

SKI COUNCIL OF WALES**SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO THE AGM****September 8th 2012****Pontypool Leisure Centre****PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE COMPANY NAME TO SNOWSPORT CYMRU WALES****Resolution 1 - Special Resolution, Change of Company Name (Changes to the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association)**

The Board of Directors of the company (SCOW) propose to the membership to change the company name from Ski Council of Wales to Snowsport Cymru Wales.

If agreed by the AGM the change of name would come into immediate effect and the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association, along with all relevant documentation be amended accordingly.

Proposed by: Ian Fawcett

Seconded by: John Hallett

Special Resolution was approved by the AGM 8/9/12



SKI COUNCIL OF WALES
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2012
PONTYPOOL LEISURE CENTRE

Present:

Ian Fawcett (Chairman), John Hallett, Adrian Amsden, Peter Cruickshank, Nick Roe, Rona Lloyd Roberts, Ian Gurner (Torfaen Club), Gwyneth Watson, Georgina Kellen (Dragons Alpine), Robert Hales, Richard Hyett (Cardiff Club), Mark Hopkins, Ashley Richards, Andrew Davies, Emily Goddard, Claire Goddard, Pete Ward, Jane Lee, Adam Lee, Daniel Butterworth, Tom Hales, Alice Hales, Kirsty Hatcher (Cardiff University), Emily Hopkins, Sam Lee, Rob Davies, Barbara Davies, Robin Kellen, Siriol Butterworth (West Wales Club) and David Isaac.

Apologies for absence:

Mike Hopkins, Rob Taylor, Phil Cobley, Gwyn Jones, Ceri Downie, Dawn Bream, Jamie Bream, Tom Sellwood, Richard Hughes, Andrew Crawford and Stephanie Davies.

1 MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM HELD 25TH JUNE 2011

The Minutes of the last AGM on 25th June 2011 were posted on the website and were accepted by the membership as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting

Proposed Pete Ward Seconded Robert Hales

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian Fawcett presented the Annual Report of the organisation for the period through to August 2012. Since our last AGM we would like to highlight the following achievements and activities -

- Held meetings with Torfaen Leisure to ensure Pontypool Ski Slope remained available to the Torfaen Club and for events through the summer periods.
- North Wales Snowsports Club had been very concerned with possible closure of the slope at Plas y Brenin. We have assisted and supported the NWSC in meetings with Plas Y Brenin (one of the original slopes in Wales) and Sport England to present plans enabling the slope to re-open as a club operated facility. The outcome has been very positive and it is hoped the facility will continue for the immediate future running club sessions and schools races.
- Maintained and increased revenue sponsorship through Champéry, Switzerland Tourism & ALP. Gained sponsorship in the way of equipment and clothing for our events and Squad from Snow & Rock, Hestra Gloves, Salomon & Dare2b
- Increased participation in schools skiing events, running 7 events around Wales.
- Instigated a review of the business. The purpose of the review is to -

- Modernise the identity of the company reflecting its membership base, changing the company name to Snowsport Cymru Wales (to be voted upon at this AGM).
- Restructure executive responsibilities giving an effective single line of reporting and responsibility to the Board through the Chief Executive of the company
- Set out a vision and targets for the development of the company and the business for the next 3 years increasing participation and raising levels of performance.
- Organised another very successful Welsh Alpine Championships in Champéry, Switzerland, this event included two days of international FIS racing (11 nations competed in 2012) and two days of British races. The alpine championships provide a fantastic competition platform for all our competitors and creates a good opportunity for further development of officials.
- Ran indoor snow events in Chill Factore, Manchester, organising the British and Welsh Indoor Championships in April and the first indoor GBR race in May.
- Maisie Potter (Bangor, North Wales) won the British Boarder Cross Championships and gained selection to the British Team.
- Robert Taylor competed in his first Freestyle Half Pipe World Cup.
- Our top alpine skiing athletes maintained their UK ranking on the artificial slope circuit, with Andrew Watson and Charlotte Davies ranked No.1
- Andrew Davies won the Snowsport England Grand Prix Series 2011
- Alice Hales and Andrew Watson won the GBR Outdoor Series 2012. With Andrew Watson winning the combined GBR Series 2012

Looking to the future 2012-2013 the company will focus upon -

- Increasing revenue, profitability and increasing reserves of the company.
- Implementing the review and restructuring of the business to ensure its long term viability and to develop participation and improve performance.
- Seeking to increase funding opportunities for clubs and affiliated bodies to develop targeted opportunities for development.
- Maintaining and developing facilities for snow sports within Wales.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS

October 2010-September 2011

Robin presented the company accounts.

It was noted statutory company accounts were published on the website for the members. The accounts show a loss for the period of £4,939. This is represented by a trading profit by SSW of £579 and the Ski Centre trading deficit of £5,518.

Ski Centre Cardiff

The Ski Centre's 2010/2011 financial year saw a shortfall of just over £16,000 by

comparison to the previous year, highlighting a reduction in turnover of almost 12% for the same period. This also includes however a drop in rental income from the bungalow of £4,500 thus reducing the actual customer usage decline to 8% (£10k).

Although income had reduced, cash reserves were still positive at the end of the financial year and savings through reduced staffing (£9k) and electricity costs (£2k) lessened the impact. A drive of tubing activities during the summer holidays also generated additional revenue of over £2,000 during July and August. The change in policy to depreciate the matting by 20% over a five year period also helped reduce the losses. Areas of increased expenditure included ski lift maintenance (£2k) and bungalow renovations and refurbishment (£2k). Excluding depreciation the Centre showed a small loss of just over £2,000

Snowsport Wales

Snowsport Wales operated at a small profit of £579 for the period of accounts 2010/2011. Turnover of the business was significantly reduced (from £184k 2010 to £121k 2011), this was due to a number of factors -

- We ran no Corporate events in 2011
- Events income (and expenditure) was reduced significantly due to the timing and scheduling of the calendar. NB: We ran the British Schools Championships in November 2009 - this represents a significant additional event.

It should also be noted that we increased income through membership subscriptions and sponsorship in the accounting period 2011.

The Company Reserves at September 2011 were £62,725

The Accounts were approved.

Proposed: John Hallett Seconded: Mark Hopkins

4. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

It was noted that Ian Fawcett was appointed Chairman for a three year period of office at the last AGM and would serve until 2014.

Nomination forms had been received by the due date for the following appointment of directors and were unopposed:

Finance Director (three years)	John Hallett
Vice-Chair South (two years)	Nick Roe
Vice-Chair North (two years)	Dawn Bream
Events Director (two years)	Gwyneth Watson
Coaching Director (two years)	Ian Fawcett
Athlete Development Dir. (two)	Robert Hales
Non-Executive Director (1 year)	Pete Ward

There were no nominations for Ski Centre Director and the one remaining non-executive post. The Board would be looking to make these appointments for the next 12 months and would invite individuals from the membership within their field of expertise

5. NOMINATION OF SELECTORS

Invitations had been sent to the Clubs for the nomination for Welsh Ski Team selectors. As no nominations were received, the Board of Directors would be approving the selection at its first meeting

6. RESOLUTIONS

1. Special Resolution to change the company name and amend the Memorandum and Articles accordingly

It was proposed to the change of company name from The Ski Council of Wales to Snowsport Cymru/Wales. This would modernise the identity of the company reflecting its membership base

It was notable that most of the membership, especially the younger members, would not recognise the name of the Ski Council of Wales. It was time to reflect this in the change of company name

Adrian Amsden asked whether the trading name of the Ski Centre Cardiff would remain and it was confirmed that an organisation could have several trading names but fall under one main company.

Adrian also asked if the accounts system would continue to be separate, with separate bank accounts. Robin confirmed that no decision had been made with regard to separating the accounts or changing the bank accounts, but if it saved the company money then that is what we would need to do. It would be more efficient.

John Hallett stated that it is a requirement to separate the accounts and it is correct that we need discreet accounting practices. It is vital that the Ski Centre continues as a profitable part of the business. Of course it is important that everyone involved has a right to know how the Ski Centre Cardiff is run and what profits are achieved

Peter Cruickshank, volunteer at the Ski Centre Cardiff, totally agreed that the accounting practice makes sense.

There were only two votes against from the membership. Therefore the Special Resolution was agreed by the majority at the AGM.

2. To increase membership fees for 2013

The proposed subscriptions for 2013 were presented to the AGM. The increases would bring Wales into line with subscriptions comparative in England.

Membership Category	Fees for 2013
New Instructors (includes log book)	£70
Coaching re-registrations	£60
Performers U12 Re-registrations	1 st year free £22 50
Performers (Snow & Artificial)	£43
Race Officials	£5 initial fee/£1 annually
ASCL/SCO inc Nordic	£30
Club Affiliation	£3 75 per member (min £50)
School Affiliation	£20
Individual Affiliation	£20
Family	£30
Companies	£80 (plus VAT)

It should be noted that within the new 2013 subscriptions, Performers would become members of British Ski & Snowboard as well as Snowsport Cymru/Wales members.

Resolution 2 for the increase in Subscriptions for 2013 was agreed by the majority of members present.

Meeting closed 5.41pm