**MSC – RACE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DAY 21st JANUARY 2021**

In attendance: Roger Comblehome

Alan Edwards

Gerry Elgy

Di Fennell

Dave Lee

Paul Johnson

Richard Newboult

Apologies: Bryan Arnott

Toby Carver

Joe Feiven

Bryan Thomas

Gill Weeks

Abbey Ward

Andre Tchakotine

1. Previous minutes approved
2. On slope practice
   1. Jane wants to follow up on recent Officials’ training with on-slope practice
   2. The suggestion is to run this on same nights as Friday Timing Sessions (when circumstances permit) – to be run by Jane and Adam
   3. Generally viewed as an excellent idea, beneficial to club and members and has apparently worked well in the past.
   4. Would need to advertise this on Eola so that recently trained officials are aware and enrol for the nights. It is too early to set days for this given the uncertainty around Covid closure / opening.
   5. As level 1 “Officials’ training” can be done on-line Lockdown would seem a good opportunity for people to do this, if they wish. The availability needs communicating to members – next news letter?
   6. When Gerry next speaks with Jane, she will let her know that we are bought into the idea, just dependent on Covid permitting.
3. Club Clothing
   1. The Club Logo is embroidered and looks / feels good. The majority of items are navy blue although some are in light blue / have light blue highlights / inserts
   2. The breadth of product is very wide and the web page is being set up – now nearly ready. Members have the ability to customize some of the printing and which logo they have – for extra cost.
   3. Pricing seems very reasonable.
   4. Can we have a specific colour for the coaches – keep the light blue for the coaches / officials with navy for the skiers?
   5. Roger’s aspiration is that all the qualified coaches should have StormTech shells in the light blue – possibly bought / significantly subsidised by the Club. Gerry will look into this. Di will enquire about pricing. For qualified instructors we are looking at 5 with possibly up to 7 depending on future qualifiers – so pricing based on half a dozen give or take.
4. Members’ feedback
   1. There is a quiz this Saturday - will be the first of lockdown 3. Contact has been very thin / non-existent to date since Xmas
   2. Seems everyone is keeping their heads down
5. News from Swad
   1. Gemma’s last day was last week and the new appointee is Rob Taylor and hand-over should be on-going – although no schools data / organisation matters seems to have been cross-communicated as of the date of this meeting.
   2. It would be good to have a call with Rob to introduce key members to him, before activities recommence – Roger, Gerry, Alan, Joe - do not want to over-face him with the whole RSG. If Roger will pass Rob’s email to Gerry, she can then contact him and set up a Zoom call.
6. News from Ackers
   1. No news but not anticipated to open until a similar timeframe to Ackers.
7. AOB
   1. No Schools activity on-going, nor foreseen for the future until well after Covid has gone away.
   2. Alan / ESSKIA is planning to hold the regional qualifier on Sunday 19th Sept at Gloucester. He would be very grateful for any assistance from Club members who are willing to provide it.
   3. Roger – timing gear. Dave owns the dongle to make it work. The cost for the Club to buy one is over £1,000 – from Vola (Swiss). Circa 600 Euros per section and there are two sections needed. We should note, however, that there is a lot more to running the timing than just having the dongles – although Brandon could probably pick up the technical aspects of this.
      * Eventually Club may wish to buy Dave’s kit to make it Club kit (Dave has ended up buying it himself through historic accident).
      * In 2025 the homologation for the start / finish gates / timer comes to an end and will need replacing – or relying on 3rd parties for CNs etc (but could still use for internal purposes. Should be building up a fund to cover this future spend – should we decide to cover internally.
      * When permitted, post lockdown / Covid, we set up a meeting to document a strategy of where we want to be, what it will cost and how we get there. Suggest Dave, Richard, Brandon and Andre (T) do this and then report back to RSG / Club.
   4. Provisional date of next meeting – Thursday 25th Feb, 7:00 p.m.