

Adaptive Snowsports Milton Keynes

Disability Snowsports UK – Local Group

Slope Organiser's Report AGM 2013

1. Introduction

This has been another successful year for the group with lots of skiers enjoying their skiing. I have enjoyed the smiles and ecstatic feedback from skiers, GHI and parents/carers on what a wonderful session they have had. We have sufficient equipment to meet all of this year's skiers' needs. The adaptive Snowsports School continues to be a success thanks to Charlie and Peter.

2. Safety

I am very pleased to report there have been no reported incidents in the past 12 months. We have not had a reported incident since December 2010, let's keep this up.

3. Numbers

The number of skiers, guides, helpers and instructors continues to reduce this year. This year on year reduction continues to concern me. I hope that it is not due to my poor administration of the session before hand.

As I stated last year there is a natural flux of people joining and leaving the session/sport, due to other commitments / interests. We are not seeing many new skiers crossing over from the adaptive ski school to the sessions. Skiers at the Adaptive Ski School are made aware of the Sunday sessions. The possible reasons I stated last year will also be relevant.

Totals

Year	GHI	Skier	Total
07/08	701	452	1153
08/09	637	414	1051
09/10	504	384	888
10/11 ^A	345	312	657
11/12 ^B	253	214	467
12/13 ^C	215	178	393

Note A corrected from 2011 was 13 months
B 11 months only February cancelled due to weather
C 11 months only AGM moved before Sept session

We continue to be challenged by the number of volunteers for each session. We have recruited several new people this year but are sadly losing several valuable trained people, due to competing life commitments. The ratio of skiers to GHI is nearing 1:1 so we are at the point of continuing to drive to recruit new volunteers to keep the same level of service. We are dependent on a reducing pool of volunteers to run the sessions and I have to send out a 2nd plea for help most months. I am rarely cancelling skiers due to the lack of volunteers.

We now have a recruitment poster, board advertising at each of the sessions.

I need to request assistance in the recruiting and retention of new volunteers, I just don't make or have the time each month to be keeping on top of the e-mails and making timely responses. This only needs to be a couple of hours max outside of the sessions to help the communication with new volunteers and make sure they are added to the monthly e-mail.

If we have a volunteer, who is prepared to take this on we need a recruitment drive for Volunteers and also to make the session known to disabled skiers in the area because we have capacity for many more, (so long as the volunteers increase) to ski. We are running at capacity for the sessions because of the number of volunteers, but we have had over 100 people on the slope at sessions in the past, so the capacity is there.

Registration we have had resignations from all 3 of the team in place in 2012. My special thanks to Amanda Morley for covering several sessions and then for Nina Fensom stepping in to take on the important role each month with assistance from Mrs Jennett.

4. **Training**

The following people have been supported in exams with subsidies for adaptive instructor qualifications:

Hugh Crisham -	Basi Adaptive Level 1
Andy Wright -	Basi Adaptive Level 1
Renata Gibert -	Basi Adaptive Level 1

At Milton Keynes I ran weekly ski sessions for Hugh, Andy and Renata to help them with their preparations for the exam, I please and proud they all passed. There has not been any other training. Those interested training are typically working towards Adaptive qualifications.

Rachel Easton is developing a Volunteer Training trainer's manual so that Adaptive instructors can deliver the Volunteer training to the same standard as the course; I have not had any update during the year on this manual.

5. **Slope Report**

The condition of the snow has been fine over the past year.

6. **Sno!zone**

Relationships with the slope are good. There have been several management changes but nothing which effects our group.

7. **2014 Calendar Proposal**

ASMK 2013 Calendar

Dates: 2nd Sunday of the month unless marked *

January	12 th
February	9 th
March	9 th

April	13 th
May	11 th + Committee Meeting
June	8 th
July	13 th
August	3 ^{rd*}
September	14 th + AGM
October	12 th
November	9 th
December	14 th + Committee Meeting

Dates subject to agreement by Sno!zone

Please note we continue with the risk that we do not have a deputy slope organiser who could cover me if I am not available. The options at this current time are:

- a. Ask an experienced instructor to cover now the sessions are smaller.
- b. The date would be moved
- c. The session would be cancelled.

8. Memberships

This year has seen the introduction of a maximum of 3 sessions of temporary membership before applying for full membership. This was enforced with some people, however I have lapsed in the past few months and need to update my tracking sheet.

9. Criminal Records Biro (CRB) checks

The system is still under change and the new requirements have not been published.

10. Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to all the Instructors & volunteers for their hard work over the past year supporting the monthly sessions. It can't be done without you.

11. Summary

The challenges I set for the group in 2013 are rated below:

- a) Zero accidents - **Achieved**
- b) Retain and recruit GHI – **Slow progress**
- c) Temporary memberships – **Needs action**
- d) Start the administration of recording of CRB checks – **On hold**
- e) Organise and run training sessions outside the Sunday sessions. Repeat the summer Wednesday evenings. - **Partial – Training for BASI 1**
- f) Develop deputy / stand in slope organisers – **Continue the Search**

The challenges I see for the group in 2014 are as follows:

- a) Zero accidents
- b) Retain and recruit GHI – Need more time than I have to give.
- c) Change the E-mail list to Subscription list
- d) Recruit more Committee members to take the group forward for the next period.
- e) Summer Training for those interested.
- f) Develop deputy / stand in slope organisers

These are the things I will be working on as slope organiser.