

## **Calshot Youth Ski Club AGM 21-03-2024 Minutes**

### **Present**

Members: Charlie Baker, Harrison Baker, Patrick Baker, Indigo Barnett, Drew Bennett, Luke Bennett, Sean Blake-Bailey, Caleb Coombs, Lily Cornish, Lewis Cornwell, Aidan Gale, Hamish Hill, Emilia Lindley, James McIlDoon, Elliott Reynolds, Phoebe Reynolds, Emily Tancock, Emily Welsh.

Adults/parents: Katriona Baker, Stuart Bassham, Brian Bell, Matt Bennett, Bob Rhodes, Alexis McEvoy, Mick McEvoy, Parents of the above members.

### **Chairman's Report**

Brian outlined the items on the agenda, and explained about the changes. This being his first report, there was little information that had not already been sent out or would be covered by the following reports. Brian thanked the ongoing support given by Calshot Activities Centre, and explained that the club owed a great deal to the dedication and enthusiasm of Bob Rhodes who founded the club and has kept it fresh and running since before 1982.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Bob drew people's attention to his circulated report. He mentioned the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration event and the lower than expected number of members from the early years attending. He reported that it was however enjoyed by everyone who did attend. The Club was grateful to the three senior members who attended the Snowsport England (SSE) Foundation Level ski instructors course last summer, and who have been supporting the instruction this season. He is hopeful that they will all be licenced Foundation Level Ski Instructors for next season which could open up an opportunity for the club to have a larger maximum membership.

Bob reported that membership has always been a challenge because it is dependant on the size of the slopes (which have a maximum number of skiers) and the number of volunteer instructors the club has. He mentioned the chart at the end of his report and explained the larger number of members were possible in the early years due to Calshot having its own instructor qualification which enabled local adults to be instructors. More instructors meant the club could operate for more than one hour on the club evening. The change to a National Governing Body qualification resulted in fewer volunteers and a reduction in the hours the club could run. (The apparent very low membership shown on the chart between 1991 and 1995 is due to missing data – not lack of members.)

### **Treasurers Report**

Bob explained that membership numbers are dependent on the number of instructors, and the fee dependant on cost of hiring the ski slopes. He explained that membership is divided into a membership fee and a subscription, with the subscription covering the cost of hiring slopes. He explained that this is always a challenge – estimating the number of members and then dividing that into the cost, to provide the subscription fee. He mentioned that this season, there were fewer members than estimated, but the timely taster visits by local Cub Scouts helped with the shortfall.

He explained that the membership fee covers regular running costs like the annual affiliation fee to SSE. SSE calculate the fee according to the size of the club and the actual number of members. Calshot Youth Ski Club is in the 100 members or fewer group, so pay £150 plus £4.50 per member. Unfortunately our maximum membership can only be 36, so the affiliation cost per member is higher than if we had 100 members. Bob explained that he keeps the overall cost as affordable as possible, and is grateful to the support of Calshot Activities Centre Association, Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council for their support over the years with grant aid, which has included the ability for us to provide our own skis. This in itself has been a huge benefit because skis are fitted to each member at the start of the season, and makes the start of each meeting very efficient (because apart from when a member gains weight or changes boot size, we do not need to adjust skis every meeting).

Bob explained that the account year is from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, and commended the audited accounts for the season 2022-23. He directed attention to the financial position to date on the 2023-24 accounts and suggested the AGM be moved to January after the accounts are audited in December. The audited accounts were accepted.

### **Senior Instructor's Report**

Stuart mentioned how much all the members have improved in their skiing this season, and how attentive they have been. He explained how difficult it is to test for the Snowlife 5-star award level on our very short ski slopes. We plan to arrange an opportunity in May for those who have achieved the 4-star award to meet at Snowtrax Alpine Centre, Matchams for a ski where we can see if they meet the requirements for the 5-star.

He reported that the three Foundation Level Instructors have been a huge help and have improved their skill in both skiing and teaching. He looks forward to their qualification and help during next season. Stuart thanked Aidan for his help instructing. Aidan has been a member since 2014. A presentation was made.

### **The Constitution**

Bob drew attention to the Constitution which had been circulated. He mentioned that the constitution has only one change from the one currently on the club webpage (the one that is required reading when joining the club each season) and that is the Calshot Activities Centre Association (CACA) is now referred to as Calshot and Waterside Alliance of Clubs (CWACS). This change is necessary for 1<sup>st</sup> April when CACA changes to CWACS.

There were no objections.

### **Election of the Committee and Executive Committee**

Cllr Alexis McEvoy took over the meeting for the voting.

The current Committee were accepted en bloc. The current Executive Committee were accepted en bloc. The Committee and officers are as listed below. \* indicates the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee undertake the day-to-day running of the club as per the Constitution.

NOTE: after the meeting a parent volunteered to be the Minuting Secretary (now added to the list below).

Chairman *	Brian Bell
Membership Secretary *	Bob Rhodes
Treasurer *	Bob Rhodes
Club Welfare Officer * / Parent	Katriona Baker
Senior Instructor *	Stuart Bassham
Instructor *	Stu Barber
Minuting Secretary	Katherine Bennett
Ski Tech / Parent	Matt Bennett
Trainee Instructor / Member	Charlie Baker
Trainee Instructor / Member	Indigo Barnett
Trainee Instructor / Member	Lily Cornish

### **A.O.B**

Bob Rhodes applauded the commitment of the membership and thanked the parents for travelling to the end of the road every week bringing the members to the ski club. He thanked the Instructors and the Club Welfare Officer for all their hard work and commitment; and to Brian for taking on the role of Club Chairman.

**Date of next AGM** – to be advised.