

MSC – RACE COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 22nd February 2016

In attendance: Roger Cromblehome
Steve Dewison
Alan Edwards
Gerry Elgy
Paul Lawrence
Dave Lee
Richard Newbould
Bryan Thomas
Gill Weeks

1. Review and approval of previous minutes - approved
2. Winter Race League
 - a. Had 87 racers competing overall – which was comparable to last year with greater participation at the more senior levels. Well received by all and got very slick – but not burdened by the protocols of CNs etc.
 - b. What can be done to improve finalization of the start lists – e.g. removal of non-starters
 - c. Club thanks to Shaun for organizing (again).
3. Club Champs – Friday 26th Feb
 - a. Entry list – have 44 skiers so far and still expecting a few more. Reason for change in age category is to harmonise with the SSE rule which is that it is taken from the year of birth.
 - b. Officials – gate judges top and bottom of slope with 1 other in the middle to help with gate changes. BUT as a club we need to identify how we develop parents to act as officials in accordance with regulations (documentation). Otherwise we should be OK for bodies.
 - c. Equipment – Shaun has the bibs, speakers etc and wants to hand them over. Bryan can store them but need to leave with Ackers between Friday / Sunday

- d. Catering – Gill will do the same as for the WRL (but maybe with a little less food due to lower numbers).
 - e. Slope booking – Slope has been booked
 - f. Medals – Gill will be getting for Friday
 - g. Sponsorship – Bartlett’s stuff should be arriving Tuesday / Wednesday. Paul has some other “stuff” from other sponsors but no goody bags. SRS has also agreed to supply some vouchers. Paul is going to be pressed to get sorted in time for the events. Saracen’s has also agreed to issue vouchers but not yet received.
 - h. Any other matters
4. Schools Race – Sunday 28th Feb
- a. Entry list – only 11 teams so far!!!
 - i. Ages will run by calendar year - 1st January (as for Club Champs)
 - b. Officials – Paul has had sparse response and while will probably be OK we need to have a longer term plan to get more parent participation and training. See also above.
 - c. Equipment – see above
 - d. Catering – Gill has in hand. Ackers to provide new gas bottle (BBQ is clean). Gill will need to know numbers for catering.
 - e. Slope booking - done
 - f. Medals – in hand with Gill
 - g. Sponsorship – see above. Paul to ask RN for help as and when he needs it
 - h. Dual slalom – still proposing to do this, everyone will be entered automatically and will need to ask to be removed.
 - i. Pete Cutler – will not be there Sunday
 - j. Any other matters – Schools’ are being pathetic in submitting teams; only have 11 teams so far and 6 of those are from Kingsley (Solihull still to come).
5. MIDSC Club National – Saturday 25th June
- a. Need to designate some officials (Race Secretary / Chief of Race)
 - i. Some elements of the Chief of Race activity can be split between a team although a single person is required to be in charge on the day. NEED to contact Andy / Rachel – emphasizes need for experienced / qualified persons. Would Jane be prepared to do this – or Adam if not graduating / other commitments? If stuck could Richard Lambden or other @ Gloucs help us out here??

- b. Bryan will check that slope booked for 25th – and we also need to book St John's Ambulance for the date.
 - c. Gill will be Race Secretary – thank you Gill
6. Coaching Development Plan
- a. Roger is working this and is in draft. The coaching programme has already been documented as part of Snowmark.
 - b. Should be ready for the next RSG
 - c. Invite Ryan Grewcock to come to a RSG meeting for coaching input – Bryan to organize as and when appropriate (and others as necessary).
7. Officials training
- a. Alan Bullock will be issuing timetables for level 1 and 2 courses (can go straight to level 2 provided can demonstrate sufficient and appropriate experience). Need dates well in advance and preferably local.
 - b. Can we run internal courses at the Ackers while kids are training and parents are waiting around – seems an excellent idea.
8. SSE questionnaire and 2017 events etc.
- a. Sub-committee for SSE has been tasked with putting together a questionnaire for all stake holders to question desires / comments / criticisms for / of the development of the sport. Paul has been leading.
9. National Schools Snowsports Week (NSSW) 22 to 29 April – how can the club back up Ackers and motivate the Schools.
10. Ackers matters – food, drink, access, money etc.
- a. We have been accused of selling drink that we had agreed not to sell – this is not true. We have sold no water, pop, chocolate. We only sold juice, tea, coffee, and soup plus hot food. We are making a contribution to Ackers to cover a “tithe” on our hot food and drinks.
 - b. Access. Ackers have lost some money from their safe. Why would any MSC persons have direct access to the safe? As a result they will not be keeping any of our money and Roger is uncomfortable in collecting all the cash. What solution can we use – the club has a “paypal” machine that we can use instead; should we now mandate no cash; i.e. all go to monthly payment or electronic payment by the Paypal machine. We should write standard work for this so that we can use and payee's can understand what is happening.
 - c. Jane has a certificate for the food and has supplied a copy to Ackers

- d. Brick-work is now going up with windows appearing on the slope side.
Expected to be water-tight 'Easterish'
11. Structure of membership fees – Bryan to lead
- a. Have submitted RSG proposals re fee increase and under consideration
 - b. Still need to agree how to manage requiring parental undertaking re junior members (parent required to be responsible for child while on slope).
12. Feedback re Landgraaf – Gerry to lead
- a. Gerry has response from Western Counties and invite to join their trip – which will be Friday 29th July to Monday 1st August. They are going with some people from Avon and have booked 2 lanes and are taking 6 ski coaches. Probably need to book an extra lane and take extra coaches.
 - b. Sounds interesting – cost circa £300 each plus transport costs.
 - c. We could think of adding more days at start / end to get longer training.
 - d. Roger and Gerry will work this and issue email to the club outlining proposals
13. AOB
- a. Alan has agreed to join the RSG – add him to the Committee email group.
 - b. Roger would like to get Malcolm Evans involved in the Satellite Club scheme which would bring Arden School into the Satellite fold and enable Solihull sessions to be split into advanced / inter / beginner levels.
 - c. Bryan raised the question as to whether Ackers could be homologated for CNs?? Are we long enough and where would we put a timing hut.
Reconsider when building work completed.
 - d. Need to develop a joined up strategy and better relationship with Ackers when new manager comes on board – new advert only just gone out.
 - e. Roger thinks that we might need to buy a few more gates for the CN as they are starting to break. Roger will do a gate audit and submit a proposal.
 - f. MID had 12 racers at Bormio – Roger will do a report. The racers wanted to race under the MID banner as a snow club – do we need to for our own snow club or can we just race as a dry slope. Roger will pursue.
 - g. Parents need to be looking at the new Helmet Rules – to ensure that they are compliant with new regs; [GBSKI.COM – Guide to the Rules for Racing / Guide to Helmets for Racing](#)
14. Next Race Committee meeting date – Wednesday 13th April. BUT need to have appointed Chief of Race before then.