

**Minutes**  
Sharks Ski Club  
Committee Meeting  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 19.00  
Webex

1. **Apologies**

Lucy Ridgeway, Tom Hill, Carl Carter, Mille Norton.

2. **Quoracy Check**

Cameron Parr, Molly Gill, Norman Gill, Paul Smith, Nicky Parr, Lucy Ridgeway, Tim Justice, Barry Drummond, Andy Cresswell, Nick Hill, Julie Slater, Steve Burley.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Approved - Minutes from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

4. **General**

**Subs**

We have not been taking subs since sessions restarted at Swadlincote, but was raised that we should review this as will now go until Christmas and we are provided refreshments

Discussed and agreed that Subs will start again from the 1<sup>st</sup> October, communication to be sent out confirming the £2.00 as requesting that the correct money is bought as difficult to provide change due to COVID.

**Electronic payment facility**

Cameron provided details of the options to enable the club to have a electronic / contactless payment facility.

Agreement to move forward with the solution and buy the contactless device will be setup once the bank account transferred to the e-payment plan included in the Treasurer's report below.

Thanks to Cameron for providing the options and solutions.

**Actions from previous meeting**

Identity - Wearing our blue jackets was too hot, but we still need to look professional, there was an Agreement to provide T-Shirt to all instructors ASAP and to source instructor long sleeve T- Shirts and Jackets (Tim to get pricing)

Update - Tim has enquired and awaiting feedback - requested details about jacket and long sleeved t-shirts

Refreshment - We are skiing more runs due to not queuing; therefore, the children need a rest and a drink. Agreement for Sharks to pay for coffees and teas for the lift volunteers.

Updated - this has been implemented

## 5. Treasurers update

### 1. Up to date bank.

As at today, the banking stands at £60,532. This takes in to account the receipts that are due to Molly Gill (£288.20, not paid yet, only received yesterday), however, doesn't take in to account the amounts owed back to Nicky Parr (£160 (apologies Nicky!)), and to Andy Cresswell (£250 (apologies Andy!)). We also need to pay Chris Exhall (amount unknown, but usually somewhere in the region of £340-£350 including travel etc.

This therefore gives us a net position at the bank of around **£59,772**

This is obviously a good position for the club to be in, and should only increase over the next few months as membership renewals come in.

### 2. Items received in the bank

Date	Amount	Memo
01/09/2020	£14.00	[REDACTED] BGC
01/09/2020	£12.00	[REDACTED] BGC
20/07/2020	£30.00	[REDACTED] BGC

### 3. The Bank - Barclays.

Currently, the account we have, which is a historic account only allows us to pay things by cheque. This is due to the fact that we are a 'community interest company', and that we have to have two signatories on the account. As we have to have two signatories, this therefore means that it is not possible for us to make electronic payments (this would go against the bit about having two signatories).

As the account is an 'old' 'traditional' account, we currently pay a charge of £0.35 per electronic payment that we receive.

This has never been an issue in the past, however, as time is progressing, and more recently highlighted by COVID 19, more and more people are wanting to pay electronically. Furthermore, in order to 'keep up with the times' we are wanting to start taking subs electronically, however, depending on the payment method used, if we are paid electronically every time someone pays a sub, then

it would mean that we would be charged 35p every time. This is not good for the club.

I know that the proposal put forward by Cameron and Nicky was to use SumUp. I believe that this pays you once per day. I.e, they receive all of your payments, then, they pay it over the next working day. This would therefore mean that if we collect subs on a Saturday, then we would receive one payment on a Monday. This is good for the club as it means that we would only pay one 35p for the one transaction (after SumUp have taken their charge).

However, what I would like to ask of the committee, is to actually change the account to one of Barclays new "e-payments" plans. A summary of the charges are as follows:

	Current Sharks Account (mixed plan)	Proposed (e-payments plan)
Electronic payments (in or out)	£0.35 per transaction	Free
Cash payments (in or out)	£0.90 per £100	£1.50 per £100
Monthly account fee	£6.00	£6.50

**Change in account discussed and approved**

At the same time, I would also like to make it so that we have myself as sole signatory.

**Change discussed and approved**

I would point out that in theory this gives an added risk to the club due to the fact that in theory I could move money wherever I wanted, however, I would like to think that I have been doing this for long enough for people I do this to give back to the club and community (not to take!).

In order to minimise that risk, I would suggest that I could provide ad hoc PDF copies to any of the executive committee at their request. This should give some satisfaction to the committee as it means that I could be 'spot checked' at any time.

**Understood and agreed**

Finally, the only caveat to the bank accounts is that Barclays at the moment are absolutely useless. I have tried to approach them on another, non club related, matter. I was trying to set up a bank account for a new business. I came to the conclusion that it wasn't actually possible to get this sorted at this time, so I have had to use an alternative bank.

I would like to think that as we are existing customers that we could get this resolved more easily, however, it will not be a quick job. My intention is to actually just turn up and try and see someone face to face (or mask to mask!!).

Ultimately it is the committees decision, however, it would be better for the club and everyone involved.

Discussed and thanks Steve for update and proposed changes to help us move forward.

#### 6. Membership update

4 new members joined since August - The Banks and the Pikes

Total - 221 members currently

Estimated that we will lose about 75% on membership renewal due to the uncertainty in location.

From a club perspective as long as we have members we have a club and can and will continue 😊

#### 7. Welfare Officers update

CWO deputies working well and phot sheets to be displayed on the subs paying table when it starts again

#### 8. Club Captains update

No update this time

Change of captain would normally be completed at the Christmas Party but due to circumstances an alternative might be required. Possibly use Doodle poll to capture the votes.

Discussed potentially having a Mentor for club captains when they are new to support during the first months

Guidelines to be defined as to what a club captain should be doing to help ensure the correct expectations (framework / role description)

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

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

Sessions are going quite smoothly at the moment, no worrying issues to report. Members seem to have accepted and understand that we can only have 5 in a group, therefore their child maybe in a different group each week. I try as far as I can to keep friends of similar ability together, but sometimes it is not possible.

What we have found is that the standard of all our skiers has improved tremendously. We only have 1 x 5-year-old Whale, and 2 x Swordfish, the rest are Hammerheads and above. I think that this is due to the same members



attending most weeks, and having smaller groups, they get more expert tuition and more runs.

Everyone, including the adults are enjoying the slalom course. We have gradually gone from all stubbies to a variety of full poles and sutbbies. The head to head that was set created great excitement and competitiveness!! We think this can only happen every 3 or 4 weeks as it does have its obvious dangers...!! We will monitor it.

Our Sharks banner is now displayed, but I did notice on Saturday that it had been moved further back and Midland Ski Club's banner had taken the prominent position. Understandable as it is their home slope.

As ever, none of this would be happening if it was not for our dedicated instructors and our most helpful parents who manage the ski lifts and our safety, so, many thanks to all of them.

I hear on the 'grapevine' that Pendle and Rossendale will be starting their race league shortly, so I think with the standard of our skiers now on plastic, we will be coming away with more medals.

At the moment, negotiations with both Castleford and Chill Factor are still 'on hold' I am afraid, but the channels of communication are still open. Although Castleford have now extended their opening hours, they are still only accepting Private Instruction from their own instructors.

#### **Race - Paul**

SSE said that they can go may ahead with the race series at Pendle and Rossendale - Paul to follow up and provide an update

Race training options were discussed and agreed specific session will be planned, details below.

#### **10. Coaching update**

From my coaching point of view, I am proud of the way the 'in-house' Training Day last Saturday turned out.

My aim was simply to promote some 'shared learning' and I feel this was achieved.

I also saw the obvious potential of some of our young instructors - you know who they are.

I feel that the learning environment we create, in our positive and determined approach to the job, encourages learning. A great example of this was the Dual Slalom - instigated by Frank and Helen.

What a great session and an amazing example of 'learning through play'.

Molly, Frank and I have agreed a monthly dual slalom session - keeping it fresh and a 'treat' to look out for each month.

This brings me to 'formal' Race Training - subject to Committee approval - I would like to introduce a specific Race Training Session from 11.00 to 12.00, probably on a monthly basis at first.

I would need to talk with Gemma about this.

**The proposal was discussed and fully supported**

As Chris Exall\* could not attend last Saturday, he is trying to rearrange his diary and to be at Sharks on 26th September to run a 'mock' L2 Assessment for instructors attending their actual Assessment on October 3rd. I will be Revalidating my Level 4 on October 3rd - all at Swadlincote!

\*might mean some expenses!

**Fully supported and approved**

#### 11. **Holiday update**

There are 17 people who have transferred from last year, but understand the numbers based on the current situation

#### 12. **AOB**

**Whats app Groups-** suggested and agreed to setup 2 whatsapp groups one for the committee and one for the instructors for communication.

**Standing out on the slope** - Raised that it is important and being pushed in other education and charities that instructors and CWO/ Deputies need to be more visible and it should be very easy to see who they are.

Discussed and agreed that we need to get new jackets / fleeces for instructors, committee members CWO's and Deputies so it is clear!

Was discussed that badges would be a good option as well or lanyard for the CWO and deputies (not skiing)

Will be addressed when Tim get the feedback from supplier

**Christmas party** - Possible options to do something within the constraints, current option would be to do something on the Swadlincote slope .....fun session....fancy dress skiing, egg and spoon, hoop throwing etc with santa in a tent at the bottom.

Proposed date session on the 12<sup>th</sup> December - up to the numbers (depending on social distancing)

All agreed this is a great idea - will book and we can assess closer to the time, even if it is only for 30 kids.

**Sharks gazebo** - Does anyone know where it is or who might have it, all agreed to ask around ?

**Minutes** - Previous minutes were missing from the website, - these will be added and future minutes will be added as soon as possible (hopefully with 2 weeks)

13. [Date of next Committee meeting](#)  
November 18<sup>th</sup>