

Inverness Backcountry Snowsports Club – Meeting at Donald’s work on 21st of January 2016

Present – Peter, Nicky, Mike, Troy, Donald, Julie (skype), Matt

Apologies – Fiona, Kev, Lizzie, Rose

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved.

Matters arising

None

Programme

- Corrour Trip – organised
- Igloo trip – Andy to provide information for members
- Fort William mountain festival – Not much required other than information circulating
- Glenuaig weekend – full up and booked. Mike to get deposit back, presuming it’s merited.
- Glen Affric tour – information circulated close to the time.
- Bus trip to Nevis Range – *requires action soon to make it viable. Peter to contact Lizzie and Nicky and offer encouragement.*
- Overnight trip to Loch A’an - Not much required other than information circulating.
- Overnight trip to Ben Alder - Not much required other than information circulating.
- 4 tops trip - Not much required other than information circulating.
- Braveheart weekend – As above
- Grey Corries – As above
- Season finale – *consideration required of format.*
- Ben Nevis weekend – *is the hut booked as bookings are coming in?*

Equipment

Mike agreed to contact Roy to locate the Club library.

Donald has the majority of the equipment which is easier for members as he lives in Inverness.

IBSC Club Hut

The majority of the meeting was spend discussing how a Club hut might be built and where. All agreed that a Club hut was desirable and the preferred location would be close to the Nevis Range ski area south of the Braveheart Chairlift. The general vision was for a one story wooden building with sleeping areas for 12-15 people, a stove and cooking facilities, possible wind generator and an internal space no larger than 30m². Users would be required to bring all fuel and carry out waste including human waste.

Matters such as exact location, changes to legislation for building huts, eco credentials, financial operation and initial outlay were all considered. In a short time a realistic vision had been formed. Considerable expertise in the various areas required already exists within the Club and would be a real benefit to aid planning, construction and management. Likewise, Club members will know of others who have skills which may need to be used.

It was agreed that any approach to outside organisations would have to be sensitive and professional. The Club should avoid key organisations hearing of the proposal without having been approached beforehand.

Action points

1. *Peter to approach Nevis Range to ascertain their general thoughts on the project and arrange meeting if appropriate*
2. *Subject to approval from Nevis Range, a working group would be formed to take the project*

forward.

Inverness Dry Ski Slope

It was agreed to postpone discussion on this and give the Club hut project priority.

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None

Date of next meeting – 22nd of February 2016 at 7pm, location to be confirmed