



Sharks Ski Club - 2022 AGM Minutes

Date - Saturday 14th May 2022 - 11.30

Location - John Nike Leisure, Sir Herbert Wragg Way, Swadlincote DE11 8LP.

1. Apologies

The Slaters, The Duncans, Shah Hussain, Lucy Ridgeway.

2. Matters Arising

Nothing from previous meeting.

3. Chairman / Vice Chairman welcome / Update

So it's AGM day !!

Chairman was sat in the car park avoiding people unable to instruct on account of a faint line getting less faint appearing on the covid test.

Reflection on how a Sharks session would have looked a decade ago - a few of the same faces are still around but a Saturday morning session would have started somewhat differently. Get there early have a half hour session with everyone weeding the slope before turning on the generator to get the lifts running!!!

That didn't last long before that was half inched and so began our new journey achieved by so many excellent people, all volunteers which, against all odds has seen us continue to flourish as a welcoming, happy and inspirational club which also happens to produce superb skiers!!

Thanks to everyone who's been involved along the way, especially those who have made that possible - the list is long but you know you are!!

Quite a few potentially exciting things on the agenda today which I'm sure you'll learn about soon but in the meantime here's to the next decade!

Thanks again everyone particularly our current stunning crop of amazing volunteers to and of course our skiers

4. Secretary's Report

Change of committee members

CWO

Since the last AGM Julie Slater and Carl Carter has stepped down as the CWO's.

Kim O'Hara has been appointed as the CWO.

Membership secretary

Since the last AGM Mel Davenport has stepped down as the Membership Secretary.



Nomination of Molly Gill for membership secretary by Steve Burley, Seconded by Barry Drummond.

Approved.

Committee Members

A review with current committee members will be completed and any updated will be communicated in the coming months.

5. Treasurers update

Since our last face to face AGM, we have had challenging times, including lockdown and changing venue to Swadlincote.

From a treasurers point of view this has had an impact on income and expenditure.

Primarily, during lockdown we were not able to run sessions, and as such the club did not have any income. The committee also took the decision to reduce membership fees. This again reduced income.

At the same time, we had the situation where we weren't able to run the club holiday. This led to the income that the club would normally make from holiday, having to be refunded.

The last accounts submitted, covering the period to 31st August 2020, show a profit of £2,682.

The accounts that cover the period to 31st August 2021, will take in to account a drastically reduced income, and the expenditure of refunding holiday money. These items, combined with reduce income from Subs and Membership, will push us in to a loss. The accounts aren't finalised yet however, it is anticipated that the loss will be somewhere in the region of £2,000 to £3,000.

From the clubs point of view, this has very little effect on the clubs stability as we still have in excess of £60,000 in the bank.

The accounting period to 31st August 2022 should see break even or a profit.

6. Membership report

In 2020 the club had 200 members, 2021 this dropped to 76 and in 2022 it has increased to 94.

The reduction is clearly down to the change in location as it is to far from many forma members to travel.

Club will be getting some communications out in the local area to try and attract new members of all abilities.

7. Child Protection update

Thanks to Kim for all her efforts, the club website has been updated to be compliant with the SSE requirements.

Moving from Snozone to Swadlincote has meant that we as a club have had to review our Club Welfare Policies and ensure that our practices on slope are in line with SSE policies and guidance.

Having our sessions at Swadlincote has enabled more of our members to get involved as volunteers on the slope, which has contributed to the club atmosphere.



In order to meet our safeguarding obligations in line with SSE guidelines, all volunteers will receive Safeguarding training and have a DBS certificate completed. Support will be provided to all volunteers to ensure that they are up to date with welfare issues.

We would like to thank the generous support from our volunteers who help us put a smile on the faces of our skiers each week.

A safeguarding course has been planned for the 29th May this is to ensure all instructors and anyone who will be on the slope are up to date with their certification.

8. Club Captains update

We have had a strange few years due to covid which has meant we've had to do things slightly differently as club captains. We want to make it as fun as possible for both kids and adults and try to get as many people involved as we can. We want people to love being at sharks as much as we do, and for it to be a place where you can be with your friends and have fun.

As club captains we try to be there every week apart from when we are on holiday so we are familiar faces who the young members can speak to.

As well as skiing on a Saturday we also are involved and visible at race events and are also instructors so are hopefully role models for the younger members and we hope to influence and inspire people to get really involved and love what they do.

We have arranged a variety of activities since we were made club captains and hope to continue this. Some

Examples are

- Kahoot online quizzes during lockdown
- 2 Halloween fancy dress
- 2 Star Wars fancy dress (had to be flexible due to weather)
- Rother valley
- Christmas party
- Christmas fancy dress
- Club captains races
- Toboggan

Now covid is over we would also like to arrange go karting which is something we've done previously and perhaps we can link that with a trip to Castleford and a session on snow?

Thanks to everyone for their support and getting involved.

Thanks Meg & Fin

9. Coaching development report

We have an amazing team of volunteer Ski Instructors who are dedicated in their work to ensure the on-going learning and development of everyone. For example, over the last year we have Sharks Instructors who, out of their own pockets, have attended training courses at all levels

Paul Smith and Barry Drummond, who went out to the Alps, and have now achieved their IASI level 2 Instructor licence. Also, Andy Duncan, who worked very hard to gain the prestigious International



IVSI qualification. Ben Burley took himself off the Canada to gain his Canadian level 2. There are a few others too..... Many congratulations to all of you.

Of course, I must make a mention of Norman who works hard in the background – organising, planning and designing ‘in-house’ training sessions for both qualified and potential, coaches and instructors. He has also invited outside Coaches – Ali Smith of ‘Ski Definition’ who gave us some excellent coaching, and Chris Exall from Snowsport England, who comes along to refresh our instructor qualifications.

All this and more, cannot be possible without all the help and support from our Chairman Tim, and Vice Chair Barry, Secretary Andy Cresswell, and the man who looks after our money, treasurer Steve Burley and of course all the committee.

10. General Skiing report

Since our last AGM in May 2019 an awful lot has happened within our Club.

October 2019 we were still operating at Snozone Castleford. They then started putting the squeeze on us to change the way we operated – ie, we were no longer aloud to teach adults; our minimum age had to be 6 years; and we also had to pay for some of our instructors to teach on the slope...!!! They did make ‘things’ very difficult for us. We managed to continue until the first ‘Lock Down’ came in March 2020

During the first ‘Lock Down’ we kept in touch with our members through social events, and also Instructor training meetings both via zoom. Unfortunately, the lock down was the perfect excuse for the Snozone management to get rid of us, using the Covid rules on distancing and minimum numbers on slope, to get rid of us.

We were very lucky when Swadlincote Snowsport Centre approached us and offered us our normal 2 hours Saturday morning slot at a cost of £10 child and £12 adults meaning that we could once again teach adults. At these prices we could not refuse. It was an immediate success. We had to abide by the normal covid rules on distancing meaning that we could only have 40 people on the slope, and we also had to provide our own ‘lifties’, which thanks to our caring parents, was not a problem. We have also returned to our ‘old days’ of having a drink and buns at half time, again thanks to our dedicated parents. Due to the low cost, it has allowed our members to attend more regularly i.e., every 1 or 2 weeks. This means that their skiing skills have also tremendously improved. We can also have the slalom poles up every week which means that we are back attending more dry slope fun race events.

We are still happily here at Swad although it does mean that our committed instructors and members have much further to travel. So, a big THANK YOU to all Instructors, Lifties, and of course members.

11. Race Report

Been a really positive year for Sharks racing, as a result of all the work each week in the gates the Sharks have been really competitive at all the Rossendale and Pendle race events.

With the move to Swadlincote there is also now the potential to attend the Stoke events as well.

There was also the discussion of the getting a starting gate at Swadlincote, the was supported by all in attendance.

12. A.O.B



Treasurers 12 month notice to step down

Steve Burley is regretfully providing the club with 12 months notice of his intention to stand down as treasurer from the 2023 AGM.

I would like to thank the club that I have been involved in for the last 8 years. I was lucky enough to know the club when it was at its home of Sheffield Ski Village. I took over shortly after the demise of SSV. The last 8 years have been a joy to be a part of.

Website

SSE use the website to get information needed from the club and concerns were raised about the age of information on it, and that it does not look good for any potential members who go on there.

A review of the approach for communication and social media to be completed and all aligned to provide a better experience moving forward including:

- All the current race meeting details
- Links to Facebook so people can see what is happening on the Saturday sessions
- Links to Twitter
- links to the latest information from SSE

John O Hara has offered to support at this and work with James to drive this forward.

Manchester session

It was discussed and agreed that moving forward the club will start to run a regular session on the snow at Manchester, to give the members chance to experience snow again and hopefully some moguls and freestyle sessions.

Further details to be agreed and sessions will be added to the website for booking.

Jackets and tops

There is an ongoing effort to source new instructor jackets (3 in 1) and long sleeve tops for the Summer months, the purchase of these by the club has been approved and we are just waiting until we can find suitable ones.

Once this is sorted we will then also look at the tops and jackets for members.

Race timing equipment

It has been agreed that the club will purchase new race timing equipment, this will be a dual system which is easy to setup and use!

Swadlincote Update

The team at Swadlincote have confirmed that the sprinkler system is going to be updated over the summer months which will have a big improvement, refreshing all the pipes and the tanks which are not currently large enough.

They have also confirmed they are looking into Freestyle equipment and hope to have something in the next 6 months.

Holiday

There was an announcement that there will be the return of the Sharks holiday in 2023, full details will be sent out to the membership in the coming days.

The holiday will take place from 1st / 2nd April 2023 for 7 nights, in Champoluc, Italy. Ski-Champoluc have put together a package for our members at the Petit Tournalin.



13. Date of next Committee meeting
Confirmed as June 15th 2022.