

## **BOWLES SKI RACE CLUB**

### **AGM 2022 minutes – Friday 7th October 2022**

#### **Apologies for absence**

Mark Oliver gave advance notice to the club secretary that he would be unable to attend.

#### **Approval of minutes from last AGM**

The 2021 AGM minutes were given unanimous approval by those members in attendance.

#### **Treasurer's report**

Nigel Hilliard told members the club bank account has a balance of £1,234.19. This is slightly down (£16.87 deficit) on 2021 but the club is financial healthy and roughly breaking even. Income from member subscriptions was £1,641. Expenditure was £1,657.87 (including equipment costs £916 such as training gear split timer, event food £349, Snowsport England fee £282, website £42). The club has moved banks from HSBC to Lloyds to avoid monthly account fees. Next year's spend is estimated to be £1,145. This year the club had 63 members – which Nigel says is a very high number. Membership fees will remain the same for next year at £35 + £16 for an additional family member.

#### **Trainers' comments**

Simon Everitt it was good to see so many members at the club and so many Bowles racers taking part in regional events. He added that the past year had been great to be fully out of Covid and having fun again as a club. Simon suggested that the first Tuesday training of each month could be an open invitation for any over 18s to come along and train. The idea is to encourage older skiers and mums and dads to get some coaching and do some gate racing. The session would initially run for one hour 6.30-7.30pm. All members agreed that Simon should implement this new Tuesday training idea.

#### **Election or re-election of Club Officers**

After several years serving as club secretary and child welfare officer, Ben Turner-Moore and Marna Wakeling were thanked and presented with leaving gifts for their service and dedication to the club.

President - John Makonnen remains in post

Chairman – Tom Wontner standing for re-election – seconded Dom Wakeling

Treasurer – Nigel Hilliard standing for re-election – seconded Ben Turner-Moore

Child Welfare – vacant, Jenni Watts standing for election – proposed Simon Everitt, seconded Anthony Forte

Club Secretary – vacant, James Currie standing for election – proposed Nigel Hilliard, seconded Simon Everitt

Athletes' Rep – vacant, Stella Pople standing for election – proposed Dom Wakeling, seconded John Makonnen

Dom Wakeling asked the new club officers to send a headshot photo and brief biog, so he can update the club website page.

#### **AOB**

Dom Wakeling said it would nice to see more Bowles racers at LSERSA events next summer season. Tom Wontner added it is important to get newer racers to try a race, as although the races are fun the thought of attending can be daunting for those who've never done it before. It was agreed club committee to communicate race dates and actively suggest newer members who could try and race event.

John Makonnen asked would it be possible for a Bowles snow race camp to be organized during school holiday periods? Simon Everitt explained that Brexit issues now make it harder for Bowles instructors to be able to use their qualifications in EU ski resorts. Tom Wontner wondered if Bowles could partner with an existing provider already operating in the EU with Euro licences in place? Simon and Nigel to discuss this idea further and report back to club members.

Tom Wontner suggested the committee should do an audit of the club WhatsApp group to ensure all members are connected, as WhatsApp appears to be the easiest and fastest way for messages to be circulated among members, thus allowing the club to recruit new members and safeguard its long-term future.

Anthony Forte asked could the club look into longer term investment in dual slalom traffic light equipment. Members discussed various technical challenges involved in using such kit including the short length of the Bowles slope. However, Nigel and Simon agreed to investigate further as such kit may need to be custom engineered.

Club members were reminded that 9-11am on Saturdays, LSERSA coaches run training at Chatham that all LSERSA club racers can book and attend (cost £21). Club committee will ensure the events and booking details are publicized, so members are reminded when the sessions take place.