

HUNTLY NORDIC SKI CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting

4th May 2010

1900 hrs.

Musgrave's residence, Onye.

Present (Committee): Ian Cooper, Dave Horsley, Hilary Musgrave, Claire Newman, Andrew Shanks, Alan Telford (Chair), Peter Thorn, Eileen Young.

Present (Club): Andy Miller, Frank Musgrave, Sandy Thorn.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 6th October 2009.

- Minutes were reviewed & accepted by meeting. Proposed D. Horsley, Seconded Claire Newman.

Alan Telford stated purpose of meeting was to decide on projects/developments Club should undertake taking into account views expressed by members in Club Questionnaire.

Peter Thorn informed meeting that decision on Clashindarroch Windfarm should be made over next couple of weeks. Should this development go ahead then the Club should activity pursue obtaining funds from the Community Fund that Vattenfall would set up. Andy Miller also said Community Fund money may be available from the Glens of Foudland windfarm.

Rollerski Track Extension.

Sandy Thorn informed meeting that Donald Boyd (Huntly Development Trust) had approached Ski Centre about possible developments in the Meadows area that may include dual purpose cycle track / Rollerski extension. Meeting agreed Club should monitor & assist with these potential developments as an extension to rollerski track would be beneficial.

Clashindarroch Trails Improvements.

Meeting agreed that this is not something that needs to be actively pursued at moment. It may be that funding becomes available at some later stage. The Forestry Commission will continue to improve/repair trails.

Action item:	Responsible	Date
Liaise with Forestry Commission on trails repairs/improvements & clearing of fallen trees (eg Rollercoaster)	PT / ST	Summer 10

Webcam / Weather Station.

Discussion concluded that this is a "nice to have" idea that maybe could be piggy backed onto other developments. Dave Horsley said it need not be an expensive project. Meeting agreed that we should look how this fits into other projects.

New Clashindarroch Hut.

There was discussion about the new hut. A variety of ideas were put forward but no definite proposal was accepted by meeting. However the meeting did agree the following:

- The toilets are currently in an adequate state of repair & do not need immediate replacement.
- The garage is currently in an adequate state of repair & does not need immediate replacement.
- The old portacabin will need to be removed from forest (ask if Forest Enterprise will do this).
- Some storage facility for race equipment, first aid, stretcher, tables, chairs etc is desirable.
- That some sort of shelter is desirable, especially for JDS & school groups.
- Andy Miller reminded meeting that The Forestry Commission stated in a meeting two years ago that they had a preference for a single structure incorporating hut, toilets & garage that this building be positioned on the Biathlon Range side of track. Peter Thorn said that although this may be the Commission's preference this did not prevent Club making alternative suggestions.

What the meeting couldn't agree upon is what sort of hut/shelter/storage facility is needed or justified. Ideas range from "yurt" style temporary shelters through wooden shelters, small huts to the large combined hut/garage/toilets. The meeting agreed that people should go away & research possible shelters/huts etc.

Action item:	Responsible	Date
Research the various shelter/hut options	All	Summer 10
Ask Forestry Commission about wooden huts/shelters they build	PT	Summer 10

Snowmobile.

The meeting was unanimous about need for a replacement snowmobile & agreed that funding options should be progressed.

The current snowmobile is owned by Aberdeenshire Council. They carry the insurance & pay for maintenance costs. If the Club owns the new snowmobile it would be responsible for these. It was asked that should the Ski Centre/Council be contributing to these costs?

Action item:	Responsible	Date
Investigate Awards for All & other possible funding options	PT	Summer 10
Investigate leasing option – possibly through Aberdeenshire Council	AM	Summer 10
Investigate insurance options. Would SnSc liability insurance apply to us using snowmobile	PT	Summer 10
Investigate running costs. Would some sort of agreement with Ski Centre / Council be possible	PT / AM / ST	Summer 10

Coach in Residence.

Eileen Young informed meeting that Donald Boyd (Huntly Development Trust) had been approached by a Finnish town about establishing mutual links with Huntly. This may have something to do with them attracting European funding. Eileen spoke to Donald about the possibility of getting a Finnish Ski Coach in Residence for Huntly & he seemed very interested in idea. Eileen thought this coach could be used by the Club, JDS, After-School Clubs, Ski Centre & even at BNDS camps. Meeting agreed that Eileen should explore this idea further.

Action item:	Responsible	Date
Investigate Coach in Residence idea further	EY / ST / Donald Boyd	Summer 10

Timing.

Andy Miller informed meeting that Council were planning to sell timing system we trialled last year. Chips were too expensive & easily lost. Thus Club will not be buying into this system. PT said to meeting he still felt it is important that we try to get electronic timing to work. The new system described by Andy may be suitable & worth exploring further.

Action item:	Responsible	Date
Investigate electronic timing options	PT / AM	Summer 10

Any Other Business.

- Meeting was informed that Snowsport Scotland are seeking to establish Nordic club in Edinburgh area. Meeting thought this was a good idea but we should keep tabs on it to make sure SnSc are spending wisely just in case these development resources can be better used.

Action item:	Responsible	Date
Find out more about SnSc new club proposal	PT	Summer 10