

**SNOWSPORT CYMRU/WALES**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**  
**SPORT WALES NATIONAL CENTRE**

Members present:

Nick Roe, Richard Hyett, Mark James, Ian Gurner (also representing Torfaen Ski Club), Georgina Kellen (also representing Dragons), Robin Kellen, Nigel Furlong, Graham Smith, Sean Fitzgerald, Martin Whatty, Mike Pilcher, Mike Dougall, Rob Taylor, Giorgia Rescigno, Roxy Williams, Les Cuthbert, Richard Hughes, Simon Bromley, Julia Hawkins, Paul Lewis, Una Rice, David Hughes

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies have been received from Kate Potter and Donna Marshall

2. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

The Minutes of the last AGM were published on the website for the membership and it was agreed to approve these as a correct record of the proceedings.

*Proposed: Graham Smith      Seconded: Richard Hughes*

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Richard Hyett thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and stated that there had been really good geographical representation.

Richard highlighted the success the governing body had achieved over the year. Mentioned Menna Fitzpatrick & Jen Kehoe and their tremendous success at the Paralympic Games. Encouraged members to vote for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards and touched on how the exposure had been amazing for the sport.

Richard touched on the issues with the facilities and Plas Y Brenin in North Wales. He thanks the North Wales community for highlighting the issue, which is currently being discussed at many levels – he has advised that both the board and membership will be kept updated as the negotiations progress.

Richard thanked Richard Hughes and the staff at the Cardiff Ski and Snowboard Centre for their hard work over the past year. He has also thanked Roxy Williams for her continued work on the Level 2 safeguarding standard with the NSPCC and the awareness she has created through social media. He also thanked Robin Kellen for his hard work running the Welsh Alpine Champs, schools events and balancing the books for SSW & the ski centre.

Finally, Richard wished to thank his fellow directors for their work for 2018 and looks forward to continued success in 2019.

4. **ACCOUNTS & DIRECTORS' REPORT**

This report refers to accounts for the period October 2017 - September 2018 and reports upon the activities of the company to August 2016.

Through the period since our last AGM we would like to highlight the following achievements and activities;

- Successful 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary Welsh Alpine Championships in Champéry Switzerland.
- Membership Communications Officer (8 hours per week) produced newsletter twice monthly, and has continued to increase social media presence and promotion of snowsports in all disciplines.
- Increased turnover and participation in our activities.
- Achievement of Disability Sport Wales InSport Ribbon Award.
- Achievement of NSPCC Level 1 Safeguarding Standard.
- Continued to improve levels of participation in schools skiing events, once again in 2018 we saw record number of entries to events.
- Advised upon development of Llangrannog freestyle facility development.
- Liaised with Pembrey Cycle Circuit for use as rollerski venue.
- Menna Fitzpatrick and Chris Lloyd selected to compete for GB at the Winter Paralympics.
- Menna Fitzpatrick became the most successful British Winter Paralympian in history.
- Maisie Potter achieved 50% of her qualification requirements for Olympic selection, only to be injured in December and out for the season.
- Giselle Gorringer selected to compete for GB Children's Team.
- Tom Butterworth won the English Alpine Championships U16 Slalom.

The following period 2018-2019 the company will focus upon;

- Actively campaign and coordinate plans to replace or reinstate slope facilities in North Wales.
- Consider appointment and recruitment of one additional director to the board improving gender and geographical representation as well as meeting business needs.
- Review of future structure of organisation
- Maintaining excellent and regular membership communications.
- Running the 13<sup>th</sup> Welsh Alpine Championships in Champéry, Switzerland.
- Increasing engagement in our activities through promotion and publicity.
- Developing discipline pathways across all snowsport disciplines, especially Snowboard, Nordic and Freestyle.
- Maintaining profitability of the company.
- Seeking to increase funding opportunities for clubs and affiliated bodies to develop targeted opportunities for development.
- Assisting ski centres with applications to improve facilities.
- Achievement of NSPCC Level 2 Safeguarding Standard
- Helping to make indoor snowslope plans a reality.

## **Financial Report**

### **October 2017-September 2018**

The company accounts for SSW (NGB Activities) and Ski Centre the period October 2017 - September 2018 showing a profit/(loss) for the year of (£419).

When reviewing the accounts, please note;

#### **SSW**

- Year-end profit improved on previous projection due to profit on disposal of asset value of vehicle.

## Ski Centre

- Year end loss of (£6,783)
- Reduced income in March due to snow
- Reduced income in May due to warm weather
- Increased cost of staffing through winter months when busy, considerable reduction through the summer period
- Increased spend re marketing
- Increased cost of depreciation following investment in matting

The ski centre had an excellent winter with record income figures in January. However the business was affected by a poor end to the winter season due to closures on weekend in March (snow) followed by a hot and dry early summer.

It should be noted that SSW benefits from £14k net income from the ski centre in membership and admin fees.

*Proposed: Nigel Furlong      Seconded: Georgina Kellen*

## 5. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTED DIRECTORS**

We have received nominations from all existing discipline directors with no counter nominations received. As such there will be no requirement for election votes.

To advise, the following directors will continue in their roles:

- Nick Roe – Alpine Director
- Mike Dougall – Disability & Inclusion Director
- Rob Taylor – Freestyle Director
- David Hughes – Nordic Director
- Kate Potter – Snowboard Director

Giorgia Rescigno has been appointed by the Board and will continue in her role as Marketing and Communications Director for 2019.

*Proposed: Richard Hughes      Seconded: Graham Smith*

## 6. **RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions.

## 7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

Meeting closed 15.21 pm

1<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Robin Kellen  
Chief Executive & Company Secretary  
Snowsport Cymru Wales