

Calshot Youth Ski Club AGM 12-03-2026 Minutes

Present

Members: Harrison Baker, Charlie Baker, Patrick Baker, Luke Bennett, Drew Bennett, Caleb Coombs, Lily Cornish, Annabelle Dorward, Hamish Hill, Elliot Reynolds, Phoebe Reynolds

Parents and staff: Katriona Baker (CWO), Stu Barber (Treasurer), Stuart Bassham (Senior Instructor), Matt Bennett, Nathan Reynolds, Bob Rhodes (Secretary), Ian Wilcox (Instructor)

Apologies: None

In the absence of a Chair, the Secretary chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the previous AGM

These were agreed an accurate account

Matters Arising from the minutes

There were none

Chairman's Report

In the absence of a report, Bob mentioned the Winter Olympics. Three gold medals, a silver and a bronze, saw Team GB achieving their greatest performance to date, including two historic, first-ever medals on snow with Charlotte Bankes and Huw Nightingale's mixed snowboard cross glory and Zoe Atkins' women's ski halfpipe bronze. I hope you managed to catch some of these (and other exciting moments). Now we will be awarding our race medals and additional Snowlife Awards, next week to celebrate your successes this season.

Secretary's Report

Bob explained that with the club operating for only 5 months of the year, setting a date for the AGM after the end of our financial year is always tricky with potential new members starting in November having no knowledge of the year in question. Holding the AGM in the New Year would be relevant to more members and parents. Each AGM therefore includes more than a report on just one season.

Season 2024-25. Membership in 2024-25 was up from 17 in 2023-24 to 23 in 2024-25 (14 male & 9 female) This included our 3 trainee instructors.

Every evening has been fun and members became skillful skiers as is demonstrated by the results of our end-of-season slalom races. (See sheet on our webpage for details). 9 Gold medals were gained, along with 9 Silver and 9 Bronze.

Our long proposed trip to a snow slope came to fruition in April with **a visit to The Snow Centre**, Hemel. Only one member was unable to make the trip. Everyone enjoyed the day and showed just how competent they all were on snow instead of Snowflex. 16 members gained their Snowlife 5*; 3 others achieved 3* or 4* This brought the skiing of our 2024-25 season to an enjoyable and exciting end.

Preparation for the 2025-26 season began in August 2025 as we approached the end of our financial year. I had just finished constructing the membership application form with membership and subscription costs, when an email from Snowsport England announced a change to the way Ski Clubs affiliate to SSE. This meant adapting the membership form and an adjustment to our membership fee to reflect the move for each member to have an individual membership to Snowsport England instead of being a member through Calshot Youth Ski Club. There are advantages to the new system, even though it did entail a change to the way we administer the club.

Membership 2025-26 remained at 23, with 9 new members, and includes 2 of our senior members beginning their training as instructors. We are grateful to Alexis McEvoy for approving a HCC grant to cover the Snowsport England courses and associated training for our "Junior" Instructors.

We will be saying goodbye at the end of this season to three people who have helped teach our skiers. Charlie, and Indi move on to University in the Autumn, and we wish them every success. Stu is also leaving our instructor team but continuing as our Treasurer. We will miss them all. We could not exist without the dedication of everyone in our staff team.

Looking ahead to 2026-27 We start next season with Ian who joined our instructor team in January – welcome Ian. He joins Stuart; Lily; Drew and Patrick (our two new trainee instructors); Katriona our CWO; and Matt who manages our ski storage. We also start the second year with the new Snowsport England Affiliation system.

Bob ended with information about **Snowsport England 2026-27** Membership renewal. Snowsport England will most likely email you in October to remind you to renew your membership. We hope you will wish to join us for the 2026-27 season. If you do, there is no need to renew direct with Snowsport England, unless you wish. Calshot Youth Ski Club will collect your Snowsport England membership as we did this time, along with our membership and subscription. Our membership form will have a check box to indicate if you have renewed direct with Snowsport England and therefore show the correct club membership fee.

Treasurer's Report

Stu advised the meeting that club finances remain stable despite rising costs.

Income is primarily from membership and subscriptions. Subscriptions are calculated to cover the cost of hiring the ski slopes at Calshot, and is set from an estimate of member numbers. The size of the slopes, and voluntary staff numbers, give an arbitrary maximum of 24 members, so subscriptions are normally based on 20 members. Calshot are always helpful if numbers fall lower than that, but to be safe we try to keep a working balance of at least £4,000 in the Community Account.

Membership fees cover everything else, from our Affiliation to Snowsport England to Snowlife Ski Awards, race medals, admin and special events. We are also fortunate to have the support of Calshot & Waterside Alliance of Clubs (formally Calshot Association) who have supported us in purchasing equipment, staff training, and in April last year – our trip to The Snow Centre.

Our balance at the bank for **2024-25** was £5,098.72 (£924.20 in our savings account and £4,174.52 in the Community Account).

This meant we began our **2025-26 season** with less concern over membership numbers than usual. It also meant we were able to purchase a laser race timer to replace our usual stop-watches, and support our Junior Instructors with their National Governing Body Snowsports training.

Our accounts to date remain healthy with £932.32 in our savings account (a small increase) and £4,320.29 in the Community Account. However, there are a few more expenses before the end of the year (est £910 and including the deposit securing the ski slopes for 2026-27 and the completion of instructor training and assessment) which will leave the Community Account a little under our target of £4,000 at ££410.29

The audited accounts for the year ending August 2025 were adopted.

CWO's Report

Katriona said that it was good to see all the happy smiling faces every week, and have all the positive feedback from parents.

Senior Instructor's Report

Bob has covered the events of last season already with the highlight being our trip to Hemel Snow Centre. The development by everyone individually has been great - with everyone achieving a higher level in Snowlife Awards - well done!

This current season has been characterised by a welcome introduction of several beginners, many of them younger than in previous seasons' new members. I have been really impressed by the development of

confidence whilst having fun and learning this new skill of skiing. Since Christmas I have been particularly grateful for the input of Ian who has joined our team bringing a wealth of experience over many years, welcome. I am very excited by the introduction of electronic timing equipment to the club and look forward to a very competitive end of season set of races.

Election of Officers and Committee

Bob informed the meeting that Brian Bell had expressed his need to stand down two seasons ago, so we have been without a Chair since November. Bob is pleased to inform the meeting that Will Northcott (a member from 2010 to 2023) was willing to stand as our Chairman. Bob asked if there were any other nominations, and there being none, asked the meeting to approve Will’s appointment. Carried Unanimously.

Those in the current positions were happy to continue. There were no other nominations. All elected en bloc.

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

Bob asked the meeting if they would approve the appointment of Brian as the Club’s first President in acknowledgement of the time and support he has given to the Club. Approved.

A.O.B.

There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 20.15