

MIDLAND SKI CLUB
MINUTES September 5 2018

1	<p>Apologies: Catherine Frankenburg, Diana Horth, Rob Weeks Present: Gerry Elgy, John Elgy, Bryan Arnott, Jeff Elmore, Roger Crombleholme, Brian Thomas</p>
2	<p>Minutes of last meeting: Agreed</p>
3	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Club Assets Since Diana is standing down we must find someone else to coordinate this, The following were noted: i/ Due to lack of club funds we will not be proceeding with the purchase the outside container for the foreseeable future, ii/ The upstairs area in the new build is not finished, iii/ we will continue to use the upstairs store in the old area, iv/ The upstairs store needs tidying up.</p>
4	<p>Finance Noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We have an Ackers operating deficit of £3897 so far this year ii. Kingsley School owe the club some money iii. There are only 27 skiers currently on contract. iv. The club currently has approximately £10,000 in the bank. v. The Hon Treasurer forecasts an operating loss of £1,200 this year. This loss is largely due to the Ackers training. vi. We gave Snowsport England an overestimate of our membership numbers fort this year and hence overpaid our subscription. Brian Thomas informed the meeting that we should be able to submit lower numbers for 2018-19 to compensate. vii. Ackers Adventure proposed raising our rental rate for the slope from £21,000 per annum to £24,000. viii. The Ackers contract was biased towards the Ackers since we carried all the risk and they had no incentive to direct skiers towards the MSC. ix. Training with MSC was significantly less expensive than other clubs such as Western Counties x. There were still difficulties collecting monies and maintaining registers from skiers training at Ackers. xi. The Ackers want us to not use poles on some Thursday evenings so they can use more of the slope. <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To reject the proposed increase in slope rental and negotiate a better deal. ii. To increase the contract ski rate to £60 per month and the casual ski rate to £20 per session but take on board RSG opinion iii. To discuss with Kingsley School raising their rates to the same as other members iv. Roger to liaise with Ackers for occasional non gate training on Thursday evenings. v. To introduce the card reader for electronic payment to the Ackers vi. Investigate the use of web based club management system for the club. vii. £100 be awarded to Roger to help buy a new jacket
5	<p>Recruitment Noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A new “taster” session will be held on Thursday evenings once a month ii. Roger produced the new invitation cards to these taster sessions. 500 of these were distributed amongst the committee for further distribution.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Club information to be circulated as part of the Ackers Autumn mailing to try and encourage new members iv. Jeff will attempt to get the local scout groups interested in trying the taster sessions. v. Jeff will also ask for his next door neighbour's assistance in preparing a short promotional video on the club's activities vi. Existing members are to be encouraged to introduce their acquaintances to the club by using the "taster" sessions, A few cards will be sent to each via renewal letters. <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roger was thanked for his efforts and asked to order a further 1000 cards for distribution.
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>Club Matters Noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. SSE held meetings around the country which offered a refresh of AGM, what SSE provided and to talk about plans in progress. It was good to meet the people from SSE ii. A summary of the meetings was circulated to the committee. It was agreed that it was not well written and needed a follow up plan from SSE. i. Bryan Thomas will write a response to SSE on behalf of the Midland Ski Club
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p>Volunteers Noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Rob Weeks has written to the club saying that his new job restricts the amount of time he can spend working for Midland Ski Club. Currently he is responsible for the following roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing the web site • Editing the Newsletter • Managing the PayPal account • Managing the Google Groups lists • Printing the membership cards • Facebook liaison ii. The running of the club is dependent upon a very small group of people <p>Resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To write to Rob on behalf of the committee thanking him for his considerable contribution over the years. ii. John offered to prepare the latest edition of the newsletter iii. We need to put some work into the web site iv. Gerry will ask around to see who can do the other duties.
<p style="text-align: center;">8</p>	<p>Holidays Noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The arrangements for all the club holidays are progressing well Training week has 41 members and 5 coaches. BA to try and get better arrangements for ski carriage. Club holiday has 1 place left Family training week – Roger noted that 5 families had signed up.

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	<p>ii. All holidays goers are requested to book ski carriage before October 1st</p>
9	<p>Reports Noted</p> <p>i. Nor reports from Secretary, social secretary</p> <p>ii. Membership secretary reported that there were a few new members and that membership renewals were going out shortly</p> <p>iii. Roger reported that as a competitive club we were doing rather well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Fennell is the U12 English dry slope champion • Ellie Jackson is the U18 English dry slope champion • Tom Upton was 3rd in the U12 British • A number of other skiers, including some of the Kingsley girls are making a national impact <p>iv. Joe Feiven has passed his BASI II coaching qualification</p> <p>v. The race steering group is planning a series of 5 winter races and would like to run another Club National at the Stoke Ski Centre over the May Day bank holiday or the Saturday after.</p> <p>vi. There was some discussion about integrating the work of the RSG and the main committee more closely</p>
10	<p>Social Noted</p> <p>i. Catherine previously reported that efforts to get member views on a Christmas event had produced a very small number of responses. She decided to cancel the event.</p> <p>ii. The next 2 socials are Roger (a qualified personal trainer) telling us how to get fit for skiing and Catherine talking about Japan.</p> <p>iii. Roger noted it was the 30th anniversary of the Blizzard of Aaahs (also the 35 anniversary of Apocalypse Snow, the baseline for extreme ski films)</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>i. To run a Christmas film night at Hollyfields sports centre. Details to be arranged later</p>
11	<p>Child Welfare Noted</p> <p>i. Jenni Fennell is the new child welfare officer</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>i. Jenni will be reviewing and updating as necessary the club codes of conduct.</p> <p>ii. Jenni will be running an unofficial course informing the members about expected conduct and safeguarding and protecting children. This is likely to happen in the next 3 months.</p> <p>iii. Gerry to inform SSE about Jenni's role, along with agreed contact details.</p> <p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 17 October 2018 at Hollyfields</p>
12	<p>(NB Since this meeting, it has been realised this date will need to be changed)</p>

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