

Minutes
Sharks Ski Club
Committee Meeting
Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 19.00
Webex

1. **Apologies**
Millie Norton, Julie Slater, Steve Burley.
2. **Quoracy Check**
Cameron Parr, Molly Gill, Norman Gill, Paul Smith, Nicky Parr, Lucy Ridgeway, Tim Justice, Barry Drummond, Andy Cresswell, Nick Hill, Tom Hill, Carl Carter.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**
Approved - Minutes from Thursday 13th May 2020
4. **General**
Been interesting few months but glad the weekly challenges are over and back to normal booking 😊

Locations for the next months

Snozone - Planning to reopen again at the start of August and group sessions to start potentially of the 16th August.

Do not see Sharks being back in Snozone until after Xmas based on feedback
Do not want us on a reduce price as they need to get the full amount for the reduced numbers on the slope

Agreement - we will continue the sessions at Swadlincote until Xmas.

Communication to members up until Xmas Swadlincote then will review
Keeping in touch with SSE and Snowzone to assist and support as we can
Keep everybody updated.

Also plan for race training at Swadlincote moving forward to prepare for the summer races !

5. **Treasurers update**
Nothing to report
6. **Membership update**
1 new family - joined
Not expecting any more at this point until things settle down

Great work from Megan in supporting the youngest one ☺

7. **Welfare Officers update**

Nothing to report

Carl and Julie not present at Swadlincote due to the distance so the deputies are working.

Andy / Paul / Cameron to print and laminate (Nicky and Paul to print their own and bring on Saturday)

8. **Club Captains update**

Tom - Not much happening at the moment due to the COVID 19 but important to keep connected to the younger members.

Start process for new female captain as Mille is soon turning 18.

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

General - Molly

We are most grateful to Swadlincote Snowsport Centre for allowing us to ski there at our normal time of Saturday morning 9.00am - 11.00am at a most competitive price of £12 child, and £12.50 for adults.

It was hard work getting all the Risk Assessment re Covid 19 set up for both Sharks and the slope management, but together we managed it, and although being very apprehensive and nervous on the day, it worked perfectly within 'bubbles' 5 to 1 instructor. Well, nearly...!!! A couple of hick ups...The Instructors were really 'switched on' and nurtured their groups through the transition from a snow slope to a plastic slope. If truth was known, the instructors + me and Norman were nervous about taking our first tentative run down the slope also, BUT, in true Sharks fashion, it did not take long to settle down and everyone was skiing as if they were on snow. The 2 hours passed very quickly as everyone was having fun and so happy to be skiing again on whatever...!!

After the session finished, all the young people vanished from the slope straight onto the Toboggan Crest Run, whilst the adults sat outside watching whilst enjoying a drink and a chat.

The second Saturday was very much the same, apart from the fact that I could not hold Frank down any longer and give in to setting a slalom course. Again, starting off tentively, but then flying down as if they had never been away. Afterwards there was a battle between young people and parent/adults as to who could get on the Crest Run first. I think Helen (instructor) won. We were still 'hanging around' eating/drinking until 1.00pm just like the old days at Sheffield. I had the following message earlier this week from a parent '?? is loving the ski sessions at the moment. We were never part of the Sheffield ski



slope scene but it seems to me that many of the original aspects of the old times there are present at Swadlincote - great value and inclusivity for all, great club feel and camaraderie.' This made it all worthwhile.

Thank you to all the volunteer parents who helped with the lift and keeping our skiing members at social distancing both at the top and at the bottom. We could not have done it without your help

So, where to from here? We have 2 more Saturdays booked in at Swadlincote.

I have a few things to discuss with the committee re skiing at Swadlincote -

- a) Wearing our blue jackets was too hot, but we still need to look professional
Agreement to provide T-Shirt to all instructors ASAP and to source instructor long sleeve T- Shirts and Jackets (Tim to get pricing)
- b) We are skiing more runs due to not queuing; therefore, the children need a rest and a drink.
Agreement - Sharks to pay for coffees and teas for the lift volunteers. As needed - Parents to bring a drink
- c) Children's helmets are not fitted correctly. It is a hard surface...!! we need to check this.
Instructors to check each week
- d) May be better for instructors to give feedback at the bottom of the slope rather than the top of the slope. We need to monitor.
The instructors will remain flexible
- e) Bungs - Do we need to buy some??
Leave it to the people or Swadlincote to sort it out

Race - Paul

Planning for race training at Swadlincote ready for next season

Race session with just Shark members

Great session with the poles out last week !

10. **Coaching update**

First, I must give much credit to our instructors for the amazing way in which they turned on the "easy on plastic" approach for the benefit of our enthusiastic skiers; both young and the not so young!

Again; from my very biased view, our instructors are simply the best!

We now must continue the work with our trainee instructors in them gaining their Instructor Badges.

This is very important as I know that there are Level 2 Candidates wanting an assessment. I am not allowed to assess these Level 2 Candidates as I trained them, meaning we need to maybe pay an outside assessor - preferably Chris Exall - who knows the Sharks and me!

Before 'lockdown' I had spoken with Barry and Frank about an Instructor 'Slalom Course Setting' session for the whole Instructor Team. I had a lot of interest! I would like to run such a session, which could be done within a Saturday session. This depends upon COVID Rules and of course you the Committee!

I would love to run some 'Race Training Sessions' as I have in the past, specifically for the Sharks Race Team. This could be for a couple of hours after the Sharks session maybe. Again, this depends upon COVID Rules and of course you the Committee!

September is not very far away and this is the time we have our annual Instructor Training Day - again I would want to prepare and deliver a Training Day and to invite Chris Exall again; along with some of our own Instructors. This is subject to cost, venues and COVID Rules; Swadlincote would be the place for me!

Our Future is bright

11. [Holiday update - Nothing to report](#)

12. [AOB](#)

Chilfactor - communications ongoing, at the moment only doing private lessons but would like us back in the future

Get an electronic payment terminal - to be looked at when Steve is back.

Minutes from November action regarding obtaining the ownership of the public

Subs - reviewing again subs situation in September (possible £1.00 moving forward)

Check with Steve on Holiday instruction cash back and send out holding email

13. [Date of next Committee meeting](#)

September 16th