

# **Minutes of the AGM of Huntly Nordic Ski Club held at Huntly Nordic and Outdoor Centre on Thursday 27th October 2011 at 7.30pm**

**Present :** Claire Newman, Claudia Zeiske, Rick Newman, Nick May, Gareth Smith, Frank Musgrave, Roy Young, Alex Standen, Malcolm Cooper, Paul Gray, Steve Young, Sandy Thorn, Dave Horsley, Eileen Cosgrove, Hilary Musgrave, Alan Telford

1. **Apologies :** Peter Thorn, Colin Millar, Andy Miller, Andrew Shanks, Ian Cooper, Trish Barron
2. **Minutes of the 2010 AGM** were proposed by Eileen Cosgrove, seconded by Dave Horsley.

Matters arising :

- Club Cap accreditation is still not finalised
- Upgrade of lighting is not possible with the cutbacks being made by the Council. The lights that were broken last year were repaired but more have since gone out. **ST will report these to the Council helpdesk.**
- Club fees were not changed as the anticipated changes to SnSc have still not occurred.
- The old hut has been removed from the Clashindarroch Forest.
- Equipment borrowing needs reclarification and stricter enforcement. **PT to send out information and scale of charges.**
- A work party did improve the state of the roller track but it needs finishing and repeating, possibly using a moss killer. **DH will organise a weekend work party asap.**
- The website has been kept up to date.

### **3. Secretary's Report.**

This had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

Earlier this year a proposal was put forward by Huntly Development Trust which included building a new forest hut in their plan for a joint project with a Finnish town. However this was dependent on getting LEADER funding which is currently unobtainable so will not go ahead for the foreseeable future. **It was suggested that since any hut would be of benefit to the wider community an approach should be made to Vattenfall** (who have been given permission to build a windfarm in the Clash) **(AT,PT)**

### **4. Treasurer's Report :**

#### **4.1 Accounts**

The accounts had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The current balance in the bank is £8,359.37. Some notes of interest were :

- Membership income has increased with an increase in members to £1,366 for 2010/11, though there may have been some membership fees collected in the previous year and carried over
- Payments to HNOC/Aberdeenshire Council for Thursday and Sunday club session is £468.50. There is still £70.50 to pay to HNOC for Sept/Oct use. Attendances by club members at these sessions has increased to 783.
- Two cycling groups came for taster learn-to-ski sessions as an alternative winter training exercise. This was supported by HNSC coaches with funding from Risertec Ltd.
- A new initiative has been started with a monthly Sunday morning session led by HNSC volunteer coaches, and is proving popular.
- There is still £248.75 available for use from the initial sponsorship donated by Risertec Ltd.

- Two SnSc coaching courses were held at HNOC leading to more qualified club coaches. Money ring-fenced for training/coaching of members was used to support this, leaving a balance of £456.60 towards any future training.
- The Rick & Nick BBQ ran three times during the year and raised £330.36. Thanks to all fledgling BBQers who stepped in to run the BBQs.
- HNSC still to pay £66.82 for use of facilities during the Huntly Rollerski Championships in September.
- Having made a subscription to SnSc of £475.10 we then received a 5% refund of £18.76 for providing a list of members.

The accounts were proposed by Sandy Thorn, seconded by Dave Horsley.

#### **4.2 Club subscriptions 2012/13**

It was agreed that the Committee will suggest new fees once the changes to SnSc are known. These will be proposed at the 2012 AGM, **the secretary to send out renewal notices after the AGM.**

### **5. Child Protection Policy**

We are up to date with SnSc policy.

### **6. Training/Coaching Report**

- Club nights and Sunday morning youngsters' sessions are the main focus
- Claire and Eileen have drawn up a year's progressive programme
- Coaching for Coaches starts next week and runs to Christmas. This is mainly aimed at the parents of JDS skiers and can lead on to them going into the Scottish coaching scheme.
- This year club members completed Level 1 and 2 Scottish Coaching courses. The club paid to run the courses with participants paying their own SnSc membership and for First Aid courses. They repay the club by volunteering their time.
- Joint ventures with HNOC have included JDS, After School Clubs, the new Sunday group, girl's "Fast and Female" activity weekend.
- We are to receive £3,000 from SnSc to purchase junior rollerskis.
- We are purchasing more strength and agility equipment
- Grampian Institute is interested in working with our younger skiers on agility and strength training. They would want to coach the skiers with our coaches there to learn.

### **7. Election of Club Officers**

<b>Chairperson :</b>	<b>Alan Telford</b> proposed EC, seconded ST
<b>Vice Chair :</b>	<b>Hilary Musgrave</b> proposed AT, seconded RY
<b>Secretary :</b>	<b>Peter Thorn</b> proposed HM, seconded NM
<b>Treasurer :</b>	<b>Claire Newman</b> proposed RN, seconded ST
<b>Coach :</b>	<b>Eileen Cosgrove</b> proposed HM, seconded ST
<b>Events co-ordinators :</b>	<b>Andrew Shanks, Dave Horsley, Malcolm Cooper</b> proposed AT, seconded CN
<b>Child Protection Officer :</b>	<b>Nick May</b> proposed DH, seconded RN
<b>Press officer :</b>	<b>Claudia Zeiske</b> proposed RY, seconded AT

### **8. Any Other Business**

#### **8.1 Snowsport Scotland and British Ski and Snowboard constitutional changes**

Both organisations have draft constitutions on their websites. BSS has had some feedback from Alpine clubs. It would be useful for members to look at the drafts and send in any feedback.

## **8.2 HNOC update**

The centre is still running but with no budget from the Council. SnSc are hoping to take it over at the start of the next financial year and are in negotiation with the Council. It is expecting to run as normal over the winter. **AT will contact Snowsport Scotland and ask to be kept informed of developments.**

## **8.3 Thursday evening session.**

It was agreed that there should be a better system for confirming to members if someone will be opening the centre on Thursday evenings. The key holders should email **all** the membership if they are going to be there.

## **8.4 SnSc Event in Edinburgh**

Alex Standen is helping organise a “SkierX” event in Princes Street/Princes Gardens in Edinburgh on 17th December. Several of the younger club skiers have said they will take part but he needs helpers on the day.

**Meeting closed at 9.40pm.**