

MIDLAND SKI CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday 5th September 2022

1	Apologies: Received from Ann & Richard Williamson, William Bell, Peter & Jill Seamen, Hilary Cox, Jenni Fennell.
2	Minutes of the last AGM on 7th September 2021: Approved.
3	Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.
4	Joint Chair's report: David Beech & Dianne Fennell <p>Midland Ski club was founded in 1965 and it has seen many changes over the years. Yet there cannot have been many years where the conditions in which we operate have been quite so challenging with the Covid-19 pandemic, Brexit and now the current financial climate. Still we have managed to see an increase in our membership and have maintained a solid financial platform.</p> <p>It is testament to the popularity of the club holidays that they are pretty much sold out as soon as they are announced. This year the holiday to Tignes was a resounding success and everyone looks forward to next years' club holiday and the John Arnold training week.</p> <p>There have been Thursday sessions at the Snowdome where some of our members have got together and enjoyed a social ski and skill development, keeping in touch with friends & keeping ski fit!</p> <p>On the weekend of 15th & 16th October we shall again have a stand at the National snow show, another opportunity to showcase all that we have to offer as a club.</p> <p>There have been organised walks taking in the great outdoors and there is a mountain walking holiday planned for later this month in glorious Snowdonia (25th-28th September).</p> <p>We have continued to provide both general and race development coaching at the Ackers and have also run fundamental ski sessions on a fortnightly basis, to maintain and develop all round skiing skills as well as general ski fitness.</p> <p>We have been training Kingsley school on special sessions at the Ackers and Warwick Schools on day camps and some evening sessions at Swadlincote and this is important as a club, to engage, develop and strengthen ties with our community.</p> <p>We have offered reduced rate taster sessions to encourage people to come along and sample the warmth of the welcome and the quality of the coaching provided, this has helped to grow the membership numbers.</p> <p>We have continued to offer race development and performance coaching at Swadlincote where the longer watered slope is perfect preparation for race events, and we have invited occasional guest coaches to run sessions to provide increased variety.</p> <p>We have organised race training at Chill Factor, run by Roger and Joe providing coaching on both stubbies and gates as special training nights. In October the club are running a training week at the indoor facility at Peer in Belgium, a chance to develop on an extended snow slope with our own</p>

coaching team.

In addition to the success of our racers three of our young members have been chosen to be Snowsport England Dry Slope ambassadors, as a club we are extremely proud of Amber Fennell, Charlie Deem and George Brown, a real credit to themselves and their families.

We exist as a club to serve our membership, we aim to provide a diverse offering from club holidays and social events, to social skiing, skill development and race training, working on plastic, indoor snow and in resort We try to promote an ethos of support and inclusiveness across all activities of the club and it is the warmth of the welcome that new members feel that shows what a genuinely positive and progressive club we are and it is this ethos that will ensure that the club has a bright future as members become involved in other aspects of the club over time. We should be fiercely proud and supportive of the diversity that we encompass.

5 Treasurer's Finance report for the year ended 31st March 2022: Neill Currie

This year the accounts have been presented in a different format to make things more transparent and hopefully easier to understand.

Income and expenditure account

Income from training and coaching has increased considerably over the previous year (which was affected by Covid), but also when compared to the 2020 figures. This is in part due to the success of the Day Camps organised by our Head Coach, Roger Crombleholme, and the training and coaching provided to the Warwick School Foundation and Kingsley School. However significant increases in slope fees together with a small increase in coaching rates (the first for several years) left a surplus for training and coaching of £5,293.

All the racing events held by the Club generated a surplus with the Club National and Winter Race League major contributors to the overall surplus of £4,545.

In addition to the normal training at Ackers and Swadlincote we have started to hold events at the ChillFactor, an indoor facility in Manchester. These have proved popular as this is where some of the major indoor championships are held and this together with Members Subscriptions generated a surplus of £4,545.

Administration expenses include the Birmingham Ski Show which took place at the NEC in October 2021. This was a very well attended event and certainly promoted the Club. We have paid a deposit for 2022 and look forward to seeing many of you again at the event. During the year we purchased flags, banners and new poles. These have been capitalised and are being depreciated over 4 years. The charge of £931 is included in Administration expenses. Total Administration expenses amounted to £5,996.

Holidays also contributed net income of £339 giving an overall surplus for the year of £8,727.

Balance sheet

The Club continues to have strong cash resources. This allows us to have the capacity to secure bookings prior to payments being received for club activities, support sessions through the summer when attendances are lower and run the taster and fundamental sessions, targeting a new and diverse membership of our club, and invest in new equipment which is an ongoing requirement. In addition, there is certain expenditure that has been put off during the recent uncertain times that

	<p>will require attention in the near future.</p> <p>The total Net Assets of the Club as at 31 March 2022 amounted to £41,353.</p>
6	<p>Membership report: John Elgy</p> <p>John Elgy reported that we have 381 members comprising: 63 adults, 215 family, 74 junior, 22 life and 7 students. The membership is split evenly male/female. This is considerably higher this year than last largely due to the efforts of Alan Edwards and his Warwick Schools initiative.</p> <p>It was noted that over half of the members had been members for less than 4 years. It was thought that many of these were children, often with their families, who joined for a few years race training then left. However, once members were members for over 4 years they tended to stay with the club for a long time.</p> <p>The age profile showed 2 distinct groups of membership with a large group < 21 and another large group >40. There were few members between 21 and 40. A discussion took place about how to nurture and increase this group.</p>
7	<p>Coaching report: Roger Crombleholme</p> <p>Roger presented an overview of our development and race coaching at Ackers, Swadlincote and Chill Factor which is well attended by both children and adults.</p> <p>Schools Based Training - Extensive programme for Warwick Foundation (The Warwick School, Warwick Juniors, Warwick Prep, Kings High and The Kingsley Girls), Solihull School.</p> <p>We have also added a Fundamentals coaching session at Ackers on a Thursday evening.</p> <p>We continue to offer taster sessions at both Ackers and Swadlincote to encourage new members to the club.</p> <p>Thanks to all the Coaches for their support over the last year.</p>
8	<p>Race manager's report: Les Jones</p> <p>Les Jones presented an overview of the outdoor dry slope and indoor snow races attended by many club members over the year. We had many successful podiums in the National races, All England races, and GBR races.</p>
9	<p>Social Secretary's report: Catherine Frankenburg</p> <p>We have held a number of evening lectures including one on travels in Antarctica with great photographs these were all well attended.</p> <p>We have continued with the programme of day walks this year which have been well supported.</p> <p>A walking holiday to Ashbourne was a success and enjoyed by those attending.</p> <p>We had a successful club holiday to Tignes in February with a number of new people joining us for their first trip.</p>

	<p>Ski Coaching</p> <p>Gill Pickard has organised ski training sessions at Tamworth Snowdome on a Thursday morning which have been well attended.</p>
10	<p>Holidays Update: Bryan Arnott</p> <p>John Arnold Training week update:</p> <p>The Training Week to Niederau Austria on 14 – 21 January 2023 is fully booked with 42 members and 4 members on the reserve list.</p> <p>We could possibly accept 2 of the reserves to make a maximum of 44 members for 4 coaches.</p> <p>Many thanks for the patience of all participants as we have had to roll the training week forward twice due to Covid.</p> <p>Club Holiday update:</p> <p>The Midland Ski Club Holiday to Obergurgl Austria on 4 - 11 March 2023 is fully booked and now has 2 additional late bookings.</p>
11	<p>Election of President:</p> <p>The Club President is a committee appointment, Jeff Elmore was unanimously proposed for another year by the committee.</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed by the members attending the AGM.</p>
12	<p>Election of Officers:</p> <p>The Chair, Treasurer, Club Secretary and committee are elected at the AGM as per the club constitution.</p> <p>The following nominations where received all had a Proposer and Seconder.</p> <p>Co-Chair's</p> <p>Dianne Fennell and David Beech</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Neill Currie</p> <p>Club Secretary</p> <p>Paul Johnson</p> <p>The chair proposed all four officer posts.</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed by the members attending the AGM.</p>
13	<p>Election of Committee:</p> <p>The committee posts where proposed and seconded.</p> <p>This was unanimously agreed by the members attending the AGM.</p>

	<p>Committee members are:</p> <p>Co-Chair's - Dianne Fennell and David Beech</p> <p>Treasurer - Neill Currie</p> <p>Club Secretary – Paul Johnson</p> <p>Membership secretary – Gerry Elgy</p> <p>Socials Secretary – Catherine Frankenburg</p> <p>Welfare Officer – Jenni Fennell</p> <p>Head Ski Coach - Roger Crombleholme</p> <p>Newsletter editor – Julie Jones</p> <p>John Elgy</p> <p>Bryan Arnott</p> <p>Jeff Elmore</p> <p>Bryan Thomas</p>
14	<p>Club Constitution</p> <p>We have revised the club constitution this was sent out to all members prior to the AGM.</p> <p>A vote was carried out to agree the new constitution this was approved unanimously.</p>
15	<p>Club annual Membership fee</p> <p>The fees for each category of membership will remain the same as last year.</p> <p>A vote was carried out to agree the membership fees for 2022/2023 this was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Skiers at both Ackers and Swadlincote slopes are allowed to attend two training sessions then they are required to join the club and pay the annual membership fee.</p>
16	<p>Life Membership</p> <p>The committee have approved for the following members to have Life Membership.</p> <p>Gerry Elgy</p> <p>John Elgy</p> <p>Bryan Arnott</p> <p>Roger Crombleholme</p> <p>Maureen Crombleholme</p>

	Dave Lee Jane Lee
17	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>The National Snow Show – NEC Birmingham</p> <p>The club will have a stand at the National Snow Show on 15-16 October 2022.</p> <p>Jeff to organise a meeting to organise the preparations for our stand.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to attend the show and also help on the stand to publicise all that the club has to offer to new members.</p> <p>Swadlincote Thursday training sessions</p> <p>Di is currently negotiating with the management at Swadlincote slope regarding when we will be able to recommence training sessions on a Thursday evening. The winter opening hours are very much decided by head office however we are hopeful for October onwards.</p> <p>Di to speak with the management at Stoke slope to see if a Monday evening would be available as an alternative whilst Swadlincote is closed on a Thursday evening.</p>

Attendees

David Beech (Chaired the meeting)
Dianne Fennell
Roger Crombleholme
Maureen Crombleholme
Gerry Elgy
John Elgy
Neill Currie
David Lee
Catherine Frankenburg
Clem Chakki
Julie Jones
Les Jones
Bryan Arnott
Jeff Elmore
Diana Horth
Mike Thomas
Emma Farrington
Gill Pickard
Steve Pickard
Rachel Ellis
Rob Weakes
Paul Johnson