



**Minutes of SHPF Committee Meeting**  
**8 December 2009, 18.30**  
**Venue: Edinburgh**

**Present:** Mike Jardine, Steve Durkin, Naomi Miskin, David Thomson and Cliff Smith

**Apologies:** George McGhee, Sergey, Bob Veitch and Gordon Smyth

**Finances**

- Gordon was unable to attend but reported no outgoings since the last meeting (where the balance was £5,200) but a couple of clubs had paid the past years subs. It was agreed we should remind clubs they should pay upfront and provide a list of current members.

**Events**

X-Scotia

- Possible formats for 2010 were discussed. It was agreed to base at Lochearnhead again rather than change venue, as we have a good relationship there.
- Possible format changes include different entry categories, and an overnight stop at base (ie, 2 separate days, rather than continue racing overnight).
- Steve and Cliff to lead this with a view to announcing the new format at the Gathering.

SHPF Gathering

- The date has been confirmed as January 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Mike has drafted a flyer to distribute to clubs
- The format is similar to last year with repack on Saturday, the AGM and a speaker on Saturday night and talks on the Sunday.
- It was suggested we could ask Gordie Oliver and Terry Stubbs to talk on Sunday as they are preparing talks for the NHPC
- Mike had tried unsuccessfully to contact Aiden Toase to see if he could speak on Saturday night. Dave to contact Tom Payne instead.
- It was agreed we should invite the Sick and Wrong, Northern Paragliding,

- Flying Fever and Cloudbusters to have a stall / presence at the Gathering
- The closing date for the Jan edition of Skywings is coming up so Mike to email then a flyer soon
- It was suggested we could go for a curry on sat night after the speaker.

#### Scottish Open / BPC

- The date is confirmed as the end of May bank holiday – venue Tibbie Shiels.
- It was decided that the Scottish Open should remain over the 4 days (not weekend as previously considered) but it should be possible to register on the Friday evening if competitors can only attend the weekend.
- The event is to be publicised at the Gathering to encourage Scottish entries and volunteers

#### SMAIIG

- Cliff explained the SMAIIG proposals, essentially an incident support group, with a limited access website (accessed by representatives of various organisations) to aid media reporting in the event of an incident.
- The project has funding, but organisations that could be involved with the scheme are being asked for a donation towards start-up costs (£100)
- It was unanimously agreed to donate £100

#### Scottish Sites Guide

- Cliff reported that the draft is around 85% complete
- It is on track for a launch at the Gathering
- More photos required – Naomi to forward request to the clubs

#### Safety

- The role of the safety officer was discussed – it was suggested that this should be separated from Sites.
- The role should be about preventing accidents not just reporting them
- The safety officer could perhaps liaise with club safety officers - effectively a sub committee
- A new Safety officer is required for the next committee

#### Competition Support

- Following the suggestion at the last meeting it was agreed that the winner of the Scottish Nationals and the highest placed SHPF member at the BPC should get a contribution towards their entry fee of the following years BPC and British Nationals respectively.
- Details of eligibility to be discussed further.
- It may be possible to get extra funding from Sport Scotland to support this.

#### Date of Next meeting

- AGM 16th January at Ratho