

SCOTTISH



SKI CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM HELD VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ms Moira Langmuir, President, welcomed the 52 members present, whose names are recorded in the Attendance Book.

Apologies from 4 other members were received with regret and all are recorded in the Attendance Book.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 6th NOVEMBER 2019

No amendments were requested. The adoption of the minutes was accepted by the meeting.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Moira Langmuir

"We will remember this year not for skiing and snowboarding but as the year that COVID-19 wreaked havoc on our lives"

Moira began with a summary of the highlights of the season before it was brought to an abrupt end on 23rd March due to lockdown:

- The very popular Club holiday organised by Douglas Tullis took place well before the pandemic in Arraba in the Italian Dolomites. It was said to be 'the best ever' and members are looking forward to another trip in the future.
- Very successful Race Training, based at Cairngorm, faced challenges due to poor snow, no funicular and the early end to the season. Despite this, the club successfully ran the Scottish Championships, the Bairns' Bucket and a GS race. Moira thanked race organisers Jason Baggaley and Colin McFarlane as well as Mike Jahazi and CMSL for their support.
- One notable event: George Stewart celebrated his 100th Birthday in December 2019 and is still skiing. Unfortunately he is unable to join us this evening.
- Ironically some of the best snow was to be found after lockdown and those who lived near the mountains were able to enjoy some excellent

snow on touring skis. Our traditional end of season social events at Glencoe and Cairngorm were cancelled.

- The club website has been updated by Giles Lawson-Johnson and members are encouraged to use it. Any suggestions re content are welcome.
- Giles has also re-designed the club logo which features the traditional lion rampant. It has a modern look with a retro feel. Hoodies and sweatshirts with the new logo are available to buy from the website.
- Huts: Moira thanked the Hut Convenors for their continued work in keeping the huts in good working order. She reminded members that the Glenshee hut is still available for use by SSC members.
- Drop in membership causes some concern but this is the case in all clubs.

The committee is working on several initiatives to attract new members and sub groups have been set up to work on this. Moira thanked Alan Robertson for setting up the Partnership programme: shops and organisations offering discount to SSC members.

- SSC's response to the consultation on the Cairngorm masterplan, a vision and strategy document for HIE's Cairngorm Estate, related to improvement proposals such as new lifts, improved snow making and snow fencing and re-instatement of the White lady ski lift. The club will continue to work with Cairngorm Mountain Scotland Ltd as a key stakeholder.

Moira thanked all the Committee members for their various contributions and hard work in keeping the wheels of the club turning.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Wilma MacIntyre

Wilma presented the Accounts which are available to members on request. The Accounts were displayed on screen as Wilma spoke.

Income

- This year has been successful despite a slight drop in subscriptions. The committee is committed to maximising opportunities to raise the profile of SSC and to attract new members.
- Income from racing : Scottish Children's Championships and the Bairns' Bucket held at Cairngorm.
- Race Training has made a profit this year due to the continued sponsorship from 'Blues the Ski Shop' for which the club is very grateful.

Expenditure

- Increase in expenses due to a change in software used to collect Direct Debits. This is a one-off set up fee and admin expenses should revert to a more normal figure next year.
- The cost of producing the Journal has increased but this is seen as an important and valuable asset of the club.
- Hut maintenance: Glencoe, Nevis Range and Cairngorm. Hut convenors were thanked for their continued hard work keeping the huts wind and water tight.

Bill Aitken asked if members were happy that over 50% of the hut expenditure is on the Cairngorm hut. Moira replied that this is due to more frequent use and bigger numbers because of race training.

Eddie Guest raised the question of the separate account for the Cairngorm hut. Wilma

replied that an online account has been set up to deal with donations from teas and coffees. This is easier to maintain and access funds.

All agreed that the huts are our greatest asset and expenditure is justified. The

Accounts were adopted.

Proposed by : Bill Aitken

Seconded by : Jason Baggaley

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Leckie

- Dave provided a history of the membership figures since 2008 to the current year: between 1098 and 710 members.
- Reduction in numbers due to lack of new members.
- Most people now pay by Direct Debit.
- A significant number of Direct Debit mandates were cancelled.
- In an attempt to counteract the loss of members a Young Adult category will be re-introduced for season 2021-22. This will cover the ages of 22-25.
- All paid up members received their membership cards by the beginning of November.
- Postage costs are significant so a decision was made to distribute the news letter by email. A paper version is available on request.
- Collecting email addresses and keeping them current remains a challenge. Members are requested to inform Dave of any change in contact details.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kathryn Jardine

Kathryn reported that this year has inevitably been very different.

There has been more frequent communication.

- 5 Committee Meetings, including one specifically to discuss membership.
- 2 meetings held on GoTo Meeting platform, thanks to SSS's subscription. Subsequent meetings held on Zoom. At the start of the Covid pandemic, we set up an SSC account which has enabled us to arrange our meetings more independently.
- 2 Newsletters, the most recent one circulated by email as explained by Dave in his report above. We are looking at different formats and means of circulation for future newsletters.

More delegation of tasks.

- Alan Robertson: Journal editor for a second year.
- Giles Lawson-Johnson: website coordinator
- Moira Langmuir : Newsletter. it is hoped that this will be done on a rota basis next year.
- Kenny Waitt : SSC link and representative to Snowsport Scotland.

Topics discussed

- Race training
- Membership
- Huts
- Cairngorm

As a result, sub groups set up to cover Huts and Communication and Marketing.

Particular emphasis has continued to be on the situation at Cairngorm. CMSL is keen to liaise with and involve SSC. Moira, Kenny Waitt, Jason Baggaley, Alan Robertson and Andrew Saunders have had useful conversations with management

Kathryn thanked Moira and the Committee for their continued support.

8. RACE TRAINING REPORT: Andrew Saunders

Andrew reported that the club had continued the partnership with ATC, which offers a year round professional programme both at home and abroad. He shared photos and videos of training sessions on Cairngorm.

- There were 146 training days, due to a lack of snow. This represents the lowest number ever. The highlight of the season was the weekend of the successful Scottish Championships held at Cairngorm, when some trainees achieved their best ever points.
- Man-made snow enabled training to go ahead. Coaches and trainees made the most of this. When there was insufficient snow, trainees worked on their fitness in a variety of ways including biking, zipwire, swimming and gym sessions.
- Covid brought training to an abrupt end.
- Productive meeting with CMSL early November 2020. Priority for race training, use of the White Lady and access to the upper mountain if there is insufficient snow on the lower slopes discussed.
- Andrew ended his report on a note of optimism, looking forward to a good season in Scotland especially if travel to the Alps is not possible. The continued partnership with ATC and the appointment of coach Murray Howie will 'put SSC back on the map with his adept social media skills'.

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 was put to the members and unanimously agreed.

PRESIDENT:	Moira Langmuir
VICE PRESIDENT	Mark Blyth, Andrew Saunders
PAST PRESIDENT:	Rona Hulbert
SECRETARY:	Kathryn Jardine
TREASURER:	Wilma McIntyre
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	David Leckie RACE
CONVENOR:	Jason Baggaley
RACE TRAINING CONVENOR:	Moira Langmuir / Andrew Saunders
JOURNAL EDITOR:	Alan Robertson & Sam Thomson
HUTS CONVENER	Colin McFarlane (Cairngorm)
NEWSLETTER EDITOR:	Moira Langmuir
GENERAL MEMBERS:	Bill Aitken, Eddie Guest & Kenny Waitt

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

HEAD COACH:	Mark Blyth/ Coaching is provided by ATC
HOLIDAY CONVENOR:	Douglas Tullis has expressed his intention to stand down from this post.
TOURING:	VACANT

WEBSITE: Giles Lawson Johnston
SECTION CONVENERS:
GLENCOE: Seonaid Cleare
LOCHABER: Davie Austin

Proposed by Jean Lindsay-Bethune
Seconded by Andrew Saunders and Alison Hewitt

10. REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS

It was agreed that subscriptions would remain at current price for the season 2021/22

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

Discussion and agreement of the re-introduction of the Young Adult category, to cover age up to 25 inclusive. The subscription to be the same as the Junior category (£25)

Proposed by Alan Robertson
Seconded by Dave Leckie

11. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON TO REVIEW THE ACCOUNT

Lorna Rofe agreed to review the accounts

12. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

None

The meeting concluded at 20.30 and was followed by a screening of 'A Life on Ice' an award winning short film by director Leigh-Anne Sides about our very own Myrtle Simpson's polar expeditions.

This inspirational and entertaining film gave us the opportunity to experience Hugh and Myrtle's expeditions to various icy parts of the globe, told largely using Hugh's wonderful photos and bringing Myrtle's explorations to life. The film is a great legacy for her children and grandchildren who are all immensely proud of all her achievements, as are we all in SSC

Following the screening of the film, there was a lively and enthusiastic Q&A session during which members were able to ask Myrtle and Leigh-Anne about the making of the film and their experiences.

K Jardine.
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