

# SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Snowsport England Offices  
on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 12.30pm

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Present:

Barry Spouge	Chairman
Jennifer Denning	Finance Director
Karen Richardson	Director
Peter Stratton	Director
Tim Fawke	Chief Executive
Peter Heath	Company Secretary
Piet Van Kempen	ERSA Representative
Bernard Wright	ERSA Representative
Alan Jones	NWSF Representative
Darren Schmidt	SRSA Representative
Jeff Elmore	WMSA Representative
Carron Thorley	WMSA Representative
Stewart Smith	YSF Representative
Gillian Gilyead	ESSkiA Representative
Andrea Grant	Alpine Committee Leader
Martin Carr	Freestyle Committee Leader
Adam Pinney	Nordic Committee Leader
John Shedden	Coaches' Representative
Peter Handford-Styring	Coaching Scheme Members' Representative

Observers:

John Daines	North Staffs Ski Club
Wendy McRae	Yorkshire Dales XC Ski Club
John Cook	Merseyside Ski Club
Dermot Flahive	ROTP Leader
Mike Smith	Lions Ski Club
Jo Willoughby	Lions Ski Club
Mike Colyer	Loughborough Sno
Jemima Barnes	Loughborough Sno
Katherine Pegg	Loughborough Sno
Paul Longley	
Jeffrey Fozzard	
Sarah Green	Sport Structures
Amanda Scriven-Powell	Sports Coach UK
Marie Beard	Snowsport England staff
Julie Copestick	Snowsport England staff
Jan Doyle	Snowsport England staff
Vickie Pullin	Snowsport England staff
Sara Tatham	Snowsport England staff

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## **National Facilities Strategy**

Prior to the break for lunch, Sarah Green of Sports Structures Ltd led a consultation on the proposed National Facilities Strategy for Snowsports.

A copy of her presentation is available for download at:

[http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/snowsport\\_england\\_agm\\_2010-4104.html](http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/snowsport_england_agm_2010-4104.html)

A summary of the feedback at the meeting is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Sarah asked for any further feedback or information which might be useful for their study to be sent to her.

Lunch break – 1-2pm

### **1. Apologies**

Nigel Matthews	Director
Richard Berry	Non-Regional Members' Representative
Sandy Telling	LSERSA Representative
Gwendolyn Southall	LSERSA Representative
John Walhers	NWSF Representative
Andrew Jeffries	NWSF Representative
Graham Pickles	YSF Representative
Tony Archbold	ESSkiA Representative

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

Peter Heath apologised that the Council e-mail distribution facility was not yet available. To facilitate this, members were asked to provide their e-mail addresses on the form circulated at the meeting.

### **4. Annual Elections**

There being no contested positions, the following were appointed as Leader of their respective Key Committees:

Alpine Skiing	Andrea Grant
Freestyle & Snowboarding	Martin Carr
Nordic	Adam Pinney
Coaching	Nigel Matthews
Schools & Youth	Martin Tomlinson

Before they left the meeting, the Chairman gave special thanks to the office staff for their hard work during the last year and presented each of them with a bouquet of flowers.

## **5. Strategic Matters**

**Facilities Strategy** – covered in pre-lunch presentation

### **Strategy Consultation**

Jennifer Denning gave a short presentation on the progress of the strategy consultation for 2011-2014. A copy of her presentation is available for download at:

[http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/snowsport\\_england\\_agm\\_2010-4104.html](http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/snowsport_england_agm_2010-4104.html)

She noted that the major thrust of the consultation responses to date had been for increased participation and for affordability.

Suggested straplines included: “More People, More Coaches, More Places”, “Snowsports from Grass Roots to Elite Performance”

Disciplines – should include ski touring, but not as a focus.

Mission: John Shedden stressed that SSE’s responsibility is for all English skiers, not just for skiing in England. This is defined in SSE’s constitution: “The objects for which the Company is established are: (a) to be the Governing Body for all English skiers (whether they be in England or elsewhere) and for skiing in England...”

He urged SSE to use its considerable influence and that of Sport England to regain control of what is being done for English elite skiers. SSE represents some 75% of registered British performers, yet its voting rights in the organisation representing British skiers at FIS has dropped over the last 30 years from 77% to 25% and is currently 0%.

Jennifer invited members to e-mail her with any further comments or suggestions.

She added that the next stage was to establish working groups, primarily made up of those who had already contributed, to develop selected areas of the strategy in more detail. The target is to present the full operation plan to next year’s AGM for immediate implementation.

## **6 Sport England Grant Update**

Tim Fawke gave a short presentation on the first year’s progress of the grant project.

A copy of his presentation is available for download at:

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This includes details of the year 1 targets and achievements to date, a summary of the work carried out for each intervention, and the targets for year 2.

## **7. Key Committees**

Reports from all Committees are as in the Annual Report. Minutes for all meetings are available in the public download area of the web site.

Tim reported on the arrangements for the Coaching Conference to be held at Chill Factore, Manchester on 18/19<sup>th</sup> September.

## **8 British Ski & Snowboard**

An update was given at the AGM – see AGM minutes.

## **9 AOB**

Piet Van Kempen asked if the office follows up on clubs declaring reduced membership or not renewing. Tim confirmed this, noting that some clubs are only declaring their instructors and racers.

Tim agreed to clarify when clubs need to declare and provide details of extra members for insurance purposes.

It was noted that e-mail addresses of individual club members are required to allow the office to send them the e-newsletter.

Member clubs have been asked to provide a list of their existing instructors. It was suggested that, to ease the process and improve accuracy, the office provide a list of currently registered instructors for each club to amend.

It was noted that the list of registered instructors, coaches and tutors on the SSE web site is dated February 2007. Tim agreed to arrange for this to be updated.

John Shedden thanked the Board for all their hard work behind the scenes.

## **10 Next Meeting**

Subject to other arrangements at the Ski Show, the next Council meeting may be at the Birmingham Ski Show (end of October).

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 3:30pm.