

Minutes

Sharks Ski Club

Committee Meeting

Thursday 21st November 2019 at 18.00

AAD architects Offices - Sheffield

1. **Apologies**

Norman Gill, Nicky Parr, Carl Carter, Lucy Ridgeway, Nick Hill, Tom Hill, Steve Burley.

2. **Quoracy Check**

Tim Justice, Molly Gill, Julie Slater, Barry Drummond, Andy Cresswell, Paul Smith, Millie Norton.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Approved - Minutes from Thursday 10th October 2019

4. **Snozone / Other locations**

Manchester sessions agreement we would like to continue going and ensure options are kept open

Dates to be selected after Christmas - once every 2 months

Agreed to provide the numbers and names of members to snozone each month to ensure they see who are Sharks

5. **Treasurers update**

N/A

6. **Membership update**

Molly continues to look after this in the interim

Renewals started - 75 renewals already in 2 weeks

Need to ensure that the link between members and mail chimp needs to be aligned. (Andy)

7. **Welfare Officers update**

- Time to listen course to be completed for as many people as possible to support CWOs - Plan for the end of Jan 2020 up to 14 people
- Paul, Barry, Frank, Molly, Helen, Tim, Nicky, Steve, Norman, Annette? any others who wish to attend. (Julie to contact the people)
- We need to provide 3 / 4 dates for a 3 hour course (Week of the 20th Jan or 1st Weekend of Feb Wed/ Thurs)
- Policies to be updated on the website (Andy)

8. **Club Captains update**



Looking to setup an activity for after skiing to get everybody back together
Laser Quest Bowling were ideas.

Something within the Castleford site as already on site.

Plans to be put together

9. Skiing update (race, general)

General - Molly

- It has been rather an eventful month. A lot has changed very quickly since our last meeting. As you have read from Norman's report, we are back at Castleford as from the 9th November. So, here is what happened before that.
- October 12th, we had our planned session at Castleford in which 67 members attended. It was a great session with a fantastic Sharks atmosphere. Immediately after the session we ran a Safeguarding course for our new level 1's and some who had to revalidate.
- October 19th, we held a session at Rossendale, but this was badly attended, but we continued with it despite that.
- October 26th we were at Chill Factor, Manchester. This was really well attended, and we were made most welcome there by all their staff. It was great to see 2 of our new young Trainee's Megan and Grace do their first lesson there. They were really thrown in the deep end, their first lesson on a different slope, with young children who also had not been there before. A big congratulations to them both.
- November 2nd - Pendle - Paul's or Barry's report
- November 9th Due to hard negotiations with Snozone we were back at Castleford. It was a good feeling with all our members and Snozone staff were obviously pleased to see us back.
- Some of the changes we have had to make to adhere to Snozone's conditions is that we must now be known as a Race Club. Our minimum age of acceptance is now 6 years old. We are not allowed to teach adults, but we can 'guide' them..... I am sure we can adhere to all these conditions.
- Due to being back at Castleford more new enquiries are beginning to come in. We have gained 6 new members this month.
- One problem is that we are now only allowed 1 - 10 paying members for a free instructor pass therefore we are having to pay for more instructors to attend. As we now have many available Instructors, we are unable to use everybody every week, therefore I am having to use a register to ask people to stand down. This is the only way I can see to enable fairness. I have informed all the Instructors, and everyone seems to be happy with this arrangement.

Race Team- Paul



- Pendle Winter Race League is ongoing with a small contingent of 'Sharks' making the effort to keep us represented at the event. By all accounts and, judging by the race reports, all have had a very enjoyable time.
- It's a little over two weeks to the next meeting and notices have gone out nice and early with the aim of drumming up higher numbers. I'm free this time around and hoping to be welcomed back into the fold!
- I recently collected three printed Race Jackets that have been outstanding a while partially due to a potential new supplier not delivering what they said they could provide earlier in the year. If we do receive any renewed interest in further race jackets, I'll need to shop around for some competitive quotes.

10. Coaching update

- Item (4) I feel that the move back into Castleford Snozone has been a reasonable success! We are, I think, being watched each Saturday Morning but we are not doing anything that should concern the Snozone management.
- We do need to take a careful look at our 'Instructors Arrangements'. The Instructors need to 'know' where they fit in to things!
- As we are now a 'Race Club' we must have the 'stubbies' out each Saturday (apart from a Moguls Morning!)
- At the moment we only have Frank, Barry and myself who can 'set' meaningful Race Courses and training courses, there is a difference., meaning at least one of the three must be there with the stubbies!
- I am happy to run a 'workshop' for anyone interested in learning how to set Training Courses along side Frank and Barry.
- I do feel that we need to introduce other Skiing venues to our members, e.g. Swadlincote, Chill Factor. Doing this as a Club would further the camaraderie of the club and of working together (Instructor: Skier) in a different environment. However this will need to be planned carefully as there are many things to consider. (I think activities are best in Spring and Summer when the roads are more reliable)
- Item (10) it should be mentioned the sterling work done by some of our young level 1 trainees under the guidance of Level 1 Instructors just a little bit older than them!
- Also, Sharks were represented by Paul Smith and David Henery on the recent UK Snowsport Level 3 Instructor Training Course. Their contribution and hard work made me quite proud!



11. Holiday update

- 36 people booked on for the holiday at the moment - few more potential people to be added.

12. SSE

- Need our membership details ASAP provided and we have received an invoice to pay - £920

13. AOB

- Website updates needed based on the change to a Race club
 - Focus on the Race - History of freestyle and moguls
- Session booking - Agreed to move to an 20.00 close for booking on the Wednesday prior to session - website to be updated
- Steve still to see Martin for the Facebook access details for the public one needs comments to be removed once we have the access
- Party - went well and was well supported by all who attended !!
- Instructor SSE qualifications - Confirmation that existing qualification will still be applicable but may have a name change
- Action - Watch party for the movie about skiing and then enter the ski competition (Club captains to look at the supported by all)
- "Race course setting" - course so that we have more people who can setup the poles.

14. Date of next Committee meeting

- Wed 18th March
- 18.00
- Location to be confirmed