



# **INVERNESS BACKCOUNTRY SNOWSPORTS CLUB**

**Minutes of IBSC Committee meeting 18 February 2020**

**12 Union Street, Inverness**

## **Attending**

Al Todd  
Jan Sznajd  
Blair Duncan  
Duncan Brown  
David Findlay  
Chris Holmes  
Mike Cawthorne  
Adam Archibald  
Al Bird, re website

## **Apologies**

David Jones

**Many thanks to Jan for hosting and for the superb bigos**

## **Review of 8th January minutes and action points, and previous action points**

8th January minutes accepted

Garrygualach trip subsequently cancelled: poor uptake thus far and Simon Grey has potentially competing commitments. We will plan to run the trip next year as it is a superb venue in a beautiful location.

## **Membership cards**

Rose Norman has been in contact with Snowsports Scotland re this. They have had problems printing the cards. **ACTION Update members via a forthcoming newsletter (RN/AA)**

## **Membership benefits**

Cairngorm Mountain Sports: potential discount. **ACTION AT**

## **Finances**

BD updated us on expenditure in and out over the recent period. This to be a standing item on future agendas **ACTION BD**

### **Wind turbine**

Donald Morris has proposed to sell the turbine: proceeds to go a third to the club, a third to SYHA and a third to DM. Transporting and storing it will be difficult so it will need to be sold from Nevis Range. **ACTION AT will liaise with DM**

### **Nearby ski touring rental**

Ellis Brigham and Cairngorm Mountain Sports do. Craigdon don't

### **Kit for members**

Promote Cairngorm Ski Club sale next year. **ACTION later in the year**

### **Trip organisation progress**

Frigid Fridge was cancelled due to severe weather. Reorganising for end March (28th/29th). **ACTION DJ to liaise with Andy Ince re trip organisation, contacting attendees etc., AA to advertise remaining places in next newsletter**

Ossian Luxury: booked up thanks to opening the trip to non-members

Agreed that we should next season look at having a trip specifically open to non-members **ACTION next season**

Lyons Leap: booked up and fully paid

Affric: it would cost £240 for the weekend for up to 12 people for the adjacent Trees for Life property. We could sell tickets at £30 total per person. **ACTION AT will liaise with waiting list ppl and DJ, booking if sufficient demand. Places could be advertised in newsletter - AA**

Romania: a further place available. **ACTION DB will advertise a place on FB**

Brendan's trip: free to members. Was cancelled due to severe weather. Reorganised for Sat March 14th. 4 people already signed up. **ACTION AA and DJ to advertise remaining places if necessary**

Kintail: two spaces available. **ACTION AA to advertise if necessary**

Norway: sorted

Wild camp: 4 signed up already. **ACTION AA to advertise nearer the time if places still available**

Ben Nevis: lots signed up

Stravaiging in Scavaig: refund due to members **ACTION AT**

### **Further day trips & leaders**

Aim for a few of these as committee members able to make themselves available. To include members and non-members. **ACTION all, as able**

### **Website**

New website thus far is at members3.ibsc.org.uk. Committee happy with design and content

Agreed to launch in two weeks' time: 3rd March **ACTION AB**

Ensure trip reports and photos from season thus far are with AB **ACTION AT/DB/AA/DF**

AB will liaise with us re moving to new email system **ACTION AB**

All committee members to send photo and short bio to AB for the committee page **ACTION all**

Committee minutes will be posted in members-only section **ACTION AB**

Why join? section **ACTION AT in liaison with committee**

Design of Contact us section **ACTION AA**

For each trip, change title of trip to reflect whether places available, reserve list only, or booked up  
**ACTION all trip organisers**

### **Cancellations & refunds policy**

Generally speaking, a refund will only be given *if* the trip is full *and* a further member has been found to take the place *and* that member has paid. Procedure: add an extra place to the trip; wait for the new person to sign up and pay; *then* refund the first member; then reduce the number of places on the trip back to the original number. If, during this process, a further member signs up inadvertently, cancel that person's place and email them to explain.

Contacting people on the reserve list and how this is done is up to the trip organiser, e.g. all reserve list people can be contacted at once.

If trip cancelled, all participants will be fully refunded.

No other refunds should be issued unless two committee members agree, one of whom should be the Treasurer/President/VP/Secretary.

Fundamental principle: no committee member may refund themselves under any circumstances

### **Dog policy**

Dogs are welcome on trips provided the trip organiser agrees, the venue agrees and that there are no significant objections from trip attendees.

Any dog that is or has been found to be anti-social/not-ski-friendly/unsafe will be banned from further club trips.

### **Club hut**

AT has had initial discussion re collaborating with ATMC re Strawberry Cottage. **ACTION AT will pursue further.**

### **Club affiliation & club insurance**

Postponed

### **Summer club events & trips**

Postponed **ACTION all to bring ideas to next committee meeting**

### **Distribution of 360 Architecture questionnaire?**

There was not time for this item within the meeting but AT and AA discussed afterwards. Member Molly McGrath had contacted us asking if this questionnaire could be distributed to club members as it concerns the future of Cairngorm Mountain. AA and AT agreed that Molly may post a link to the survey on the FB group but that it will not go out to members by bulk email. **ACTION AA to liaise with MM**

### **Date of next meeting**

Start of April **ACTION AA to issue Doodle poll**