

HUNTLY NORDIC SKI CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting

6th October 2009

1945 hrs.

Young's residence, Huntly.

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

Present (Club): Sandy Thorn, Claudia Zeiske.

Apologies: Ian Cooper, Andy Miller.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 1st July 2008 & 24th March 2009.

- Minutes these previous Committee Meetings were referred to.
- The meeting had been called to discuss specifically Club projects currently underway & also possible future projects.

Summary of Current Situation by Frank Musgrave.

Frank made a presentation to the meeting. He started by highlighting the notable successes & achievements of the Club over the past year.

- Three well organised & well attended Rollerski races.
- Alan Telford was praised for his management & improvement of the Club website.
- Eileen Young & Claire Newman's work in establishing the Primary After-Schools Club was recognised.
- Dave Horsley successful establishment of the "Beach Boulevard" Rollerski group in Aberdeen.

With sponsorship from Risertec arranged by member John Shanks it has been possible to start up a Secondary After-School Club to compliment the Primary one.

The "Coaching for Coaches" training restarts this autumn.

With the use of an elegant diagram Frank described the current organisational setup of cross-country skiing in the UK & where Huntly sits within it. He then went on to list the main projects that had been suggested to the Committee over the past year.

1. New hut & garage for Clash.
2. New snowmobile.
3. Trails improvements.
4. Weather station/camera in Clash.
5. Club coach.
6. Strength & conditioning facility in Huntly.
7. Race timing.
8. Boots.
9. Taster sessions for adults.

The meeting did not discuss any of the proposals in detail. Discussion revolved around what direction the Club wants to take, what are we capable of? It is difficult to capture all the issues raised in the meeting but the following points are recorded.

- PT stressed to the meeting that any funding project must not blur or confuse the various organisational bodies described by FM. Should any joint project take place any financial or material transactions should be clearly transparent & easy to understand.
- FM pointed out that with a Winter Olympics coming up we should build on the interest this generates especially as there is a strong possibility of Huntly skiers being present.
- Claudia Zeiske described her ideas on a Club Coach in Residence. The meeting felt this was something that should be investigated further over the next year.
- Alan Telford highlighted that Andy Miller has been one of the main driving forces in obtaining the facilities we all enjoy today. His immense work, drive & vision was wholeheartedly & warmly acknowledged by the meeting.
- A point was made that we should not just go after money because it is available. The idea/project should come first, then funding sought.
- Any project should be within our resources of people, time, experience & facilities/equipment available.
- Discussion was had on whether it is better for the Club to buy its own stock of boots or hire from Centre to facilitate taster sessions, particularly for adults.
- FM concluded by saying (once again with a diagram) that the Committee & Club must decide what it wants to be doing over the next five years. FM will present ideas at AGM for members to consider.

What new facilities & equipment do we need & what new activities are we capable of? FM will put It was suggested that a questionnaire should be produced asking these question of all Club members.

The following decisions were agreed at the meeting.

1. The Club would not progress Sportsmatch funding for the Secondary After-School Club. The Committee did not fully understand how the proposal would work & the time taken to obtain clarification would delay start of project.
2. The Club would not progress CashBack funding as it was not clear if Huntly fitted its criteria.

Action item:	Responsible	Date
Produce summary organisational diagram of British cross-country ski organisation.	FM	Oct 09
Produce presentation for AGM of possible developments/projects Club could adopt over next 5 years.	FM	Oct 09
Produce Club Questionnaire	PT	Nov 09

Any Other Business.

- The Huntly Nordic & Outdoor Centre Open Day is on Sun 1st Nov (10am-4pm). The usual organisers of the Club barbecue will be away then. We need to find someone to run this on the day.