



Hemel Ski Race Club

Meeting on 4th August 2015

Present

Andrea Grant - AG
Jacqui Aikens - JA
Steve Lambert - SL
Olly Turner - OT
Heather Newton - HN
Sheila Driscoll - SD
Sally Bartlett - SB

Apologies

Jon Reidy - JR
Sarah Dean - SD
Nancy Louth -NL
Dominic McGonigal - DM
Karen Harrison - KH
Paul Rolph - PR
Fiona Leach - FL
Anna Loder - AL

This was an extra meeting to discuss the proposal put to AG & SL at a meeting with the Snow Centre (Ian Brown (IB) and Pete Gillespie (PG))

The proposal

Initially we were asked if we could change from 6 – 8pm to 7 – 9pm. We did point out that many of our trainees were young and some travelled vast distances to get to Hemel.

The main reason for the IB wanting us to not have a full slope from 6 is that they perceive that they are making a loss in revenue on a Monday night, which is quite possibly true. Also that once we have left at 8pm no one really wants to ski/board so they don't get the general public in.

PG also wants to build on their snow stars on a Saturday morning and wanted to offer the better skiers something more – he wants to do this on a Monday evening – this fits in very well with growing our club, it will mean a natural progression from learning to ski to racing, should they want to.

IB also thinks that Schools maybe interested in the 6 – 7pm slot.

We came up with the following solution.

6 – 7:30pm for U10/U12 – one lane for a course and open on the other side for drills

7 – 9pm for U14 upwards, HSRC will have sole use of the slope (inc remaining 30 minutes for U10/U12)

Issues

Whilst we recognise that this is reducing the training from 2 hours to 1 ½ hours for the U12/U10's it was felt and agreed that this was appropriate. We would need to keep the cost the same.

Benefits to the U12/U10's

- Coaches will be able to talk to the parents/trainees after the session
- Better focus on the U12/U10's
- No sharing of the lane with the older ones
- Dedicated stubbie work
- Possibility of some dryland training, be it to explain about racing and the correct procedures or some fitness/nutrition work
- Discuss equipment with parents and trainees
- Have a dedicated timing session with them

Whilst it's not a selling point – IB & PG were happy with our compromise and HSRC have agreed to go ahead from 14th September, it was felt this was a better solution than all being on there from 7 – 9pm.

Actions for the whole committee

- Need to police the end of the U12/U10's session as they cannot stay on the slope – we will not have sufficient coaches to allow this.
- Monitor the behaviour of all our trainees as the general public will be out there at the same time – if we can do this for September and then periodically this should help

General Points

The cost to the club of the above change is still under negotiation with the centre, AG & SL did point out that we cannot afford as a club to take the hit of these changes should we lose any members. IB did understand this and said he would have a think about it!! – **AG to follow up with a suggestion that we go back to paying per trainee.**

HSRC need to make sure that we continue to grow. It was suggested and agreed that as many of our members train at Welwyn on a Friday we should open up the club as a formal arrangement with them that they can join us to train – they would still need to join HSRC but would not need to change their first named club and the Welwyn members would pay the same training fee as Hemel trainees.

Also to open up training to the local regions – ERSAs, LSERSAs & SERSAs – they would need to join the club at an associate rate of £25.00, they would not need to change their first named club (although we would like them too) They would pay an associate member rate for training, currently £25.00 per session.

HSRC will still encourage taster sessions for new members. **ALL** trainees wishing to join HSRC, without exception will have to have a taster session, this is for both their benefit to see if they like it and for our coaches to see if our training is appropriate to their level of skiing.

All trainees will need to pre-book – no bookings can be taken on the night

Kit

HSRC need to do an inventory of the kit we have

Poles – PR

Timing etc – SL & OT

Bibs – AG

Radios – AG

Trophies

As agreed we will not be issuing the trophies this year at the champs, winners can have photos with them but we will then collect them back and go through them all – replacing ones that need replacing and checking all engraving - this may take some time – **Action – SD, AG, SD and anyone else!**

Kit Hire

We have had a number of requests to lend out kit, whilst we don't have an issue with this we do need to make sure we cover ourselves re loss and breakages. Also need to charge an appropriate amount Bibs - £50 plus £25 for any lost bibs. Timing £125.00

Monday Night Training

Need to confirm that the coaches only coach the trainees on their lists – there has been some movement recently – should any trainees ask to go with coaches on the slope they need to be referred back to JA. There is a concern some may be slipping through the system that has carefully been put in place.

Date of Next Meeting

The Next meeting will be on Monday 5th October 2015 at 6:30pm at the Snow Centre