

ENGLISH SKI COUNCIL LTD

(t/a SNOWSPORT ENGLAND)

Minutes of a Board Meeting held on Saturday 17th April 2010 at 10.00am
at SnoZone, Milton Keynes

Present: Barry Spouge Chairman
Nigel Matthews Director
Peter Stratton Director

Tim Fawke Chief Executive
Peter Heath Company Secretary

Apologies: Jennifer Denning
David Hart
Karen Richardson

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766 Declaration of Interests

No new interests were declared

767 Minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 30th January 2010* were confirmed as a true and accurate record thereof and were signed by the Chairman.

768 Matters Arising

IT Strategy: Tim to Ask Dave Richardson for a detailed quotation based on the recommendations in his report. **TF**

769 CEO Report – see written report

Sport England grant

Governance – various actions outstanding to retain green status

Board matrix and evaluation forms to be completed and returned by all Directors. **ALL**

Bi-annual report – draft report in progress – to be submitted next week

AP survey – grow numbers starting to increase after initial drop.

Successful launch of the priority clubs and facilities project at Midland Ski Club – attended by the Sports Minister

Need more responses to the satisfaction survey – reminder has been sent out.

Membership – 2009 discipline renewals are up on 2008, but ASCLs are down by 7%

Registration Fees. Agreed that Performer fees (excl Nordic) for Nov 2010/Oct 2011 are to be £40 for all aged 11 and older; £20 (i.e. 50%) for Under 11s

New Member Clubs. The Board approved full membership applications from:

Loughborough University, Southern Freestyle Club, SZ Racing Club, Metropolitan Police Ski & Snowboard Section

* inserted into the minute book for record purposes.

Agreed that we should provide a template constitution for clubs, which should include the requirement to be affiliated to Snowsport England and attend its AGMs, and to be represented at and support the activities of their Regional Federation. The new member clubs above to be asked to include this in their constitutions.

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Outstanding Debts – Tim reported on the current position.

2010 Accounts – Budget figures now agreed & being entered into Sage. Some outstanding problems fitting the figures into the new coding structure. Aiming to circulate the accounts to 31st March by the end of April – probably without budget comparison.

2009 Accounts – The Board viewed the final accounts on screen. Formal approval of the accounts to be by conference call on Monday 24th May. The auditor has suggested that we may wish to simplify the analysis of reserves next year.

Coaching – Annual conference scheduled for 18/19th Sept at Chill Factore. UK Snowsports web site to go live shortly: www.uksnowsports.co.uk Scotland remain supportive, but are not participating in the scheme at the moment.

Performance Coaching Course – a quotation has been received to develop the generic course material to cover the Level 1-4 Performance Coaching qualifications. Aiming for all HNs and BASI in partnership to commission the work. Each participating body would need to contribute to the overall cost. The Board agreed that this should be pursued further, seeking a fixed price quote with an agreed understanding on expenses. There is some grant money available towards our contribution. Tim to discuss with Jennifer the merits of setting up a separate company to commission the scheme.

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Web Site. Tim looking at options for a new web site, which would include a payments system linked to the membership database to process race entries, course fees etc. Some grant is available to offset the cost.

Child Protection. Part of the advance standard documentation to be re-submitted – aiming for completion this summer. Ian Fawcett is now chairing the Child Welfare Working Group.

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Alpine. The Championships at Bormio went well with a good attendance despite the recession. Barry to send the Board's thanks to Kev Webb and his team for all their hard work.

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Alpine Team. BSS are proposing to select about 30 athletes to the British Junior Team. ASMC are proposing to extend the scope of the England Teams to include a children's group and Junior Development Team. The priority arrangements for access to FIS races are still unclear – to be negotiated with BSS.

Freestyle. The Board stressed the importance of managing the discipline within budget, this being the only discipline with a negative variance (29% of turnover) on budget in 2009

Snowboard. Vickie made valuable contacts at the British Snowboard Championships including meetings with BSS and British Snowboard Association.

British Ski & Snowboard. Tim reported on the open meetings held by the BSS Chairman at Meribel, who has also published a detailed statement of the current position and his proposals for the future.

SSE AGM. It was noted that Barry, Jennifer, Karen and Peter are elected Directors until the 2011 AGM. There remain four vacancies on the Board. Elections are required for Nigel, David and any new nominations.

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Strategic Plan 2010-2013

Jennifer's document has been circulated for comment. Barry & Tim to chase responses. These will be discussed at a Board conference call on Monday 24th May in preparation for presentation at the AGM.

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Finance and Admin

Discussed as part of CEO's report

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Arrangements for AGM day

Presentations and discussion on the Strategic Plan and the Facilities Strategy will be included as part of the Council business.

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AOB

- a) We are awaiting confirmation of a 2 year sponsorship deal from Aosta Valley for the Grand Prix Series and All England Championships.
- b) Following the decision to increase the HO admin charge for the Alpine Junior Team, Peter agreed to seek sponsorship towards the additional charge.
- c) Peter reported briefly on a number of possible sponsorship leads

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Next Meetings

Board meeting: Monday 24th May at 7:15pm by telephone conference

SSE AGM & Council meeting: Saturday 5th June at SSE office, Halesowen

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3pm