

MSC – RSG and Committee Conference Call

25th June 2020

In attendance: Bryan Arnott
Roger Cromblehome
Alan Edwards
Gerry Elgy
John Elgy
Jeff Elmore
Joe Feiven
Di Fennell
Richard Newbould
Paul Johnson

Apologies: Dave Beech
Toby Carver
Catherine Frankenburg
Bryan Thomas

General

1. Approval of minutes from 15th June – Approved.
2. SSE “Volunteer Experience” workshop – 14 July, 7:00 pm (2 free places) – Gerry and Alan will be signing up.

RSG specific items

3. Ackers visit – Wednesday 1st July
 - a. RN will be there with Phil D at 13:00. Other will join at this time.
 - b. Do the ramp first and as this belongs to us we have SSE cover up to £5k if needed.

- c. Roger, Joe will do a risk assessment after.
4. Swadlincote visit – Tuesday 30th June @ 13:00 (see also 5 b below)
 - a. For Roger and Joe to do a risk assessment and general discussion around opening / recommencing training.
 - b. Also to cover off cost structure.
 5. Ackers and Swadlincote slopes re-opening:
 - a. Ackers – “we are now definitely opening on the 4th July and have gone live with slots on our website. We are running Recreational Skiing but are only allowed 6 on the slope at a time; this is including spectator’s coaches etc, which obviously makes it only just viable. Please could you advertise to your members for me?

Were there any thoughts on MSC sessions? I could open for an evening as long as I can have three hours’ worth of sessions and your members would need to book online with the same rules. Currently, Snowsport England guidance is that gates should not be used but stubbies can be. Roger has not seen this requirement for stubbies only and will look into it.

Current slots are £17.50 an hour for recreational skiing. Gerry would propose making them an offer of £10 to Ackers and £5 to us but we would look to have 3 consecutive sessions so could accommodate 15 members. Parents would not be allowed in to spectate, would have to wait in their cars.
 - b. Swadlincote – are not placing the same level of restrictions on usage, but then is a larger slope. They think that we could run up to 4 groups of 6 (inc a coach) at any given time – probably limited by the availability of coaches.

Roger has a meeting arranged with Gemma Tuesday 30th June, at 13:00 and will follow up on this and costings – normal, currently existing arrangements. See also item 4 above.

Swadlincote have indicated that they would like the Club to be responsible for minor first aid. This has to stay with the slope, the club cannot and should not assume any responsibility for this.
 - c. Club will have a wrap up meeting after Ackers meeting to discuss thoughts.
 - d. We will need to have a rationing system in place to ensure fair allocation of places such that all members get to ski at some time. Do we set up our own

booking system and agree with Ackers / Swadlincote that we will then register the skiers on their systems / pass them the details.

- e. We may be in a strong(ish) negotiating position with Ackers / Swadlincote as they will be keen to earn income – but need to stay reasonable to maintain the long-term relationship.
6. Esskia Race Status
- a. While there is a desire for this to go ahead, Alan's strong expectation is that the Regional qualifications in September will not go ahead due to the reduced risk appetite from schools – although' so far 22 schools have indicated that they would enter while 6 have said not.
 - b. Alan will update the RSG after the up-coming Esskia Board on Saturday 27th June.

Committee specific items

7. Finance
- a. The Club have £23,426 cash in the bank, including £100 (2 payments) re contract. Bryan will contact and offer choices to continue, stop, recover etc.
 - b. Following Ackers / Swadlincote meetings we will need to decide what we do with the contract system.
 - c. Ackers are holding £1,550 prepayments from us (£700 from Schools' Race and have of one monthly payment).
8. Social update
- a. Arranged walks – by Catherine Frankenburg
 - 2 groups of 5 for Friday 3rd Jul, can take 1 more per group if interested.
 - 1 group of 5 for Sunday 5th Jul, can take 1 more if interested.
 - b. The 2 Berkswell walks for Friday 24th July are well subscribed.
 - c. Catherine is happy to organise more walks in August if desired.
 - d. Catherine has a speaker to talk about 1920s Everest mountaineering – when we can all can meet up at Hollyfields.

- e. If the indoor snow Chill Factore opens at some stage, Clem had set dates to take his Wed morning Ackers group up there over the summer, plus some MSC members (many are both anyway), but that's waiting on Chill Factore.
 - f. Last year we had a joint activity for kids and parents at the water park at Tamworth (Cliff Lakes) – we would like do something similar this year, around end July, after it has become clear what is allowed. Di will look further into this and circulate details when available.
9. Holiday update, none at this stage.
 10. Date for AGM – Tuesday 1st September provisionally proposed (by Zoom). John will check what the Constitution requires for the AGM to be quorate.
 11. Nomination for President – who would we like, Gerry to send an email requesting suggestions.
 12. Club annual membership Subscription 2020/21
 - a. Gerry's thought's re subscriptions are:
 - Leave subs the same for new members
 - Offer discount worth approx. 3 months to existing members – based on this:

○ Adult	£21	(is £28)
○ Junior	£18	(is £23)
○ Family	£26 + £2.50pp	(is £34 + £3pp) the family membership for 2A+2J is historically pegged as being the same as 2J as individuals.
 - Leave renewal date as Oct 1. Most new members join in the early winter period and so they would get a full year's worth or thereabouts. While a no cost extension to the membership was discussed this seems to add too much complication to the membership renewal process and should be discounted on this basis.
 - b. Our membership has a 25-30% turnover so bearing that in mind Gerry will do a quick estimate before the next meeting on the cost of this proposal should we decide to go ahead.

General

13. AOB

- a. Note – all SSE seeded races for 2020 have now been cancelled
- b. Possible Landgraaf dates for 2021 might be 26th July onwards – Joe might not be available for this and we would want him to coach, he will let us know.
- c. Jenni had an Instagram account that we no longer have access to. Joe will arrange for a new Instagram account to be created then link this to the club Facebook account.

14. Next meeting / call date – provisionally set Zoom call or 7 pm on Monday 20th July. Can be advanced / deferred in light of developments. Can use the RSG WhatsApp group for immediate communication.