



# Ski – Allenheads



61<sup>st</sup> AGM Meeting –Wednesday 11 November 2024 – 7.30pm – Dyvels Inn, Corbridge

## Present:

Nigel Sanger – Chair  
Mike Horrocks – Secretary  
Guy Javens – Field Liaison Officer  
Lynn Horrocks - Treasurer  
Alex Russell – Committee Member

## 1. Apologies & Absence:

## 2. Previous Minutes:

Agreed

## 3. Matters Arising:

- All Actions completed:
  - Thanks to Ron & Rob Jamieson who had helped with the strimming of the field.
  - Has been agreed to repair C hut and awaiting time to do the work.
  - Following request for snowboards & boots, several more boards & boots have been added to the club's collection for loan to members at Allenheads.
  - The lease has been renewed for 2023/24 season.
- Nigel S had bought a boarders ramp to try out as a base for a jump on the slope. Has been successfully tried and will bring to Allenheads.

## 4. Chair's Report:

Chair noted the limited skiing in the 2023/24 season although there was good attendance on the good snow days.

He then thanked everyone who had helped run the club both on and off the field but noted the low numbers attending the AGM and Committee meetings as a concern.

## 5. Treasurers Report:

Lynn H provided a written summary of the club's accounts, which showed £8,230.31 in the current account and £13,879.60 in the savings account. A copy of the full accounts for seasons 23/24 are issued with these minutes.



## 6. Membership Report:

Mike H provided a summary of the current membership. Final membership for the 23/24 season was 344. Membership for the 24/25 season as at the date of the AGM was 35 plus 3 with payment in progress. More detail is in the report issued with these minutes.

## 7. Field Report:

Guy provided a written field report for the 23/24 season which is issued with these minutes.

Notable points are:

- 7 days skiing last season, although some were only partial days as cover was thin and temperatures rose during the day.
- Suggestion that we provide more detail about days when the slope was open to give people a better idea of the conditions.

**Action:** Mike H & Guy J to produce a daily log of open days & hours to put on the website

- C hut repairs to be done with access as an issue.
- Action: Guy J to follow up with Neil and possibly see if alternative transport would help.
- The tidy up of unnecessary equipment has continued and more will be arranged when conditions and time permit. See if more gear eg strimmers and fuel, could be moved out of the main cabin.

**Action:** Guy J to arrange move of unnecessary gear from the cabin.

- When there is snow and A tow is in use, need to check whether adjusting the rope tension will reduce the rope twisting.

**Action:** Mike H & Guy J to check A tow rope tension to see if can reduce twisting.

**Action:** Guy J to arrange repair of B tow trip cable.

## 8. Child Welfare Officers Report

There were no incidents to report.

## 9. Election of Committee Members:

Vice Chairman – Alex Russel was elected. Proposed by Lynn H, seconded by Mike H.

Secretary –Mike Horrocks was elected. Proposed by Nigel S, seconded by Alex R.

## 10. Any Other Business

- Given the limited snow over the last 2 years, Nigel S queried whether the club should continue. It was agreed that the club should continue as the snow is very unpredictable and we have had some very good and lengthy seasons eg 2020/21 & 2009/10. When there is snow, the club is very popular and the snow and the skiing is very much enjoyed by a lot of people, especially



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families. There is also no financial reason to close as the club has sufficient funds to continue.

- For the first time for a few years, the toilets in the village will be open all winter. However the Hemmel café is also happy for people to use their toilet, even without buying anything.
- A new edition of the Bradt guide '*Northumberland including Newcastle, Hadrian's Wall & the Coast (Slow Travel)*' will be published soon and will include a photo of a snowy Ski-Allenheads.

**Action:** MH to add item re Honorary Membership to next years AGM agenda.

- The next committee meeting was scheduled for Monday 20 January 2025, 19.30 at the Dyvels Inn.

The meeting closed at 20.40.



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