party had rebuilt the walkway and repaired the hut. The position of the Glencoe resort was causing concern as the hoped for sale had not taken place and it looked as if the hill might close. Snowsport GB was insolvent, but Snowsport Scotland was sound financially and would be able to provide some support for the Vancouver Olympics.

William Aitken was on a working party reviewing grants to racers.

A small pool of Super G skis had been purchased and they would be rented out to junior racers.

The new Club Website had proved successful and had attracted 13 thousand hits. The webmaster would welcome feedback from members.

Mr Guest finally wished to thank William Aitken the Past President, Alan Forbes the Club Secretary, David Leckie Membership Secretary, Douglas Low Race Training Convener, John Anderson Webmaster, Craig Lamont Head Coach. He also wished to record the Club's appreciation to Bruce and Dorothy Mickel for the Cairngorm work party, Hugh and Myrtle Simpson for the BBQ and Rona Hulbert for catering at the AGM.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Guest reported that subscription income was up despite a small fall in membership. Administration costs included the costs of upgrading the website. Miscellaneous items included the purchase of race bibs to fill in the numbering gaps. The Journal had cost £5 thousand as there was no advertising revenue. There had been a small surplus from Les Houches and a small deficit on race training since it is run on a pay as you go basis. A small grant had been paid to a race trainee in the Lochaber section. The fixed assets comprised coaches jackets and storm coats. There had been no increase in the level of club subscriptions for 14 years.

Myrtle Simpson asked if we paid Winter Highland and was told that we didn't. David Banks noted that the bank balance had declined due to the Journal and suggested that an approach be made to Life Members for a donation.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mrs Hulbert and seconded by Mr Banks and approved by the meeting.

7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr Leckie's reported that he had email addresses for just over a quarter of the members and wondered if an appeal to collect them on the website would be effective. We had gained a substantial number of new members from LRSA.

8. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr Forbes reported that the planned Club Ski Ball at Fort William had been cancelled by the Lochaber Section as they felt that there was insufficient support. He stressed that members had to commit themselves much earlier to such events to enable the organisers to plan confidently ahead. He updated the meeting on the position of the Glencoe resort which failing an immediate change of owners was almost certain to close.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Elections were made in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

The Council members were unanimously agreed by the meeting, thus:

PRESIDENT	Mr Edward Guest
VICE-PRESIDENT	Vacant
CLUB SECRETARY	Mr Alan Forbes
TREASURER	Mr Edward Guest will continue for the present
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Mr David Leckie
RACE TRAINING CONVENOR	Mr Douglas Low
HEAD COACH	Mr Craig Lamont
RACE CONVENOR	Vacant
JOURNAL EDITOR	Vacant
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Vacant

The following General members of Council, with specific responsibilities, were confirmed in their posts by the meeting:

Lochaber Section	Vacant
Club Archivist	Vacant
Cairngorm Section Secretary	Mrs Rona Hulbert

Glencoe Section
Club Profile and Publicity
Web-site Manager

Vacant
Vacant
Mr J D Anderson

10. RACE TRAINING

Mr Lamont informed the meeting that his aim for his first season was to offer more reliable training sessions and encourage trainees to enter races. He had approached clubs who solely trained on plastic slopes to offer snow training. Pre-season fitness training had been carried out in the central belt.

It had been his policy never to cancel training on the basis of a poor forecast and they had suffered 5 stormbound days. The pay to train system is scheduled to start on 16th January. The presentation to LRSA trainees had recruited 59 new members.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr Guest proposed that Mr Douglas Milliken CA would continue the appointment on the basis of carrying out an independent inspection rather than an audit. This was seconded by Mr Aitken.

12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Rona Hulbert thanked Craig Lamont for revolutionizing training with pay as you go, and in increased use of the club hut.

David Banks asked how many clubs participated in race training, and was told that about 20 trained on plastic slopes and 5 on snow.

Elaine Ross thought it would be appropriate to record the club's appreciation of the contribution made to Scottish skiing by the late Frith Finlayson.

Edward Guest informed the meeting that Andrew Noble a club member was likely to be selected for the Olympic team and that the club might offer him a grant, suggesting that the Council consider this. This was agreed in principal but it was thought that it should be funded by an appeal to members via the club newsletter.

It was agreed that the DHO Cup should be presented to Angus McDonald in recognition of him funding the Rannoch Bursary.

Thereafter the evening concluded with the traditional buffet provided by Mrs Hulbert.

A S Forbes
SSC Secretary
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