

Inverness Backcountry Snowsports Club – Meeting at Donald’s work, Inverness, 17th January 2016

Present –Donald, Rose, Sheena, Duncan, Jan, Lizzie

Apologies – Troy, Julie, Matt, Nicky

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved.

Matters arising

- None

Programme

- The Braemar weekend was cancelled due to lack of snow.
- The Intro to telemark skiing was fine.
- The weekend trip to Corroul was nearly full and it was agreed to support the costs of such a trip by £50 from club funds.
- Day tours – these would proceed as planned depending on snow conditions.
- Fort William ski weekend – Rose agreed to put together a blurb regarding the planned *intro to ski touring* days, supported by the club.
- TISO talk – after a discussion, it was thought that a speaker from Glenmore Lodge might be appropriate (Donald to contact the Lodge). Should they not be available, Roger Wild and Kenny Biggin were suggested as alternative speakers.
- Champagne at Glenuaig – fully booked and deposit paid.
- Base Camp Sneachda – to proceed if conditions and logistics allow.
- Ski touring trip to the Tatras – Jan was congratulated on organising the trip and allowing other club members to experience this interesting area.
- Strawberry Cottage – the trip was full and due to proceed regardless of conditions. It was agreed to contact Trees for Life regarding use of their bothy close to the cottage.
- Season Finale – it was thought that the SSC Hut on Cairn Gorm would make an excellent venue for the second year.

T-shirts

It was agreed that these were not a priority at the present time.

Membership

Rose reported that there were 114 members of the Club.

Finance

It was thought that there was approximately £4,000 in the club account.

IBSC Hut

Donald reported that some of the committee had met with SNH and visited the site of the proposed hut. The visit had proven to be informative and discussions positive.

The club had been unable to move forward at ELLCT had not been able to clarify whether the proposed buyout of the estate was likely to proceed and when they might know.

Inverness Dry Ski Slope

Donald reported that he and Helen Morgan had been representing the Club in discussions on the possible Inverness Dry Ski Slope. Discussions were at an early stage and being taken forward in partnership with Cairngorm Ski Club and Snowsport Scotland.

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None

Date of next meeting – TBC