

## **Inverness Backcountry Snowsports Club – Meeting at Donald’s work, Inverness, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

**Present** – Mike, Donald, Sheena, Duncan, Jan, Lizzie, Nicky, David, Rose, Blair, Sonya

**Apologies** – none.

### **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Approved. The minute of the last meeting was in the form of the Club programme for 2017-2018.

### **Matters arising**

There was a significant discussion on party management on the hill. This was prompted by the challenging conditions on the summit of Beinn na Lap during the Corroul trip. All felt that a more active approach to discussion of objectives versus ambition and experience was required. Whilst the club does not want to formally be seen to provide instruction or formalised leadership, there is a general principle that all members of parties on the hill should be actively included in discussions of objectives and prevailing weather conditions. It was also felt that training should be promoted more to the membership of the club.

It was agreed that:

- Organisers of trip and committee members should be active in promoting discussion of objectives relative to experience and ability before the party sets off.
- Avalanche sets should be strongly encouraged.
- Crampons and ice axes should be strongly encouraged.

### **IBSC Facebook group**

The Committee discussed the size of the Facebook group and how it should be managed. Some felt that the group was too big (~940 people) and most were not contributing to the club. Others felt that it offered a good opportunity to promote membership of the club. The group requires active moderating to approve new members and removing spam posts.

It was felt that the current set up should be continued with an audit undertaken to see how many of the current group members were still active.

### **Equipment borrowing policy**

Jan had drafted a new policy for loaning of equipment. It was felt to be reasonable and that those borrowing equipment on an on-going basis, should be encouraged to purchase their own. The policy was agreed and put on the website [here](#).

### **Training**

All agreed that training should be promoted to the club membership with those newer to the mountains in winter being encouraged to take up training opportunities. Nicky agreed to audit the data submitted when people join the club to ascertain if any particular training requires are obvious. Donald agree to contact Glenmore Lodge about transceiver training for club members.

### **IBSC Hut**

Nicky informed the committee of progress by the Hut Working Group. One meeting had taken place and the next is scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February at Alistair Todd’s house in Laggan. Donald emphasised the need for a sensible and timely budget given the contraction in funds available through grant awarding bodies.

### **Programme**

It was agreed to proceed with a summer trip to Skye. Donald to contact hut custodians.

**Membership**

Thought to be 105 members of the Club. The adult membership fee was set at £26 for next season.

**Finance**

It was thought that there was approximately £7,000 in the club account. It was suggested that an asset register and audited accounts should be prepared for the 2018 AGM. Blair was thanked for his work and professional approach.

**AOCB**

- None

**Date of next meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> March at 1900 at Donald's work.**