

## **Inverness Backcountry Snowsports Club – Meeting at Donald’s work on 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2016**

**Present** – Peter, Nicky, Mike, Troy, Donald, Matt, Lizzie Kev, Fiona

**Apologies** – Julie, Rose

### **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Approved.

### **Matters arising**

- The bus trip was cancelled due to lack of interest.

### **Programme**

- Advanced Ski Mountaineering course – It was agreed to support this with £56 of Club funds in order to ensure that it ran. People had joined the Club especially for the course and all agreed that it was important to support new members.
- It was agreed to change the 4 tops trip to Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> March instead of Saturday due to the more favourable weather forecast.
- Rob Roy bivvy out at the Braveheart Chair – **Peter** agreed to organise this trip.
- Grey Corries trip – no special preparation require beyond the usual.
- Season Finale – It was agreed to approach the SSC to see if we could hold this event in their hut on Cairn Gorm. Failing that, the second option was to be a beach gathering at Loch Morlich. A third option would be a cèilidh at a hotel or hall. It was agreed to allocate £200 of Club funds towards food and drinks. **Fiona** and **Troy** to organise this event.
- CIC Hut trip – it was thought that the hut booking had been made. Members had shown considerable interest in this hut.

### **Skills courses**

The organisation of skills courses was generating considerable work for those involved. It was agreed that training was important to skills development and that the Club should support those interested. **Matt** agreed to approach Cairn Gorm Adventure Guides to see if IBSC members could access a discounted rate on standard courses. This meant that standalone courses would not be required.

### **Affiliation to Snow Sport Scotland or Mountaineering Council of Scotland**

The Committee discussed the advantages of being affiliated to the MCofS instead of SSS. The activities of the Club were thought to be more suited to MCofS affiliation but the additional cost per member thought to be prohibitive. It was agreed that the Club would discuss the situation with both organisations with a view to presenting proposals to the membership at the 2016 AGM.

### **IBSC Club Hut**

Following on from the last discussion (see minutes of last meeting), Peter reported that the Board of Nevis Range had discussed the idea of an IBSC hut on Aonach Mòr. The Board were supportive of the idea and advised that any approach to land owners (Rio Tinto) be made through them. Agreement of Nevis Range and Rio Tinto would be the catalyst to form a working group and take forward the practical aspects of the project.

**Donald** and **Peter** agreed to draft the summary document which would be sent to Nevis Range.

Various hut designs were discussed and viewed with the main discussion focussing on human waste disposal and management and if the internal space of the hut should be entirely open plan or compartmentalised. These discussions were to be continued and **Nicky** agreed to develop the design ideas.

**AOCB**

None

**Date of next meeting – TBC**