

ENGLISH SKI COUNCIL LTD

(t/a SNOWSPORT ENGLAND)

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Saturday 20th June 2009 at 10:30am
at ESC offices, Halesowen

Present: :

Barry Spouge	Chairman
Jennifer Denning	Finance Director
David Hart	Director
Nigel Matthews	Director
Karen Richardson	Director
Peter Stratton	Director
Tim Fawke	Chief Executive Officer
Peter Heath	Company Secretary
Stephen Jones	Auditor
Marie Beard	Snowsport England staff
Julie Copestick	Snowsport England staff
Sara Tatham	Snowsport England staff
Jenny Wyatt	Snowsport England staff
Piet Van Kempen	ERSA
John Wahlers	NWSF/Oval Ski Club
Darren Schmidt	SRSA
Stuart Robertson	SWSA
Jeff Elmore	WMSA
Roger Crombleholme	WMSA/Midland Ski Club
Graham Pickles	YSF
Jan Vaughan	Kendal Ski Club
Tony Vaughan	Kendal Ski Club
Ralph White	Manchester Cross Country Ski Club
Alan Jones	Merseyside Ski Club
John Cook	Merseyside Ski Club
Brian Thomas	Midland Ski Club
John Daines	North Staffs Ski Club
Lesley Gash	Southampton Area Ski Association
Arnold Eckersall	Southampton Area Ski Association
Tony Archbold	ESSkiA/Great Wyrley High School
Richard Berry	Non-Regional Members' Representative

Apologies were received from :

Dave Richardson	Director
Martin Carr	Freestyle Committee Leader/Sharks Ski Club
Adam Pinney	Nordic Committee Leader
Martin Tomlinson	Schools & Youth Committee Leader
John Shedden	Coaches' Representative
Peter Handford-Styring	Coaching Scheme Members' Representative
Sandy Telling	L&SERSA
Chris Exall	NESA
Andrew Jeffries	NWSF
Mike Smith	YSF
Lance Robinson	Merseyside Ski Club
Stewart Smith	Sharks Ski Club
Gillian Gilyead	Abbot's Hill School/St Nicholas House
Jean Nuttall	Honorary Life Member
Richard Barbour	
Bob Castle	
Dave Clark	
Brian Duffy	
Michael Elstub	
Mark Hawkins	
Benja Hedley	
Andrew Hicks	
John Ibison	
Colin Issard	
Jennifer Jones	
Andrew Lavin	
Robin McDonald	
Allan McKeown	
Peter Neurauter	
Andrew Proudlove	
Carron Thorley	
Alan West	
William Wightwick	

1 Introduction

The Chairman introduced the members of the Board to the meeting – in particular Jennifer Denning (Finance Director) and Karen Richardson (Director) who had been appointed by the Board during the year to fill vacancies.

2 Presentation of Awards

Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Alan Jones, Alan Humphrey, Ralph White and Peter Heath for their services to the Coaching Scheme. This provides free membership of the Coaching Scheme in whichever category they choose. Alan Humphrey was unable to attend and will be presented with his award shortly.

3 Minutes

It was proposed by Graham Pickles, seconded by Stuart Robertson, and agreed without dissent to accept as a true record the minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2008

Matters Arising

In response to a query concerning repayment of the staff bad debt reported at last year's AGM, it was confirmed that a number of small payments have been received, but we should not expect to receive more than £2000 in total. In consultation with the Auditor, new procedures are now in place to prevent as far as possible such an event happening again.

4 Annual Accounts for the Year ended 31st December 2008

The Directors' and Auditor's reports and the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2008* had been circulated to all Full Members and published on the internet and were received, having been signed on behalf of the Board by Barry Spouge and David Hart.

After noting that the heading for Note 9 should read "Operating Surplus", it was proposed by Alan Jones and seconded by Graham Pickles and agreed without dissent that the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2008 be accepted.

5 Annual Report

It was noted that the second paragraph of the Financial Report has been amended in line with the Principal Activity statement in the audited accounts. The amended version is on the web site and copies were available at the meeting.

It was proposed by Brian Thomas, seconded by Jeff Elmore, and agreed without dissent that the Annual Report be accepted

6 Elections to Council

a) Associate Members' Representative

No nominations for the position of Associate Members' Representative had been received, so the position remains vacant.

b) Coaches' Representative

John Shedden had agreed to stand for re-election and, in the absence of any other nominations, was declared duly re-elected.

c) Non-Regional Members' Representative (2 positions)

Richard Berry had agreed to stand for re-election as one of the Non-Regional Members' Representatives and, in the absence of any other nominations, was declared duly re-elected. The second position remains vacant.

d) National Coaching Scheme Members' Representative

Peter Handford- Styring had agreed to stand for re-election and, in the absence of any other nominations, was declared duly re-elected.

* inserted into the minute book for record purposes.

7 **Appointment of Auditor**

It was proposed by Graham Pickles, seconded by Darren Schmidt and agreed without dissent that Stephen W. Jones be re-appointed Auditor of the Company for the year ending 31st December 2009 at a fee to be determined by the Board

8 **Special Resolutions**

None

9 **Ordinary Resolutions**

None

10 **Election of Officers**

a) Chairman.

Barry Spouge was appointed Chairman by the Board after the AGM last year and offers himself for election. There being no other nominations, Barry was duly elected as Chairman for the next two years.

b) Finance Director

Jennifer Denning was appointed Finance Director by the Board last November and offers herself for election. There being no other nominations, Jennifer was duly elected as Finance Director for the next two years.

c) Additional Directors – maximum of six

Nigel Matthews and David Hart were elected Directors in May 2008 for a period of two years and continue in office.

Dave Richardson was appointed Director by the Board after the AGM last year, but is not standing for election due to other commitments.

Karen Richardson was appointed Director by the Board in January 2009 and offers herself for election. Peter Stratton was elected in May 2007 for a period of two years and offers himself for re-election.

There being no other nominations, Karen Richardson was elected and Peter Stratton re-elected Director for the next two years

All the elections of Officers and Directors were proposed by Stuart Robertson, seconded by Brian Thomas and agreed without dissent.

11 **Presentations**

Tim Fawke then gave four short presentations. Copies of these are available for download at: http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/snowsport_england_agm_presentations_20th_june_2009-3544.html

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Key points from Accounts and Annual Report plus the main challenges for the next year.

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Background to new Sport England strategy

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Summary of the grant bid and the contracted targets to be achieved.

It was noted that club grants will shortly be available only to those clubs with or actively working towards ClubMark accreditation.

The full bid document is available to Council members with other papers for today's Council meeting in the Council download area. There are a few variations in the final agreement, but the bid document is public and may be copied to clubs etc. Aiming to produce a summary document for general circulation.

Once the grant contract has been signed and the Development Officers established, they will be visiting clubs to promote activities towards achieving the various targets.

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Very early stages. Board to prepare an outline draft, then start a consultation process with the membership.

12 Snowsport GB

The Chairman reported on the financial difficulties being experienced by Snowsport GB as reported to the Member Groups at the recent Congress meeting.

Snowsport England Board has offered practical assistance and is considering financial support in the form of a loan. The Chairman assured the meeting that any loan would not be of a value to put the viability of Snowsport England at risk.

SSGB has launched a rescue plan to find the necessary financial support to avoid having to put the company into administration. In parallel, SSE is working with the other Home Nations to create a Plan B ready for immediate implementation if the rescue plan is not successful.

The top priority is to maintain services to our FIS Licence holders and training support for our top athletes in the lead up to the 2010 Olympics.

It was noted that the Home Nations are not in a position to guarantee loans made by others. However, those considering offering loans may be encouraged to offer support if they see that the HNs have committed to loans themselves.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman gave special thanks to the office staff for their hard work during the last year and presented each of them with a bouquet of flowers.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12:30 pm