

**Minutes**  
Sharks Ski Club  
Committee Meeting  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 19.00  
Webex

1. **Apologies**  
Barry Drummond.
2. **Quoracy Check**  
Cameron Parr, Molly Gill, Norman Gill, Nicky Parr, Andy Cresswell, Nick Hill, Fin Parr, Meg Parr, Lucy Ridgeway, Paul Smith, Julie Slater, Carl Carter, Tim Justice, Steve Burley.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting**  
Approved
4. **Charis Update**  
Fantastic Xmas party - really good fun and enjoyed by all - Huge thanks to Molly, Fin, Meg for all the efforts in sorting it out.  
  
Good Facebook activities to keep interactions going and members engaged  
  
Ian and Anna are not running the SSE moguls anymore - but are happy to help out in the future they are very welcome
5. **Treasurers update**  
Bank is slightly down due to lower subs and no memberships ship this  
  
Bank Account has been updated so we can collect the electronic transactions  
  
Sum-up machine is working and going to be passed to Nicky so can be used for contactless payment moving forward  
  
Shop setup and can things can now be bought online  
  
Mailchimp and website renewals complete for another year
6. **Membership update**  
We have not accepted any new memberships during this period due to 'Lockdown' and only having skied 3 Saturday sessions. We do have a few waiting to join.

It was agreed by the committee that we would not ask for any renewals until Easter

when hopefully it will be clearer as to what the future holds for us.

At Easter the membership will run from April until 1st October (6 months) at a cost of £5.00 per person or £15.00 per family. This will cover all personal for insurance purposes and Snowsport England membership. It will also help us to analyse how many members we have to register and pay for with Snowsport England.

A letter of notification will be sent to all members explaining this when we are allowed to return to skiing. - Hopefully soon....

#### 7. Welfare Officers update

Handover of activities to start from Julie to Carl including the DBS database

Agreed we need a female welfare officer to support Carl moving forward - Tim to make enquiry with possible people

SSE - put a link on our website to the Magic part which was useful

Agreed we should add useful contact numbers to website

DBS update from SSE - They will all be renewed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan moving forward rather than when they expire to simplify

#### 8. Club Captains update

Loads of events completed already

- Would I lie to you
- Scavenger hut
- Duel Slalom
- Xmas Fancy dress
- Xmas party
- Xmas jumpers
- New hoodies
- Quiz this weekend

Great start for the new captains 😊

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

### **General - Molly**

We have only had 3 skiing Saturdays before 'Lockdown' came again on the 30th December, but sadly this time we are unsure when it is going to end.

We did pack a lot into those 3 Saturdays though. On the 5th December it was our usual 'let's find our skiing legs again' after being locked down.

On the 12th December it was our improvised Sharks Fun Day/Party. As we were unable (by law) to party indoors, we had fun games on the slope whilst skiing through a slalom course. It involved 4 teams racing against each other but incorporating an egg & spoon race, a water carrying game, and an obstacle race. Although we had independent adjudicators and scorer, there still seemed to be a 'bit' of cheating....!! Especially when Father Christmas arrived and joined in the skiing causing havoc....but he made up for it at the end by presenting all the children with their boxes of chocolate.

The presentations were made by our Chairman Tim on the grass area adjoining the slope. The 'Most Improved Skiers of the Year' was - Male = Alfie Duncan, and Female = Grace Mitchell. The David Laird Trophy for the Adult who had worked hard behind the scenes was = Andy Cresswell.

Tim also presented the staff at Swadlincote with 2 tins of chocolate as a 'Thank You' for working with us on the slope. We also had to say a sad farewell to Gemma the Manager, who was leaving the Centre for a new career. We will miss her as she was so helpful in Sharks getting established at Swadlincote. She also became a good friend of all Sharks. We wish her luck in her new role. We now wait in anticipation of the new manager, will he still welcome Sharks Ski Club.? We will have to wait and see....

On the 19th December (which turned out to be our last one) we again had 'The Captain's dual slalom races' but this time it was within their own groups, meaning much competition by all. It was made slightly harder due to the fact that they were wearing fancy dress. There was no cheating this time, but a lot of crashes. No casualties luckily. An enjoyable time was had by all.

This finished with the presentation in the car park as we had to vacate the ski area quickly due to social distancing, as other public were waiting to use the slope.

Looking back, it was an eventful 3 weeks. Thank you to all involved

### **Race - Paul**

Nothing happened - no winter race leagues this year and awaiting further notice for summer!

2 concerns raised which we need to address

Loosing touch with members - must keep up with the challenges and online activities to keep people engaged.

Second loosing touch with our instructors, not had any communication really during lockdown and need to reengage

Proposal is get people talking and thinking about skiing again by a make your own lesson plan - challenges to be sent out regularly and get feedback and will create a sharks lesson plan and training manual which can be support the newer instructors and be used by all in the future !

The sharks manual will be created over time and will be a great resource for all Shark instructors now and for the future.

Instructor webex to be arranged - to kick this off and get them engaged !

#### 11. [Holiday update](#)

The booking remains at 17.

We have had a number of additional enquiries wishing to come on the holiday, but I have asked them to wait until we have more information from both the Government, and Ski 2 before they commit to payment. This is the advice received from the company, Ski 2. They are waiting to see whether it will be safe for both their staff and customers to travel to Italy.

Last year when the holiday was first cancelled due to Covid-19 just starting, they offered to either repay all money paid, or hold the money over to this year 2021.

Some people opted to leave their booking in place. Some had their money returned.

If the same happens this year, then I will be advising that you ask for a repayment. The reason being, that I have looked at 2022 school holidays, and it would appear that both February half term and Easter are different throughout our regions. The only date that all regions will be on holiday together is w/c 9th April. To me, that seems pretty late for skiing.

In the meantime, we will wait until we have confirmation from Ski 2 whether we are on or off...!!!

#### 12. [AOB](#)

**SKI Poles**

Ski poles are still in Dave and Loretta garage and need to be collected once we are ok to move around again!

**SSE drop in session**

Discussion around how to rebuild membership and attract new members once lockdown is over

Frost Byte - contacting local schools to get people starting get new people engaged around the Swadlincote area. For the future.

**Idea for online activities**

Any ideas for quizzes etc to send to Club captains

13. [Date of next Committee meeting](#)  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021