

# MSC – RSG and Committee Conference Call

20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

In attendance: Bryan Arnott  
Gerry Elgy  
John Elgy  
Jeff Elmore  
Di Fennell  
Jennifer Fennell  
Paul Johnson  
Richard Newbould  
Bryan Thomas

Apologies: Dave Beech  
Toby Carver  
Roger Cromblehome  
Alan Edwards  
Joe Feiven  
Catherine Frankenburg  
Dave Lee  
Gill Weeks

## **General**

1. Approval of minutes from 25<sup>th</sup> June - Approved

## RSG specific items

### 2. Updates from slope visits

#### a. Swadlincote visit – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

- Was very positive and have now opened on Mondays for us so we are now doing two nights (Monday and Wednesday).
- We are making payments direct to them and they then allocate appropriate amounts between them and us – but has to be cash.

#### b. Ackers visit – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

- Gerry, Phil Deller, Roger, Joe and RN went to look at the state of the ramp. The matting on the ramp is not as badly damaged as feared and structure of the ramp appeared sound.
- Swadlincote have offered some of their old matting to replace the damaged patches at the top.
- The wooden ramp members and “footing” boards under the ramp were measured with a view to replacement. RN will price these up when we have a price / availability for an additional, replica set of stairs (which Phil Deller is looking into). When the whole package is priced and the logistics have been worked out, RN will present a paper for consideration by the Committee to approve (or otherwise) for the work to be carried out.
- Gerry and Roger had a Zoom call with Steve Jewell to discuss pricing and logistics. Roger proposed 10 people on slope at the same time – with two coaches. This was not as Ackers initially proposed but accepted that this was Ok provided each group are identified by coloured armbands and kept separate.
- Ackers have proposed a cost of £180 per evening (they are only opening for us at present) – this covers two 1 ½ hour sessions with two groups per session. We are looking to charge £16 to everyone at the Ackers provided we have full sessions, this will enable us to break-even.
- For people on contract on March, their first session is free. For those who have continued paying contract then we are applying their pre-payments against their costs.

- We need to consider how to treat those who book slots but do NOT show up – they should still be liable unless we can fill the slots. We should continue to look at asking for payment upfront.
  - The waiting list facility has worked in some instances where people withdraw sufficiently far in advance and we can pass spaces down to those on the waiting list.
  - Gerry will discuss options with Julie.
  - The available software did not readily lend itself to our rules about on-line booking BUT John thinks that he can set up on-line PayPal settlement at time of booking – which seems to be generally accepted as the way to go.
- c. Julie is running the booking system for the club to try and allocate out the training sessions on a fair basis and not just those who are fastest on the IT. Many thanks Julie.
  - d. As we are getting to better understand the demand we can further improve class / session availability.
  - e. Note: Stoke is now open and taking bookings for groups of up to 5 and are using two slopes and two lifts.
  - f. Social Distancing seems to be working well at Ackers and Swadlincote slopes.
3. Training activities at
    - a. Swadincote
    - b. Ackers
  4. Esskia Race Qualifiers – Esskia have cancelled the 6 regional qualifying races to have been held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. They are still considering the possibility of a one-off finals weekend in October.

### **Committee specific items**

5. Finance update
  - a. We have £24,128 in the bank with deposits still to go out this leaves sufficient funds to cover racing and other activities.
  - b. One parent has requested a refund of the contract fees whilst we were not able to provide ski coaching Bryan will process the refund.

- c. Members are being allowed to use up any prepayments.
- 6. Socials update
  - a. The Aquapark trip is taking place this Sunday and 21 of the 25 activity places have already been taken. About 36 attending in total with parents / others. The session is only for our club – the site is closed to any others for the duration.
- 7. Holiday update
  - a. Possibly Les Arcs or Trois Vallees – still under consideration.
- 8. Date for AGM – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September provisionally proposed (by Zoom).
  - a. Need 14 people on the call to be quorate (5% of the club membership).
  - b. Date generally considered acceptable – need to get date and details out as we have to give 28 days' notice.
- 9. Club annual membership Subscription 2020/21.
  - a. Gerry's proposal was to give a 3 month, 25%, discount to those who were members last year (to reflect 3 months' lost activity). Freeze fees at 2019/20 level and all other matters to stay the same.
  - b. Let people have the offer of not accepting the discount and pay the full amount if they wish – in support of the club.
  - c. These are generally considered fair and reasonable and should be put to the Club at the AGM – this evening's call is quorate and this should be put forward.

## **General**

- 10. AOB
  - a. From a Welfare perspective, Jenni and Gemma have attended a course and will have some “learnings” to distribute and documentation to produce and be signed by appropriate coaches.
  - b. Need rules and regulations in place re our Social Media activities.
  - c. There is a free “mental health awareness” course for young people that Jenni would like the coaches to complete.
  - d. Jenni will be producing some quick and easy PowerPoints on relevant topics for coaches and others to review and learn from.

- e. Alan Edwards is no longer managing the Kingsley team and thus will not be bringing them on Fridays. Alan will still be involved with the Club for next year and may try and establish a link with Kings High girl's school in Warwick.
  - f. The club has ordered replacement bibs for those missing and Gerry now has them.
  - g. Gerry has been contacted by a person who has done a ski race Officials course and wishes to complete his practical training. We will let him know when we have suitable races coming up.
11. Next meeting – provisionally set for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 19:00 UK time via a Zoom conference call (very brief, limited to AGM items plus any pressing other matters).