

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT SNOWSPORT ENGLAND OFFICES, AREA LIBRARY BUILDING, HALESOWEN, WEST MIDLANDS, B63 4AJ ON SATURDAY 12th May 2007 AT 12.30 pm

Present:

Stewart Smith	-	Chairman
Barry Spouge	-	Director, until 12:45
David Hart	-	Director, until 12:45
Peter Stratton	-	Director
Nick Parr	-	Director, until 12:45
Nigel Matthews	-	Director / Coaching Committee Leader/EMSA
Maureen Cumberlidge	-	Director, until 12:45
Martin Carr	-	Freestyle and Snowboarding Committee Leader YSF representative, until 2:30
Adam Pinney	-	Nordic Key Committee Leader
Gill Hall	-	Alpine Skiing Committee Leader, EMSA representative
Sandy Telling	-	LSERSA representative
Peter Hanford-Styring	-	National Coaching Scheme Members' representative
John Shedden	-	Coaches representative
Andrew Jeffries	-	NWSF representative
Piet Van Kempen	-	ERSA representative
Gillian Gilyead	-	Outgoing Schools Committee Leader
Tony Archbold	-	ESSkiA, WMSA representative
Ralph White	-	Observer
Richard Barbour	-	Observer until 12:45
Dick Eves	-	Observer until 12:45
Hilary Field	-	LNRS Observer until 12:45
Paddy Field	-	LNRS Observer until 12:45
Chris Stroud	-	Tutor, Observer until 12:45
Kevin Smallwood	-	Observer until 12:45
Diana Horth	-	Midland Ski Cub Observer until 12:45

In Attendance:

Trish Chalk	-	Chief Executive
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Apologies were received from:

Peter Hinde	-	Associate members representative
Chris Exall	-	NESA representative

1255 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2007 were confirmed as true and accurate records thereof and were signed by the Chairman.

1256 Matters Arising

There were none.

1257 Modernisation

The Coaching Statement, which had been discussed at the AGM was discussed in more detail. The HNGB's wish to show their commitment, and have designed a Heads of Terms working document which in brief covers the following:

- The roles of the each HNGB.
- The working relationship and boundaries of operation.
- The commitment to change and align membership systems.

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- The agreement to actively seek resolution on the small number of courses, which currently differ between nations.

John Shedden requested the Coaching Committee revisit the Coaching Scheme philosophy and determine the influence and role instructing plays on Snowsport England's Scheme, and how that relationship should exist in a HNGB.

Trish highlighted that a number of attempts has been made to review the current scheme, however unfortunately work started by a limited number of volunteers had not been completed and therefore nothing had progressed.

It was generally agreed England must understand its own product and role, in order to progress with developing a UK scheme and this must be the role of the Coaching Committee, who must work to the actions outlined in the strategic plan.

There was concern raised that a similar venture had previously been engaged in with the other Home Nations and after everything had been agreed, one Nation still did not follow the agreement. Stewart Smith explained that through the modernisation process there had been greater engagement at a Board level and there was the commitment. He also highlighted that we must recognise the history but this should not be a reason not to try again, people and political climates change.

The stages for the working towards a UK scheme are;

- HNGB sign and agreement.
- ID technical working parties.
- UK scheme completed by 2009.

Action: TC/CC

Snowsport England is continuing to work with BASI as international partners and feel this relationship must continue.

Membership Charges

It was agreed on the 7th December 2006 to create a UK membership scheme between all the HNGB's.

The Council was presented with a DRAFT proposal to streamline the categories from the current 24 categories to 5.

The potential for the family discount needed to be imputed and the other HNGB Boards need to sign off before implementation.

If these changes are agreed the aim is to implement the proposed changes in 2008.

1258 Child Welfare

Trish announced that after NSPCC assessment Snowsport England has achieved the Intermediate Standard in Child Safeguarding and Welfare. The success was largely down to the huge amount of work completed by the Child Welfare Group and support from the members.

Tony Archbold raised a query about the UK Schools Games and if Snowsport England had considered requested being a part of the games. Trish reported that we have been part of a recent bid for a city that did not get the games, but had not approached any other hosts, but felt it was important to do so.

Action: TC

1259 Sport England

Trish informed the Council that the reapplication to Sport England been

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successful and Snowsport England had achieved funding for the following projects.

- Database.
- Club Development.
- Child Welfare.

1260 Facilities Strategy

Richard Berry had presented a paper about development of the strategy. It was agreed elements of the paper form a realistic basis for development of a formal strategy and Richard Berry and Alan Jones should be tasked with this role.

**Action:
TC/RB/AJ**

Terms of Reference are to be drawn up and it was suggest Richard Barbour is asked if he would like to contribute.

The North West Ski Federation had a very successful meeting with the Chill Factor E. There was the possibility of developing a club relationship and Telemarking. Gill Hall had submitted a proposal for indoor races and England Alpine Team training.

The Aerials Team were investigating the possibility of the centre being used as a training venue.

1261 Finance

The Finance report had been previously circulated; there were identified issues in Nordic and Alpine, which could be attributed to budget phasing. Ian was investigating the variances with the KCL's.

As per the Council meeting in November 2006 the office will be requesting Regional accounts for filing before further Regional grants are released. The accounts would be held for members to access if they cannot access them from the Regional Committee.

Action: Office

1262 Future Agenda Items

It has been previously agreed to introduce training in to the Council meetings from November 2006.

Action: TC

It was agreed to run a funding clinic at the next Council meeting and invite clubs.

'Working with the Sport England Regional Structures', 'Designing a Development Plan' and 'Best Use of the Resources in Snowsport England' would also be future topics.

1263 Key Committees

Alpine

Gill reported a good Alpine Championship had run in PSV with a high level of participation. It was reported Mike Barker has passed his APC 3. It was requested that Ski Rossendale is contacted for an update about ongoing slope re-developments.

Action: TC

Coaching

Detail about the ongoing strategic work between the Nations and BASI had already been discussed. The Coaching Committee are looking into the possibility of a Youth Leaders Award.

There had been some work on development of an adaptive award and a planning meeting is imminent.

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The conference date of the 8th of June had been set, there was feedback that this may clash with the Welsh races and should be reviewed. It was agreed to do so.

Suggestions for content were received.

- Presentation Skills
- Philosophy
- Child Welfare
- Equipment
- LTAD
- IVSI

Freestyle

There are a number of camps running over the summer, unfortunately due to bad conditions in Tignes the summer camp no longer is running.

The Freestyle Aerials Team is also working at a GB level with UK Sport to develop a full time programme.

Nordic

The Committee are planning to purchase children's sized equipment to extend the schools programme.

They have recently achieved sponsorship from XC UK for the proficiency award scheme reprint.

This years On Snow event was the biggest to date however the Committee asked for advice on how to manage group sizes and popularity of coaches. Several suggestions were received which included sourcing external funding through talks/raffles and sponsorship. All of which can help to make up any shortfall.

There are plans to hold a conference in October.

Snowsport GB

No issues had been raised for congress by the membership. Peter Heath has been nominated to attend but Sunday traffic was proving difficult. Therefore Gillian Gilyead would attend. **Action: TC**

1264 AOB

The Snowsport Forum would like to run another Ski and Snowboard week in November.

Snowsport England would like to acknowledge the many years of Sponsorship from Thompson and the help this has provided in supporting grassroots progression from artificial surfaces to snow.

1265 Next Meeting

21st July at Snowsport England Offices ,Halesowen
20th October at Snowsport England Offices, Halesowen

There being no further business the meeting closed at 15:15 p.m.