

# ENGLISH SKI COUNCIL LTD

(t/a SNOWSPORT ENGLAND)

Minutes of a Board Meeting held by telephone conference  
On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm

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Present: Barry Spouge Chairman  
Nigel Matthews Director  
Dave Richardson Director  
Karen Richardson Director  
Peter Stratton Director

Tim Fawke Chief Executive  
Peter Heath Company Secretary

Apologies: Jennifer Denning  
David Hart

## AGENDA

- 1 To receive a briefing on the current SSGB position and consider the implications for Snowsport England
- 2 Management of Home Nations Alpine Development Team

## ACTION

### 710 Congress Report

Barry, Jennifer and Tim attended the Congress representing SSE.

A report on the Congress will be published on the SSGB web site:

<http://www.snowsportgb.com/about/public-information/meeting-minutes/congress/>

### 711 **Home Nations Development Team**

For the last few years, the full-time Home Nation Alpine Team athletes have trained together under the management of SSGB, but on a self-funded basis.

To avoid the probability of the Development Team being disbanded and allow SSGB to concentrate on training athletes for the 2010 Olympics, it has been proposed that Snowsport England manage the Boys Development Team this coming season and Snowsport Scotland manage the Girls Development Team.

Muriel Ryding has submitted an outline proposal for the Boys Team and is seeking the Board's authority for Mike Barker:

- to plan and cost a programme for approx 8 athletes (6 English, 2 Scottish) (minimum 6 required for a viable programme)
- to seek out suitable accommodation and coach
- in consultation with Tim, to secure a financial commitment from the athletes.

Once confirmed, we would need to employ another full-time coach to take ownership of and run the programme within budget, with Mike overseeing it while maintaining his existing commitment to the part-time Junior Team.

Athletes would be required to pay their contribution to core costs by set dates and pay their personal expenses up front in order to remain on the programme. Costs per athlete last season under SSGB management were approx £8000 core + £8000 personal. If suitable free accommodation is offered from within the group, significant savings may be possible.

The Junior Team could benefit from access to the accommodation at Christmas and other school holidays when it is not required for the Development Team.

Mike's salary and expenses are fully funded by the Junior Team athletes, so any costs associated with the Development Team would need to be covered temporarily from the Alpine general account, then included in the Development Team core costs and refunded from the athlete contributions.

There is no budget for this and no money available from SSGB.

The Board approved for Mike to liaise with the selected athletes, design a programme and search for accommodation and a suitable coach. No commitment is to be made to employ a coach or to rent accommodation until a further proposal has been submitted to and approved by the Board. It was agreed that an announcement of our intent should be made.

Barry to inform Gill Hall of the Board's decision; Tim to liaise with Muriel.

**BS/TF**

**712**      **AOB**

Noting that Ralph White is standing down from the Nordic Key Committee after many years of service, including a long period as its Chairman, it was agreed to make a service award to Ralph at the AGM. Barry to write to Ralph.

Tim to confirm the order for pin badges.

Nigel advised the Board that Roger Turner died earlier this month. It was Roger's service to English skiing over 30 years that inspired the Board's decision to review the use of Life Membership and awards for long service.

**713**      **Next Meetings**

Telephone Conference – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

AGM and Council – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Halesowen

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 2105