

Calshot Youth Ski Club AGM 06-03-2025 Minutes

Present

Members: Charlie Baker, Harrison Baker, Patrick Baker, Indigo Barnett, Drew Bennett, Luke Bennett, Caleb Coombs, Lewis Cornwell, Harry Drummond, Hamish Hill, Emilia Lindley, Leo Lindley, Elliott Reynolds, Phoebe Reynolds, Emily Welsh, Holly Welsh.

Adults/parents: Katriona Baker, Stuart Bassham, Matt Bennett, Bob Rhodes, Gillian Welsh, Mr Cornwell

Apologies

Brian Bell, Stu Barber, Katherine Bennett, Alexis McEvoy, Katie Lindley, Andy Drummond, Lily Cornish, James McIlDoon, Sean Blake-Bailey.

Minutes of the previous AGM

These were accepted.

Matters arising

The trip to a longer slope so those with a 4* Snowlife Award can try for the next level. Response in Secretary's report.

Chairman's Report

Brian sent the following statement. Club members parents and friends I apologise for not being with you this evening to celebrate the achievements of the members and the hard work of all the staff. The Club continues to offer a wonderful opportunity for young people to try out this exciting sport. All this would be impossible without the dedication and expertise of our volunteers especially our founder Bob Rhodes.

Secretary's Report

Bob referred to his circulated report. He highlighted the 7 ski races that ended the last season and the medal tally of 7 gold, 7 Silver, 8 Bronze, 2 Snowflake.

Bob thanked the 14 members who continued their membership and the 6 new members who, he hoped, would continue next season. Total membership this season is 23, which includes our 3 Foundation Level 1 trainees Charlie, Indi and Lily without whom the club would not have been able to achieve all that they have this season.

He mentioned that 14 members now hold the 4* Snowlife Award, with possibly a few more joining that group by the end of March. He apologised for the club not having arranged the promised trip, and assured members that there would be an opportunity this season, which will be discussed at the agenda item.

Bob mentioned that the club needs to establish a "rolling programme" encouraging senior members to undertake Foundation Level instructor training in order to fill the gap left when current Foundation Level Instructors left for university. The challenge the club has at present is that the average age currently is 13.5 and there are only 3 members old enough to attend the training in the summer. Current Foundation Level Instructors Charlie, Indi and Lily have developed their coaching skills and should soon gain their SSE Foundation Instructor's Licence ready for next season. The club looks forward to supporting new trainees next season following the training course this summer.

Treasurer's Report

Members and parents were directed to the circulated audited statement of accounts. Bob explained why the fee paid was split into Membership and Subscription. Subscriptions cover the cost of ski slope hire. The challenge is in deciding on the amount to charge before the number of members is known. This season the guestimate was accurate with subs income just covering the hire cost of the ski slopes. Membership covers all the other costs of running the club. Income this season from membership and subscriptions is likely to cover all our expenses.

Calshot & Waterside Alliance of Clubs (CWACS), Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council were thanked for their continued support. They have, over the years provided funds to support instructor training and larger items of equipment. The club has applied for a grant to help with the cost of the proposed ski “away day”.

Senior Instructor’s Report

Stuart reported that when the instructor team met before the season started, they set 3 goals:

1. To help the trainee instructors complete their training
2. To focus coaching on body position
3. To introduce more variation and fun to the sessions

Bob and I have benefitted from refresher training in the past year and have been able to bring a few new ideas. Our trainees have come up with some good lesson plans - we just need to sign off their workbooks. Bob's reference to "back angle" has become a club classic phrase! Also I really appreciate the support and communication from all the parents and the invaluable support from Matt and Katriona.

CWO Report

Katriona mentioned how pleased she is to see how happy the members are, and how quickly they are progressing. She reminded everyone that she is available if anyone has a problem, or is seeking advice. Bob mentioned that Katriona will provide a sympathetic ear for any issue, not just in relation to the ski club.

Addition to Club Rules

After discussion, the Executive proposed to add an additional rule. A new #5: Mobile phones should not be used during the ski session.

It was explained that this is because by using phones, instructions are missed and ski time wasted. Lack of attention affects learning and failure to hear instructions is a safety concern.

There were no objections.

Proposed ski trip to The Snow Centre

Bob explained that the executive had agreed to arrange the long-promised trip to a longer ski slope, to one at a “snow dome” instead of another dry slope. He has secured funding to support the day, covering the cost of a coach and part of the lift pass cost. There was some discussion around the proposed date of Sunday April 27th, as to whether this was too close the school exams. An alternative date could be in early July, after the exam period. There is a reasonable chance of a SSE Ski Coach being able to do some coaching with the club if a later date was preferred/chosen. It was agreed to email details to all parents with the options.

Election of the Officers and Committee

The current Executive and Committee were prepared to continue. There were no other nominations. The current Committee and Executive were accepted en bloc. Proposed: G Welsh; Seconded: H Welsh. 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.

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 / Parent	Katherine Bennett
Ski Tech / Parent	Matt Bennett
Trainee Instructor / Member	Charlie Baker
Trainee Instructor / Member	Indigo Barnett
Trainee Instructor / Member	Lily Cornish