

AGM Minutes



Meeting: Annual Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday 21st May 2009
Time: 18.45 Hrs
Venue: Glos Ski Club Meeting Room

Present

John Harrington (Chair)	JH	Steve Davis	SD
Kim Lambden (Secretary)	KL	Steve Owen	SO
John Hallett (Treasurer)	JH1	Gary Marsh	GM
Andrew Cooper	AC	Paolo Foppoli	PF1
P. Cooper	PC	Hedley Beavis	HB
Tina Davies	TD	Steve Dannatt	SD1
Patrick Firminger	PF	Charlotte Davies	CD
Gunia Davis	GD	George Davis	GD1
Andrew Davis	AD	Matthew Davis	MD
Liz Mozel	LM	James Mozel	JM
Claire Goddard	CG	Emily Goddard	EG
Nancy Wright	NW	Georgia Hallett	GH
Ian Bell	IB		

Apologies

Rob Stokes	Darren Powell
Annabel Richmond	David Kinsman
Leonie Locke	Paul Lewis

Ref Notes

Action

1 Minutes of the Last AGM

The meeting was opened by John Harrington who welcomed everyone to the AGM.

All those present were referred to the minutes of the last AGM which took place on 5th June 2008 – details of which had been published on the clubs website.

Minutes were nominated record by Patrick Firminger and seconded by John Hallett.

2 Matters Arising

It was recorded that there were no matters arising from the last AGM which needed to be further discussed at this meeting or that had not been previously dealt with and recorded accordingly.

3. Club Officials Reports

John Harrington opened this item on the Agenda by introducing the official club reports for the year 2008/09 as is customary with our AGM protocol and in line with the clubs constitution.

Chairman's Report – John Harrington

I would firstly like to thank the Committee and all the Parents who regularly help out in differing ways. Without your support we would not have a Club! In particular, thanks has to be given to John Hallett who is standing down a Treasurer after completing a sterling task over the last 3 years. We also need to thank Ian Blair who has resigned as Head Coach. He did a sterling and dependable job and will be missed.

On the racing front we had a cracking 08/09 season on plastic, culminating with being crowned SSE & Inghams Best Club when the results for all the CN's were taken into account. A great show of the depth and commitment that Club Members demonstrate.

Individual points to note:

- Charlotte Davis English Champ and zero seed points
- Alex Jeal Welsh Champ and zero seed points
- Mathew Davis English and Welsh mini Champ
- George Davis Scottish Ch2 Champ

It was a shame that we could not run the Winter Race League but now that the equipment has been sorted I would like to see something similar incorporated into next winters programme.

The less experienced skiers are showing good potential with the Summer Race League and have been well attended thus far – long may it continue.

To conclude, as you will see later, we are in a stable financial position with great depths of skill as a Club and I hope that we can continue in a similar manner to both develop International Skiers on one hand whilst help and nourish less experienced children on the other to whatever potential they offer.

Treasurers Report – John Hallett

John Hallett presented the balance sheet for Gloucester Ski Club for Year Ending 31st March 2009. (Copy of the Balance Sheet - Attached)

Nett Assets	
2008 - £3,090.19	2009 - £2,994.81

Coaching Fee's were well under control and the system between Ros Lambden as Membership Secretary and the Treasurer were working extremely well and the club had excellent vision of the Training Fee's being collected and the coaching fee's being paid out.

JH1 reiterated that the raising the membership fee's last year clearly needed to be implemented and has put the club in a very strong financial position for the future.

Balance Sheet was proposed as a true and accurate record by Patrick Firminger and

seconded by Andrew Davis.

John Harrington proposed that the Membership and Training Fee's remained the same for the next 12 months. Seconded by Tina Davis. All those present unanimously agreed.

Membership Secretary's Report – Ros Lambden

At this moment in time I can confirm that we have a club membership of 80 people
The membership is made up as follows

3	Instructors
2	Life Members – David Manns and Sam Wyer
23	Adult Members - Same as last year
52	Junior Members

The membership is down by 14 people if compared to the same time last year. It would be nice to be working at the same level but the people have moved on and family memberships have not been renewed.

In addition to the above I can also confirm that the number of registered racers with their relevant governing bodies has increased from 29 to 34.

On average we have some 25 members attending training sessions on a regular basis.

This year we have seen an increase in the annual membership fee. Although the membership is down we are actually in a comfortable financial position.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support, particularly those who have helped with the collection of training fees in my absence.

4. Election of Officers

John Harrington explained that the Gloucester Ski Club committee served as the appointed delegates to manage and control the affairs of the club.

All existing club officials had agreed to stand for a further term of office at a previous meeting with the exception of the following

John Hallett – Treasurer
Rob Stokes – Committee Member
Paul Lewis – Committee Member
Ros Peacock – Secretary who had stepped down from her position earlier in the year.

With this in mind and with no nominations being previously received for any of the club positions then the committee was re-elected.

The following members were then nominated, proposed and elected to the committee there being no other nominations.

Patrick Firminger – Treasurer. Nominated by John Harrington, Seconded Andrew Davis

Kim Lambden – Secretary who had been covering the role since Ros Peacock had stepped down. Nominated by John Harrington, Seconded Andrew Davis.

2 x Additional Committee Members were required to replace Rob Stokes and Paul Lewis.

Paolo Foppoli – taking responsibility for the Summer Race League Teams, results and reports. Nominated by John Harrington, seconded Steve Davis.

Andrew Cooper – having created the new look website was nominated by John Harrington, seconded Andrew Davis.

JH – informed the committee that currently the Head Coach did not sit on the committee due to changes in the administration a few years ago. JH therefore proposed that Hedley Beavis (Head Coach) be re-elected back onto the committee with immediate effect. Proposal seconded Steve Davis. All unanimously agreed.

Finally, since there were no constitutional rules in respect of the “Terms of Office” currently in existence the position of Chairman would need to be nominated to ensure that as an elected body all positions were being created in a fair and democratic manner.

John Harrington was proposed as Chairman by Patrick Firminger and seconded by Gunia Davies.

The full elected committee for Gloucester Ski Club for 2009/10 is

John Harrington – Chairman

Steve Dannatt – Vice Chair

Patrick Firminger – Treasurer

Kim Lambden – Secretary

Ros Lambden – Membership Secretary

Andrew Davis – Child Welfare Officer

Steve Davis

Liz Mozel

Tina Davies

Andrew Cooper

Paolo Foppoli

Open Forum

It was explained that as a club we try to involve all club members and over the last few weeks we had been asking if anyone had specific questions that they wanted to raise at the AGM. Although a couple of emails were received these were managed by the Chairman and Secretary as those raising the questions were not going to be able to attend the AGM.

The Open Forum was instigated to allow those present to ask direct questions of the committee or to seek clarification on more general club matters

1. **Ski Racing Supplies** – This had been added to the website during its development following a direct request from a club member. JH asked if anyone had any objections. No objections raised all in agreement.
2. **Constitution** – Following a discussion between the Chairman and Secretary it was proposed that the Hon. Exec. Officers should serve a fixed term of office to enable positions to be rotated.

John Harrington proposed that the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer all serve a 3 Term period with elected officers being staggered for re-election to ensure some continuity.

Chairman will be up for election at the next AGM May 2010, then 2013
Secretary will be up for election May 2011, then 2014
Treasurer will be up for election May 2012, then 2015 etc

Although the position will be up for election it will not prevent the incumbent official standing for re-election.

Proposal seconded by Kim Lambden and all those in attendance unanimously agreed.

JH/KL

JH

Constitution to be amended to reflect this change.

3. **Website** – JH thanked Andrew Cooper for the wonderful work that had been done on revamping the website. Everyone agreed that it was looking very professional and clearly more interactive and up to date than the old one.
PF – asked who would have administrative rights?
JH – confirmed that both Andrew and he currently have administrative rights but this would be further discussed at the next committee meeting.

JH/KL

It was noted that information needed to be kept up to date and relevant

AD – asked what costs were involved with maintaining the website ?
AC – responded by saying that whilst there was a small cost it would be cheaper than the current website by approx £5/£6 per month once the old website were removed.

4. **Hedley Beavis** – Head Coach

Hedley thanked everyone for their support and following a general introduction made a commitment to get to know the parents of those children that he didn't really know as he had taught them.

He explained that he would be re evaluating the current group structure and would be carrying out some fine tuning to ensure that they were more balanced.

He was happy to give out his email address in the event that parents wanted to discuss anything more privately but confirmed that he operated an "Open Door" policy and would welcome any discussion with parents. He asked that parents be a little selective about wanting to talk as he did not want to interrupt training or engage parents in a conversation a few minutes before training was due to commence.

AC – asked about the process of change and formal assessments
HB – responded by saying that he would be looking at Development Groups 1 & 2 as there was clearly an imbalance within that current structure.
HB also confirmed that he would be looking at how the foundation group runs giving consideration to how these members could be moved more quickly into a more challenging training regime.

JH – pointed out that we had been reviewing the numbers of members attending sessions. This would continue to be monitored and discussed regularly at committee meetings.

AC – asked if any consideration had been given to paying for sessions in advance

JH – confirmed that this had been discussed at length at recent committee meetings, however, it was decided that the situation would be monitored and reviewed

NW – asked if booking for example 2 months in advance was an option

JH – all options had previously been considered and whilst it was a very difficult subject the committee felt the need to review at a later date.

PF – said that the finances clearly showed that the club was in a healthy position and if the wheel was broke then was there any need to try and fix it ?

General agreement from within the meeting.

5. Gloucester Club National

KL

AD – asked if everyone had been informed about entering the Gloucester Club National

RL – confirmed that the on line entry was available and she was holding Race Entry Forms.

KL – agreed to put a note out to the membership encouraging everyone to enter

HB

6. Monday Night Training

TD – asked that if you don't race on a Sunday can you come up to training ?

HB – confirmed that this shouldn't be an issue depending in coaching staff availability but his would need to be reviewed.

7. Training

PF – asked HB when he envisaged completing assessments

HB – confirmed Mid/End June with the October Assessments still being scheduled into the calendar

8. Race Wax/Lube

Steve Davis confirmed that we had the name of a supplier and we would be looking into buying stock that we could sell to club members at a very small profit but this would be cheaper than the normal supply chain.

KL

9. Athletes Representative

Tina Davis had suggested that the racers be represented on the committee.

KL confirmed that a formal proposal had been received and this would be discussed at the next committee meeting. A member could be co-opted onto the committee.

PF

10. Audited Accounts

PF – asked if we have ever considered having an audited set of accounts

JH – This clearly needs to be reviewed when the accounts are formally handed over from John Hallet to Patrick Firminger.

It was also agreed that this would be raised at committee

11. Training Equipment Insurance

AD

Andrew Davis explained that equipment was not currently covered. He was in the process of contacting Sports Timing the suppliers to take advice as many policies didn't cover equipment of this nature.

JH1 confirmed that community risk policies exist within companies like Zurich and he was aware of this because Cardiff were currently having similar issues.

AD – confirmed he would investigate fully and report back to committee.

There being no other business the AGM was officially closed at 19.32 Hrs

