

## **Inverness Backcountry Snowsports Club – Meeting at Comunn na Gàidhlig on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**Present – David, Donald, Peter, Kev, Gordon, Fiona, Julie (on Skype)**

**Apologies – Mike**

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

No minute was taken and the meeting took the form of a general discussion on the Club programme. All agreed that no formal record of proceedings was required.

### **Matters arising**

Not applicable

### **Facebook group – inclusion policy and discussion on group size**

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Facebook group was an asset to the Club and should be continued in its current form. Administrators of the group should keep a close eye on applications for membership and reject as appropriate.

### **Club Membership**

David explained that the combining the responsibilities of the Treasurer and Membership Secretary was unsustainable and generated a considerable amount of work for one individual. It was **agreed** to make the two roles separate at an appropriate time in the future.

#### Membership overview

David informed the meeting that there were 92 members of the Club.

#### Systems and membership cards

Whilst the current system (one person maintaining a spreadsheet with a backup elsewhere) had served the Club well, the increased numbers of members made this system difficult to maintain and a central file (one copy) would be preferable. It was **agreed** that an online, secure, repository such as Dropbox. **Action – Kev agreed to look into this and advise as appropriate.**

#### Newsletter & website

Donald said he would set up a few additional administrator accounts so that those familiar with the content management system could edit the website.

### **Club events – days on the hills with larger numbers**

A high energy discussion took place with all present providing full input on a variety of topics. It was **agreed** that the Club would discourage parties on the hill larger than six people and that the membership should be made aware of this either through communications or prior to events.

The Committee reaffirmed the principle that all participants on Club trips are responsible for their own safety and that all members of parties are obliged to assist others in the true tradition of mountaineering.

It was agreed that guidance needs to be given to those newer to ski mountaineering and assistance offered where people are able and confident to do so. The Club would continue to welcome those new to the sport.

It was **agreed** to purchase radios for use on the hill and to facilitate communication between touring parties. **Donald to action.**

### **Training – what, who does it, suggesting it to members**

It was **agreed** that the evening at TISO (12<sup>th</sup> February 2015) should be used to run a series of workshops on various core subjects important to ski mountaineering.

The Committee **agreed** that additional training should be built in to the programme for next season and that Club members who are in a position to do so, would be welcomed to deliver workshops on various topics.

It was **agreed** to allocate £50 of Club funds to a formal winter skills course run by a recognised provider.

### **Programme**

- Corrou/Lochaber weekend – all appeared to be in order
- Igloo event – Andy Ince organising
- Tiso mid-season night – Donald required more help.
- Intro to telemarking day – Gordon organising.
- Club members' choice day – Kev able to assist
- Glen Coe bus trip – To be changed to Nevis Range and on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Season closer - to be on 18<sup>th</sup> April, Peter, Julie and David organising
- CIC Hut – Weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> April – 18 places available

**AOCB** - None

**Date of next meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015**