

SCOTTISH



SKI CLUB

**MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM HELD AT THE STIRLING COUNTY CRICKET CLUB,  
WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30 PM**

**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Ms Moira Langmuir, President, welcomed the 23 members present, whose names are recorded in the Attendance Book.

Apologies from 9 other members were received with regret and all are recorded in the Attendance Book.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2018**

No amendments were requested. The adoption of the minutes was accepted by the meeting. Proposed by Bill Aitken, seconded by Rona Hulbert

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Moira Langmuir

'Despite a tough season with what must surely be one of the worst snow years on record, our club spirit remains strong and there is a determination to ski – we will venture out in whatever the weather throws at us'

- Moira emphasised how this spirit drove each section of the club to make the most of often very adverse conditions. New and inventive approaches to race Training had to be devised, all proving to be very enjoyable and effective. Coaches, co-ordinators and trainees were praised and thanked for their versatility, enthusiasm and determination.
- Moira thanked our Glencoe Convenor, Allan McMurtrie, who stood down after 9 years on the Committee. The Club is indebted to him for his time and effort in looking after the interests of the Glencoe section and for keeping the hut in good repair. She wished him well and a presentation was made on behalf of the club.
- Moira thanked individually all the Committee members for their various contributions and hard work in keeping the wheels of the club turning.
- One missing regular from the AGM was Myrtle Simpson, who was attending the Banff Film Festival, where 'A Life on Ice', a short documentary on her life was being premiered. Moira expressed the hope that we will be able to see it on tour with the Best of Banff.

Moira ended her report on a note of hope, based on the long term forecast for a severe winter, that the next season will present fewer challenges than the last.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Wilma MacIntyre**

Wilma presented the accounts which are available to members on request.

- Decrease in subscriptions of £5,400
- Increase in the bank interest of just over £1,400 attributable to an account which has lain dormant for a few years with no interest having been marked up.
- Decrease in expenditure of approximately £6,000 due to reduced admin costs, a reduction in subscription to SSS and less money spent on huts.
- Racing has made a profit due to there being no need to purchase uniforms this year.
- Expenditure for Racing:
  - Scottish Children's Championships and Bairns' Bucket which had to be cancelled
  - Replacement of some gates for Race Training at Cairngorm.

In response to a question from Bill Aitken regarding the surplus made from Race Training, Moira stated that the aim is to break even and/or to cover costs. Refunds were therefore given to those who had paid upfront.

The Accounts were adopted. Proposed by Alan Robertson. Seconded by Andrew Saunders

## **6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Membership Secretary, Mr Dave Leckie, was unable to attend the meeting. His report was circulated to those present at the AGM and summarised by the Secretary.

Dave provided a history of the membership figures since 2008 to the current year (between 1098 and 1303 members). He also gave printing and mailing costs (approx £400) and the savings by moving to communication by email although paper copies are sent to those that request it. Collecting email addresses and keeping them current remains a challenge.

- Currently we have 841 paid up members but that figure includes 22 who have since said that they intend to resign at the end of the season.
- 245 have not renewed from last season.
- We have 7 new members.
- All who had paid by 15<sup>th</sup> October have received their Membership cards

## **7. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kathryn Jardine**

Kathryn reported that the year had been less busy than last year due to the lack of snow and also due to some delegation of tasks which Moira used to do when Secretary: Alan Robertson is now editing the Journal and Giles Lawson Johnston is coordinating the website. Moira continues to write the Newsletter.

- 4 Committee meetings, 3 of which were Teleconference and 1 face to face at Royal George Hotel, Perth. The teleconference meetings take place thanks to SSS's subscription to GoTo Meeting. All members of the Committee appreciate the ability to meet and discuss online without travelling.
- 2 Newsletters have been issued this year
- Race Training Committee has been set up: Moira, Andrew saunders, Mark Blyth, Jason Baggaley and Colin McFarlane.
- Topics discussed at Committee Meetings have included Race Training, Club Constitution, Membership, Huts. This year, particular emphasis has been on the

situation at Cairngorm : CMSL is keen to involve SSC and useful conversations have been had with various key members of the Committee.

- Kenny Waitt continues to liaise with and represent the Club at SSS.

Kathryn thanked Moira and the Committee for their support, endless enthusiasm and their ability to make things happen and Bill Aitken for his advice on all matters.

## **8. RACE TRAINING REPORT: Andrew Saunders**

Andrew reported that the club had continued the partnership with ATC, which offered a year round professional programme and provided a great synergy with the SSC.

- Numbers were up on last year but the training on Cairngorm was not without its challenges. No funicular was a challenge in itself. A meeting took place with Cairngorm hill staff pre-season to discuss early starts ahead of the public and running of car park tow to get coaches up to set courses. However, due to the departure of Natural Retreats this did not happen.
- Clothing was not included in Race Training fees this year (2018/19)- parents **will pay separately**. 20 new jackets are to be bought and the club will continue to recycle jackets.
- Costs were an issue but it is hoped to keep the cost to parents down through fundraising activities. The Race Training group worked hard to deliver a quality programme at a competitive price and the aim **is to** increase participation in the programme. Refunds were issued to parents at the end of the season due to the limited number of training days on offer.
- The hut continues to be a great hub for parents and trainees and Colin MacFarlane is doing a fantastic job in his new role as hut convenor tackling all of the jobs required to keep the hut going through the winter months.

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Elections were made in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Club. Election of Council members were put to the members and unanimously agreed. Proposed by Mike Jardine, seconded by John Flavell-Smith

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Moira Langmuir
<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b>	Rona Hulbert
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b>	Mark Blyth Andrew Saunders
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Kathryn Jardine.
<b>TREASURER</b>	Wilma MacIntyre
<b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY</b>	David Leckie
<b>RACE CONVENOR</b>	Jason Baggaley
<b>RACE TRAINING</b>	Moira Langmuir Andrew Saunders
<b>JOURNAL</b>	Alan Robertson
<b>HUT CONVENOR</b>	Colin McFarlane
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	Douglas Tullis
<b>WEBSITE</b>	Giles Lawson Johnston
<b>CAIRNGORM SECTION</b>	Colin McFarlane/Andrew Saunders
<b>LOCHABER SECTION</b>	Davie Austin
<b>GLENCOE SECTION</b>	Seonaid Cleare
<b>HEAD COACH</b>	Mark Blyth
<b>TOURING</b>	VACANT
<b>GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	Bill Aitken, Eddie Guest, Kenny Waitt

## 10. REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS

It was agreed that membership fees would remain at current price for the season 2020/21  
Proposed by Douglas Low, seconded by Alan Robertson

	<b>Proposed Direct Debit</b>	<b>Proposed PayPal/Other</b>
<b>Ordinary membership</b>	£46	£49
<b>Husband and wife/partners</b>	£78	£82
<b>Family</b>	£90	£95
<b>Junior (under 21)</b>	£25	£25
<b>Social</b>	£15	£15

## 11. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON TO REVIEW THE ACCOUNTS

Lorna Rofe agreed to review the accounts

## 12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

None

The meeting concluded at 20.30 and was followed by our guest speaker Chris Tiso.

Chris is CEO of the Tiso Group with a long established link to SSC  
He gave an excellent, informative presentation on the history of Tiso, a firm founded by his parents Graham and Maude in 1962. Chris talked of how the company developed and grew in the early days, how it has expanded and opened new shops over the years and he also shared future plans for Tiso. This was followed by a short film about a 3 month expedition to South Georgia and Elephant Island which captured the adventure, hardship and fun had by all.

K. Jardine  
SSC Secretary  
November 2019