

# Snowsport England

Minutes of a Council meeting held on Saturday 29<sup>h</sup> of June 2013

At SportPark, Loughborough.

## **Present:**

JE	Jeremy Eaton	Chairman
BT	Bryan Thomas	Finance Director
GP	Geoff Parsons	Director
KR	Karen Richardson	Director
TF	Tim Fawke	Chief Executive
CP	Clive Punter	Director
KN	Kirsty Nicol	Company Secretary

## **Council Present:**

MC	Martin Carr	Freestyle Committee
LJ	Lloyd Jenkins	Alpine Race Committee
RB	Richard Berry	Non Regional Rep ( Skiers Trust)
JS	John Shedden	Coach's Representative
RJ	Rob Joyce	NESA
JE	Jeff Elmore	CESA

## **Other Attendees:**

Lotta Sutton	Ski Fit
Richard Slater	Sharks Ski Club
John Daines	North Staffs
Andrea Grant	Hemel Ski Race Club
Dermot Flahive	Technical/Race Officials
Martin Middleton	Bassingbourne
Hilary Whipp	Bassingbourne
Rob Robson	ESSKIA
Jemima Barnes	Previous Board Member

Ian Findley Talent Development Officer

Jan Doyle Head of Development

The board requested Jeremy Eaton to chair this Board meeting, Jeremy accepted.

**1. Apologies:**

As per AGM Apologises.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Approved

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Annual Election**

There being no contested positions, the following were appointed as the Leader of their respective key committee:

Alpine Racing: Lloyd Jenkins

Freestyle and Snowboard: Martin Carr

Nordic: Glennis Dore

Coaching: No appointment

Schools and Youth: Martin Tomlinson

TF acknowledges the challenges that are faced to appoint a coaching representative at the moment. GP commented that all key committees will be consulted during the governance review which will be carried out by the board.

**5. a) Membership Survey**

TF commented that there will be a membership survey created by himself and BT and also a club survey regarding the affiliation process and how we can improve. This should help SSE to get a clear view of how we can help individual members in regards to the online registration process and communication with members. BT would like to pull the committees together in order to work together to improve the website and communication.

JE also commented that the board need to be assessable to the sport and to make sure all members have a voice. JE also asked for any suggestions on how the board can improve communication.

## **6. Sport England Update TF**

TF updated the council that we now have more development officers who are now working with more hub sites and improving communication. There will also be a feedback system for facilities which will assist us in the reporting to Sport England. TF also commented that GSGB needs to be pointed out to regions and clubs in order to increase courses. The club and facility conference will concentrate on the Slide to Sochi roadshows.

## **7. A) Alpine Race Committee – Lloyd Jenkins.**

Lloyd commented that there has been good participation and has been a good year for alpine racing also that the SSE run races broke even. Lloyd informed the meeting that there is an ongoing struggle to increase participation of race officials.

### **B) Coaching**

Not Present.

## **C) Freestyle Committee- Martin Carr**

Martin commented that Ian Findley did a great job on the organisation of the freestyle races and feels they were a success. Further information will be provided in the 2012 report.

## **D) Nordic- Lotta Sutton**

Lotta Sutton announced the newly formed Roller ski club which is run by her Ski fit.

## **E) Schools and Youth-**

Reported increased members and participation of around 2-3%.

## **8. BSS**

JE commented that TF is now on the BSS board and JE has access to all BSS board minutes which helps us work closely with BSS and drive participation in the sport. TF commented he is on BSS board as the home nation representative and LJ is also on the BSS committee which gives us good links with BSS. TF also explained the funding for athletes from BSS is available for medal winners. IF commented we need to increase participation and racers.

## **9. AOB**

GP commented on the new “ski show” organisers and that they are very interested in working with SSE which would be a great opportunity to advertise our athletes, TF added that he is discussing ideas with the new organisers and also that they have offered us the same deal to attend as previous organisers.

LJ informed all that the board members have been invited to the Gloucester championships. Board members will endeavour to attend.

BT thanked JE for all his help and hard work on the SSE board and for becoming chair.