



SCOTTISH SKI CLUB

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT STIRLING CRICKET CLUB AND ON ZOOM TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.30PM

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mark Blyth, President, welcomed the 18 members in person, and the 18 members present on Zoom (recorded in Attendance Book).

Apologies recorded in the Attendance Book.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 23RD NOVEMBER 2024

No amendments requested. Minutes were adopted.

Proposed by: Jean Lynsay Beatune **Seconded by:** Mike Jardine

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mark Blyth

SSC Snowball: Successful event raising **£8,500** through raffles and auctions. Thanks extended to Loddy Cooke and her organising team.

- Suggestions for future social events welcomed from members.

Mark summarised the season as another challenging season; the worst in recent memory.

- Good snow in December and Christmas period for backcountry skiing, particularly in the Far North.
- Devastating thaw in early January wiped out the snowpack across Scotland within a week.
- Further accumulations in late January allowed major lifts at Cairngorm and Glencoe to operate briefly before another warm spell ended skiing in February—just as Cairngorm funicular repairs were completed.
- Climate change impacts highlighted: The Sphinx snow patch has melted completely only 10 times in 300 years (1933, 1959, 1996, 2003, 2006, 2017, 2018, 2021–2025).
- Club needs to adapt to limited winter opportunities in future years.

SSC Holiday Successful trip to Les Arcs (January 2025). Full report to follow in the Journal.

Backcountry

- Only one day at Cairngorm; film evening and other events cancelled due to poor snow.
- Backcountry snow patches were limited in March and April, with steep, short descents on hard neve and dangerous run-outs.
- Plans for a full programme next year with George Reid, including a trip to Norway in May. Contact Felicity at backcountry@scottishskiclub.org.uk.

Race Training

- Thanks to Calum Shepherd for flexibility in running Alpine and domestic programmes.
- All Scottish Children's races cancelled; future option to run in the Alps considered.
- Convenors Canter also cancelled; replaced with walk up Cairngorm and BBQ at the hut.
- Successful dry slope races in October and East–West Dual Slalom collaboration with Bearsden Ski Club—thanks to Colin McFarlane.

Fundraising/Bursary

- £8,500 raised from Snowball plus £3,000 from Mickel Fund.
- Supported Alpine and domestic programmes, saving parents ~£400 per week.

National Representation

- SSC athletes represented at World Championships, World Juniors, and European Youth Olympics.

Huts

- Thanks to convenors and volunteers for maintenance.
- Major repairs at Glencoe (south façade windows) and Cairngorm (race office floor).
- Plans for west façade at Glencoe next summer—large team required.

Membership and communication

Concerns remain about club membership.

Numbers static over five years; 17 new members since last winter.

- Work ongoing to improve membership system (Calum Shepherd developing Dave Leckie's system).

Incorporation as CLG

- Draft articles withdrawn due to issues with Life Members and asset transfer.

Committee

Mark extended thanks to the committee for all their work, particularly Alan Robertson and Dave Leckie for their continued support and patience while filling their roles.

Mark invited members to join the committee.

Current vacancies	Journal Editor	Membership Secretary
Upcoming vacancies	President	Secretary

If anyone is interested in finding out what these roles involve please contact

Seonaid.cleare@gmail.com

Obituaries

Sadly three members passed away this year; Mike Westcott, Ian Steven and Ann Morrison. Obituaries

to follow in the Journal.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: Wilma McIntyre

Accounts for year ending 30 June 2025 presented and displayed on screen. Available to members on request.

Wilma highlighted the large amount in Creditors this year, as monies collected from the ball, the race camp in October and the races in August.

Highlights

- Club ran at a deficit this year, but finances remain strong enough to sustain this loss.
- Deficit partly due to fall in membership subscriptions. Committee committed to raising SSC's profile and attracting new members.
- Racing made a small loss despite sponsorship from Blues.
- Dual slalom events and East-West weekend raised just over £3,000.
- Journal remains a major cost but is valued by members; advertising offsets some expense.
- Hut maintenance at Glencoe, Nevis Range, and Cairngorm continued.
- Camps abroad kept within budget for second year running.
- Snowball raised nearly £9,000.

Accounts adopted.

Proposed by : Moira Langmuir

Seconded by : Jean Lynsay Beatune

Wilma thanked the Committee; Mark thanked Wilma for all her fantastic work.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT : Dave Leckie (reported by Mark Blyth)

Slight decline in membership since last year; renewals slow.

Latest figures (November 2025): 452 paid up members

This year, 17 applications have been processed.

- New applications n=14
- Renewals n= 3
- outstanding renewals n=187 (Paypal/ cheque)
- Reminder letters are sent mid-November and again in early December.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Seonaid Cleare

- 2 hybrid Committee Meetings held in 2025, with another planned before Christmas.
- Topics regularly discussed: Membership, Races and Race Training, section updates, huts, SSS and policies, Cairngorm stakeholder group, Journal, Bursary, Backcountry, website and social media.
- Subcommittees on membership and communication meet ~3 times a year and as required.
- Member are encouraged to send any SSC/Scottish ski related images to

snowsportsjames@outlook.com for throwback Thursday

8. RACE TRAINING REPORT: Calum Shepherd

2024/25 Season

- Domestic: Limited snow; only one training weekend at Cairngorm.
- Overseas: ~6 weeks of camps (Hintertux, Kaprun, Bormio).
- Bursary support was used to reduced trainee costs from £1,200 to £775 for 15 trainees (October camp).

2025/26 Plans

- Pre-season dryland training at Loch Insh.
- Successful October Alpine camp for 23 trainees.
- NY Alpine camp confirmed; Feb and Easter plans in progress.
- Scottish training whenever snow permits; Cairngorm weekends a priority.
- Glenshee night slalom as backup; summer indoor sessions planned.

Races

All snow races were cancelled due to lack of snow. However, the club successfully ran the 2025 West & East Coast races in collaboration with Bearsden Ski Club, using the popular “club national” format—common in England but introduced in Scotland for the first time. Mark thanked Calum for his hard work on both domestic and alpine training programmes.

9. SCOTTISH SKI TRAINING TRUST UPDATE & PLANS FOR 2026/2027

Nothing to discussing

10. COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Vacancies

Current: Journal Editor, Membership Secretary.

Upcoming: President and Secretary roles.

Interested members please contact Seonaid (seonaid.cleare@gmail.com).

2025/2026 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT:	Mark Blyth (<i>standing down</i>)
VICE PRESIDENT	Andrew Saunders
PAST PRESIDENT:	Moir Langmuir
SECRETARY:	Seonaid Cleare (<i>standing down</i>)
TREASURER:	Wilma McIntyre
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	David Leckie (<i>standing down</i>)
RACE CONVENOR:	Calum Shepherd & Colin McFarlane
RACE TRAINING CONVENOR:	Andrew Saunders
JOURNAL EDITOR:	Alan Robertson (<i>standing down</i>) & Sam Thomson
HUTS CONVENER	Colin McFarlane (Cairngorm)

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Moira Langmuir
GENERAL MEMBERS: Bill Aitken, Eddie Guest, Kenny Waitt, Rona Hulbert, Loddy Cooke, Virginia Beckett, Adrien Sargent, Lauren Sargent

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

HEAD COACH: Calum Shepherd
HOLIDAY CONVENOR: Graham Scott
TOURING: Felicity Houbert
WEBSITE: Colin McFarlane
SOCIAL MEDIA: James Pitcher

SECTION CONVENERS

GLENCOE: Seonaid Cleare
LOCHABER: Davie Austin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PROPOSED AT AGM:

General members: none

11. REVIEW OF SUBSCRIPTION LEVELS

Membership fees to remain unchanged for 2026/27:

Proposed 26/27	Direct Debit	PayPal/Other
Family (incl Junior 0-21 incl)	£95	£100
Husband/Wife/Partner	£82	£86
Ordinary (over 26)	£50	£52
Young Adult (22-30 incl)	£27.50	£27.50
Junior (0-21 incl)	£27.50	£27.50
Social	£16.00	£16.00

12. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON TO REVIEW THE ACCOUNT

Lorna Roth agreed to review the accounts next year

13. AOCB

None raised

Minutes prepared by SCleare

November 2025