

2010 AGM

Welcome to 2010 AGM thank you for attending good to see new as well as old faces.

Introduction from Committee Members

Format	Agenda Questions at end.
Apologies	Lucy Newman Phil Brown Dermot Flahive
Matters Outstanding	2009 AGM Minutes – due to uploaded in next 3 weeks Clubmark Status Volume of work & little benefit – rethinking as been encouraged by SSE for recognition Snow Centre Communication
Finances	Hand over to Sheila - & Thank You
Chair Report	
Membership Update	Steve Lambert
Junior Racers Rep Position	
AOB	
Forthcoming events	SSE BASS Langraff Race Club Trip – obtaining quotes E mail regarding summer camps Parents Forum
Questions	

Chair Report 2010

- Training & Race Update

Following members demand introduced advance payment system

Monthly training requests despite initially being met with some concerns now working really well with the majority of people attending when specified

A number of people do still turn up unadvised however in the majority of cases are eventually accepted – The main concern is still when people fail to advise unable to attend – this has a big impact on the coaches who are scheduled and in some instances we have sent coaches home as simply not required but we still need to pay them. Please if you cant come LET US KNOW AS SOON AS YOU DO. Don't want to penalise people from training but if required will do so. Monday's are more of a concern as the last 2 Sunday sessions have had 100% attendance.

What is rather surprising is that taking into account the number of people who train fairly regularly – the number of people attending races is down compared to this time last year. Summer League still provides a good foundation and introduction to racing, however it was slightly disappointing that in some cases for the first time ever Hemel had no representation. Please if anybody can offer feedback as to why this may have occurred please do let us know. Discussions currently in place with ERSA & individual race clubs to subsidise race entry fees during 2011 season. Hemel Champs & Indoor snow races are likely to be excluded from this due to the successful number of entries always received.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who did compete in races at either local, national or International level during the course of the year and offer my congratulations to the number of Hemel Club members who have been successfully selected for the various squads in no particular order :-

Max Baggio

Yasmin Cooper

Gerard Flahive

James Grant

Jordan Lowe

Robert Poth
Caroline Powell
Rachelle Rogers
Joshua Serdet
Matt Thompson

Congratulation to Robert Poth - for being only ever British Child to gain 1st podium places in all disciplines at English, Scottish & British Championships.

All above prove it is possible to mix racing in artificial, indoor & outdoor snow conditions.

Snow Centre communication continue to grow we are now receiving electronic updates from Technical Operations on snow conditions & any slope restrictions that may apply which is particularly useful for course setting. Steve has worked closely with the centre to produce an evacuation document that has been approved by the centre in conjunction with the one that they have in place. There is still room for improvement but we must all be very thankful for the opportunity we have been provided with to be part of this fantastic facility. Just as a side issue the minutes from this meeting will be forwarded to Dave Surrey, Pete Gillespie, Peter McCann which clearly demonstrates how the relationship that has developed.

Once the peak period have quietened down for the Centre we will approach them to see if we are able to change our training day either to Sunday mornings or return to the Wednesday evening again at the centre discretion.

Hemel will host a race weekend in July with the Club National taking place on the Saturday and a Grand Prix event on the Sunday - Hemel Ski Race Club does have a very good reputation when it come to putting on race events & we are very fortunate to have a wealth of experience on the committee to officiate however we cannot solely rely on these people and due to a number of the children who will be moving further afield to continue their education we need more volunteers – this is a fantastic opportunity to learn from the masters who would be only too pleased to pass on their words of wisdom I can personally speak from my own experience I am currently working towards my Level 2 race official accreditation. Races cannot be run without the appropriate number of officials I am not prepared to compromise anybody's safety regrettable the recent Level 1 course was cancelled however

another will be run locally before the start of next season – please we really do need more volunteers – its just not fair on the same old faces being left out on the snow for the duration of races. This is an ideal opportunity for parents of new racers to become involved.

There are some vacancies on the committee – being totally honest not the most attractive ones however if a couple of people wanted to take on the role I am sure that we sort out something after all you will be able to have a say in how your club is being run.

Finally just a few more words :-

We will go through the nominations a little later however I would like to thank the following :-

Nick Warmington spent a lot of his own time setting up the coaching committee earlier in the year as a result he built up a fantastic relationship with all of the coaches, communicated with them regularly regarding the group structure which is still in operation today regrettably due to work commitments Nick has decided to step down from his committee role Thank You Nick for all of your time and hard work and effort it is greatly appreciated.

A very big thank you to all of my committee members who have guided and supported me during that last 12 months – we have come a long way and I am looking forward to the changes and challenges that we face in the next 12 months.

Steve Lambert who single handed manages week on week to organise the training sessions, manages the memberships, takes charge of the race office annoys the hell out of all us, is known in my household as the second husband but seriously is really the cornerstone of the club – Steve Thank You oh any by the way kept you quite for long enough you can now talk about memberships

