

MSC – Committee meeting minutes

28th January 2021

In attendance: Gerry Elgy
John Elgy
Bryan Thomas
Bryan Arnott
Roger Cromblehome
Catherine Frankenburg
Di Fennell
Abbey Ward
Paul Johnson

Apologies: Jeff Elmore
Jenni Fennell

- 1. Approval of minutes from 30th November.** Approved.
- 2. Matters Arising.** There were no matters arising.
- 3. Conflict of Interest.** None declared.

4. Socials Update

The December walk led by Catherine around Middleton (N Warwickshire) and the RSPB Bird sanctuary was well attended by club members.

The second walk in January to be led by Mike around Cannock Chase has been postponed due to the current lockdown this will be rearranged when it is safe to go ahead.

5. Welfare & Safeguarding Update

Gerry advised that Jenni our welfare officer is to stand down from the role due to work and study commitments thus we need to recruit a new welfare officer.

Abbey has kindly offered to assist in the activities needed to run the club. Gerry to send Abbey the job descriptions for the Race Manager role and Welfare Office role for her to consider.

6. Ackers contract update

Gerry to review the Ackers contract in order to reduce our committed costs we could offer Ackers PAYG for coaching on a Tuesday & Thursday evening however keeping Friday evening as it is where we have sole use of the slope, this is required in order that we can run any timing sessions or race sessions on the full slope on a Friday evening.

7. Finance Update

Bryan Arnott provided a brief overview of the club finances to date this has not changed recently as coaching has been suspended.

8. Flight surcharge for Champoluc

When the club cancelled the 2021 JATW to Champoluc Jet2 charged us a surcharge for cancelling the seats on the scheduled flight. Bryan has challenged the surcharge as the Jet2 flight did not depart on the scheduled date. He is following this up with both the tour operator and Jet2.

9. Finance “Independent Inspection” update

OUTCOME

Bryan T. has satisfied himself that the bank balance as at 30th Sept 2020 is truly reflected in the account summaries that Bryan A. has presented to the main committee. This he can endorse accordingly.

He has not carried out detailed transactional checks as one would in an audit but the primary concern of how the substantial increase in bank balance had arisen in the period 2017 to 2020 as is depicted in the submitted spreadsheet.

Two primary factors are the Ackers/Swadlincote events and holiday surpluses.

Ackers/Swadlincote in the 18-month period to 30 Sept. 2020 period produced surpluses whereas prior to this period it always was in loss. The holiday surpluses were the biggest surprise with surpluses in all the four and a half years to 30 Sept 2020.

TO CONSIDER

- Keep separate accounts for holiday receipts and payments with an account for each holiday being produced as soon as practical to do so. Any significant surplus should be refunded.
- The holiday surpluses made in recent years should have been highlighted at the time and refunds considered.
- The accounts for Ackers/Swadlincote, Operating and Racing need to be simplified for presentation to the committee.
- Maybe there are two roles here, one holiday accounting and secondly activity accounting.
- We need to carry out an Independent Inspection for the current year 2020/2021 before the next AGM.

10. Membership renewals

John provided an overview of current club membership numbers which are static at the moment due to coaching being suspended.

11. Club Newsletter

John published the last club newsletter in December 2020. John will produce the next club newsletter this spring if you have any articles or photographs of recent events please send them to John.

12. Coaching and Racing Update

Roger provided an update explaining that coaching and racing are currently suspended due to the current lockdown both will recommence when it is safe to go ahead.

13. Club Membership Survey

Roger has updated the club membership survey which has been sent to a number of members on the committee to review.

Roger to resend the survey to all on the committee to review.

Once the survey has been finalised this will be sent to club members to get feedback on how the club is run, coaching etc. Once we have the feedback this will be analysed and input into the Club Management Plan and Coaching Programme.

14. Club clothing

Di provided an update on the club branded clothing the supplier should hopefully have the website available for purchases in mid-February.

Once set up MSC club members would be able to order clothing online directly from the supplier with delivery to a home address.

AOB

15. Swadlincote Arrows

Di requested an update on the Arrows ski club name at Swadlincote slope. Gerry to progress with the new Swadlincote manager as soon as possible. We should be using the Midland Ski Club name at both Ackers and Swadlincote slopes for consistency.

16. 2021 Club AGM

The club AGM was discussed a decision is required on the date will it be in either early May or early September.

17. Club Equipment

Discussion on new GS race gates, timing equipment, gazebo, banners, flags in order to update the club assets. We have an opportunity to install a club banner at Swadlincote slope to promote the club. New flags could be used to promote the club at the Club National in July.

Roger to investigate the cost of new GS race gates.

Di and Brandon are investigating the cost for new timing equipment.

Gerry offered to contact Alan Edwards to ask where Kingsley school purchased there gazebo and to obtain an estimate for a new one for the club.

We need someone to investigate the cost of new banners and flags.

18. Date of Next meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11th March @ 19:30 to be held via a zoom conference call.