

**Minutes**  
Sharks Ski Club  
Committee Meeting  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 18.00  
Webex

1. **Apologies**  
Steve Burley.
  
2. **Quoracy Check**  
Tim Justice, Molly Gill, Norman Gill, Julie Slater, Barry Drummond, Paul Smith, Millie Norton, Nicky Parr, Cameron Parr, Carl Carter, Lucy Ridgeway, Nick Hill, Tom Hill, Andy Cresswell.
  
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**  
Approved - Minutes from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019
  
4. **General**  
Not a lot currently happening at the present due to COVID -19  
Molly, Norman and Tim have attended SSE drop in sessions for ideas on how to keep thing moving as a club if there any support for the Venues and what can we do to help  
Awaiting details and advice from SSE as to what is going to happen when we restart  
Not had any communication from Snozone but will continue trying, to agree a plan with them and ensure they have our full support.
  
5. **Treasurers update**  
Nothing to report this session
  
6. **Membership update**  
Since November 2019 we have had 20 enquiries and 7 joined. Most of the others were too young i.e. under 6 years old. Others were complete beginners.  
To date we have 216 members  
Will the membership be extended in line with the instructor timeframe ?  
Decision - we will extend the membership year for our member based on the delay for COVID 19
  
7. **Welfare Officers update**  
As per Molly's email to instructors all First Aid qualifications and revalidation dates have been extended until 01/01/21

2019 /20 Licenses not yet seen (Can you check Molly to see if you have them and email me a copy if you have?)

- [REDACTED] (Plus First Aid which expired pre lockdown)
- [REDACTED] (Plus First Aid which expired pre lockdown)

[REDACTED]

Safeguarding certificates due to expire shortly (to be completed online)

[REDACTED]

All of the above documentation needs to be in place before the individual instructs for Sharks as licenses are not valid without.

DBS update checks have been completed - next checks due in July

DBS check for Steve Burley outstanding (in respect of deputy CWO role, to be completed after lockdown finishes)

Deputy CWO posters for each person to finished and laminated in preparation for return to Sharks.

#### 8. Club Captains update

Tom / Mille - were hoping to have an event organised for now but not possible due to COVID

Suggestion to run a creative challenge for member - Can the members come up with creative picture to represent the sharks and send it in.

#### 9. Skiing update (race, general)

##### **General - Molly**

November 2019 was my last report. (6 months ago) From then and up to March everything was going well. Saturday morning sessions were again back to being busy again.

Due to the restriction of our 1 - 10 ratios of instructors, our format for the groups had to change. i.e. different standard groups having to work together.



To utilise the number of instructors we were allowed on the slope, we were relying heavily on trainee instructors to take our lower groups. That really is against our philosophy as we all know that the lower standard skier requires the most knowledgeable instructor, as we all remember what we were first taught. It is important that they learn good habits from the start. We are very lucky that we have some good knowledgeable and experienced skiers as Trainees. So, a big thank you to our Trainees, and of course to all our senior instructors who have helped them along their journey.

Then came 'Lock Down'.... Missing one Saturday was bad, but now we have missed 8 (Eight)...!! will Saturdays ever be the same....!!!! We have tried to keep in touch with our members through Social Media, but all our younger members are having to school online, so therefore have probably had enough 'online' chat etc...

We WILL keep positive, and we WILL build ourselves up again.

We do propose to do some 'online' coaching with our Instructors through

Norman, to enable conversations on ideas and thinking.

### **Race - Paul**

Sharks racers managed to compete in and complete the Winter Race League at Pendle on March 7th before the Corona Virus lockdown was initiated. No trophies to bring home but that didn't stop us skiing our hearts out and loving every minute of it!

The Summer Race League dates for both Stoke and Rossendale ski clubs were released to our members on March 11th only to be cancelled a week later due to the impending lockdown.

Stoke initially proposed to postpone the race dates in March and April re-scheduling them for the beginning of September and October.

The dates for May and June won't go ahead either with the club being advised that they may be able to re-open the slope in some capacity at the beginning of July, but that remains to be seen. However, it certainly won't be for the SRL event due to the potential large number of racers wishing to participate.

Stoke Ski Clubs race organisers are musing running a WRL in place of the SRL commencing early September but this remains to be confirmed and the details clarified.

On the plus side, they have not stood still and have lifted the intermediate slope, re-shaped it and added another slope which is currently being re-matted.

Rossendale Ski Club doesn't anticipate their SRL being run at all this year citing the social distancing measures that they would have to implement being unrealistic for this type of event.

To summarise, once Stoke have confirmed their intentions and if a WRL event does go ahead, we'll look to promote both Pendle races run on Saturdays alongside Stoke races run on Sundays.

## 10. Coaching update

### Notes from UK Snowsport Tutors webinar 20th April 2020

Introducing "The Home Nations Project"

The Governing Bodies of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland have created an alliance for all Instructors and Coaches. The object is for all Training Manuals to become just one manual!

This has been coming for almost 18th months.

There is a revised Level 1 Tutor Pack out, which will be 'tested out' by a bunch of Tutors working through the practicality of it. Yes, I will be one of the Tutors!

Facilities - that is 'our hosts' e.g. Snooze:

Tim Fawke is meeting with individual venues and discussing "working together" - No feedback as yet!

### Thoughts!

Talking of venues; when (not if) we return to our Saturday Session I would like to see as many Sharks there as is possible, we have to make an entrance in support of Snozone. Therefore, I feel we need some information from Snozone that we can pass onto our Members. Things like prices, deals, events etc.

I feel we need to 'excite' our members to come back; we have to announce, in some way, that we are back!

To this end I am working on some "Working our way back to skiing" Lesson Plans for all groups.

It will be a time to build upon our good skiing skills and to leave behind the 'not so good' stuff of long ago!

These lesson plans will be the same template for each group; meaning everyone working on the same topic. This is an effort to engender some fun, sharing togetherness, and measurable targets which will be talked about . . . . .

This is just a way of building cohesion and competition . . . . . and a way of getting our ski legs back!

## 11. Holiday update

As you are fully aware the 2020 holiday to Champoluc, Italy was cancelled due to COVID-19

Ski 2 offered refunds or transfer to 2021. Some members opted to transfer their payment over to 2021. In view of this, the committee agreed to the 2021 Ski Holiday to be at Champoluc, Italy from Good Friday 2nd April to Friday 9th April.

To date (13/5/20) we have 18 people paid their deposit to Ski 2. Hopefully, when people manage to return to work, and get on a more stable financial standing, more people will book.

People need to request the money back for the ski instructing which was paid for the 2020 holiday

12. **AOB**

Minutes from November action regarding obtaining the ownership of the public Facebook page from [REDACTED] - AC to check with Steve if he got the access from Martin.

AC - Minutes and Constitution to be added to website

AC - Communication that AGM is going to be delayed until September  
Point for next AGM we will need new clubs captain in the next year as Mille is 18 in October and Tom in Feb so 2021.

Ski 2 very efficient in refunding - Many thanks - appreciated by members and gives confidence to book again

13. **Date of next Committee meeting**

24th June - TBC