



Hemel Ski Race Club
Committee Meeting - Sept 3rd Snow Centre

Present - Dermot Flahive, Andrea Grant, Phil Brown, Nick Warmington, Jacqui Aikens, Lucy Newman, Sarah Macmillan, Sheila Driscoll

1. **Apologies** - Steve Lambert, Amanda Rolph, Kevin Driscoll
2. **Minutes** of the last meeting were circulated and no matters arising
3. **Membership** - 370 members. More than 200 have trained.
4. **Training** - When training is consistently full we will run a tighter booking system on a first come basis until we have consistently 90 on a Monday and 60 on a Wednesday. Wednesday training will transfer to a Sunday on October 11th when we will have two thirds of the slope between 7am and 9am; maximum capacity 60 trainees. Kandahar will train in one lane between 8am and 10am every 2nd week with sessions between October and Christmas on 11Oct, 08Nov, 26Nov and 06Dec. We expect that Kandahar will arrange further sessions between Christmas and Easter. We also expect that other clubs may pick up the 'spare' capacity in other weeks. If there are Sundays where we are the sole club training then capacity would increase to 90 racers. Trainers for Sunday that will be confirmed at the next coaches meeting are Rod, Jon, Phil, Paul, Marco, Steve R and possibly Darren.

An email needs to be sent out in late September asking trainees to indicate their training intentions for October as we have no idea how many will come on a Sunday. We need to stress how important it is for members to respond to this email... If it turns out that we have a big demand on Sundays then we will need to go back to the centre to try and secure the use of the whole slope on the days when it's available. **Steve Lambert**

Phil Brown will be away on snow for the bulk of the winter and will only be available for approximately 5 or 6 weeks between early

November and Easter. Phil to confirm availability by the next meeting.

Phil Brown will put a training programme in place and is hoping to cover most of his absence with Sally Bartlett. Jon Reidy will cover for Phil when Sally is not available, with Gerard covering Jon's group. This will be confirmed at the next coaches meeting. It was agreed that Jon would cover as head coach in Phil's absence.

As a general rule we should limit trainees to trainer ratios as follows: Minis:- 8 per trainer, Children:- 10 per trainer; Junior and above:- 12 per trainer.

Current group lists are now on the notice board.

The new Mini's grouping will be discussed at the next coaches meeting. Phil would like to bring in somebody with experience to head up the Mini's training. The aim is to start this from October.

Phil Brown

The trial sessions are proving difficult to manage so we propose to schedule one Sunday and one Monday session a month for trials where demand and capacity allow. These sessions will be run by Phil Brown, last 30 mins and the cost will be £10. This new arrangement will start following the move to Sunday training.

There has been an issue with lift and queuing etiquette. Coaches and committee members will monitor behaviour on a regular basis, first time offenders will be spoken to, regular offenders will be suspended from the training session, and persistent offenders will be suspended from the club.

The Snow Centre has confirmed that their race training charges will remain as now until at least April 2010. Therefore our training costs will remain at the current levels until April 2010.

5. Finances

The Club finances are in a healthy state. Please see attached.

6. Hemel Champs

A note detailing the entry criteria for Overall and Age Group perpetual awards and the Snow and Rock sponsorship awards was

tabled for discussion by the chairman. The chairman's proposal was discussed and ratified unanimously by the committee. An e-mail will be sent to the members on 5th September explaining the reasons for this decision. (copy attached)

The Hemel Champs race closes on Thursday 16th Sept and there will be no late entries.

Dermot Flahive has asked Sally Bartlett and Jon Reidy to set the courses.

Nick Warmington is to invite all coaches to attend or race. The trophies will be organised by Sheila Driscoll and Sarah will do the raffle.

7. AOB

AGM TBA (probably a Thursday in mid to late November)

Next meeting on Thursday 15th October

Jacqui Aikens
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