

**Minutes of Sk8scotland EGM held at  
Murrayfield Ice Rink Edinburgh 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**In Attendance.**

Noel Grimshaw, Simon Briggs, Bryan Morrice, Lorele Mackie, Ann Reed, Margarita Sweeney-Baird, Diana Parker, Jack & Irene Stoddart, Kate Matthews, Lorraine Walker

**Apologies.**

Archie Marshall, Judy Clinton, Erica Woollcombe, Alan McIver, Julie Morrice, Lorna Paterson, Lorraine Smith, Alison Brownlee, Jean Livingstone, Chris Parker, Alice Fell, Alex McGow, Keith Horton, Graeme Summers, Amanda Clinton, Rhionnon Morris, Tracy O'Connor, Gemma Stark.

**1. Welcome & Announcements**

Acting Chair Noel Grimshaw, welcomed members to the EGM and thanked the Management of Murrayfield for the use of the Riversdale Suite.

He reminded members present that when the Nominations closed on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010, five portfolios received only a single nomination, while two portfolios each received two nominations and therefore required a ballot, the result of which would be announced at this meeting.

In addition the two Resolutions submitted for the EGM would also be considered.

**2. Results of Election for the Sk8scotland Board**

In view of the members present, Mr Grimshaw opened the sealed envelope received from the Association's auditors Greenhalgh & Co and announced the result.

**Club Development Director:**

Erica Woollcombe      14

Lorraine Walker        8

Erica Woollcombe was duly elected (1 ballot paper no vote given)

**Events & Special Projects Director:**

Lorele Mackie          15

Kate Matthews         8

Lorele Mackie was duly elected

The remaining Board members elected unopposed were:

<b>Figure Development Director</b>	Simon Briggs
<b>Dance Development Director</b>	Noel Grimshaw
<b>Synchro Development Director</b>	Judy Clinton
<b>Speed Development Director</b>	Archie Marshall
<b>Finance &amp; Organisation Director</b>	Bryan Morrice

The new Sk8scotland Board will serve until 2013

### 3. Resolutions:

Two scrutinizers, Margarita Sweeney–Baird & Lorele Mackie, were selected from the members present to check the members list and proxies supplied by the Auditors.

The votes of those members present who had not already submitted their vote by post would then be added to those received by the auditors. Proxy votes received (15), votes available from the floor (6).

The Chairman read out the following Resolutions which were submitted in accordance with Article 6.1.11 of the Sk8scotland Constitution.

#### **Resolution 1: Article 11 Company Secretary**

To delete this article from the Sk8scotland Constitution with consequential renumbering

A short discussion took place, during which Margarita Sweeney-Baird commented that this was a sensible proposal made possible by changes to the Companies Act 2006, and could help reduce administration costs.

**For:** 19     **Against**     1     **Abstain**     1

The Resolution was duly adopted

#### **Resolution 2: Article 6 Meetings**

Add to Article 6.1.1.1 the words underlined

Under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, and to comply with the provisions of Article 6.1.11, the Association will post advance notice of the AGM on its website at least 80 (eighty) days in advance of the specified date. This notice shall be placed prominently and shall remain so until after the meeting in question has taken place. In addition, Sk8scotland shall concurrently provide to all affiliated Clubs in Scotland notification of the AGM with the request that this be posted to Clubs' notice-boards as soon as possible. This notification should specify all dates and deadlines relating to the AGM and should remain on the said notice-boards until after the AGM has taken place. The notification must indicate the Sk8scotland web address where members can access full details.

**For:** 19     **Against**     0     **Abstain**     2

The Resolution was duly adopted

### **An Open Forum was held following the formal business of the EGM .**

#### **1. Sportscotland**

Several issues were discussed including the continuing matter of recognition by sportscotland. Kate Matthews, an employee of sportscotland, told members that sportscotland had formally withdrawn their recognition of SISA several months ago. This information came a surprise to all present as no notification had been made to Sk8scotland.

Noel Grimshaw and Bryan Morrice stated that the matter of recognition had been under discussion with sportscotland for over 10 years, and that formal application for recognition had been submitted to sportscotland in 2007. Earlier this year sk8scotland was asked to resubmit updated information/paperwork, but nothing further had been

heard from sportscotland. Kate Matthews advised that there had been major personnel changes at sportscotland.

Members agreed it was important an early meeting be arranged with sportscotland to formalize the situation and plan the way ahead. Those present confirmed it was important for a governing body to operate within an independent structure to receive recognition while at the same time maintaining a close relationship with NISA.

## **2. Scottish Championships**

Lorraine Walker expressed dissatisfaction with the organization of the Scottish Championships, while several others voiced quite an opposite view of the event. Lorele Mackie speaking as an adult competitor found the Championships very satisfactory. Noel Grimshaw said many competitors and supporters had reported how much they enjoyed the Championships and the pleasant welcome they received in Dumfries.

Bryan Morrice mentioned that in future several events spread throughout the current season may be the way forward.

## **3. Improving Communication**

Margarita Sweeney Baird suggested the Board might consider having monthly meetings to which club representatives could be invited to discuss common issues. Bryan Morrice replied saying regular Board meetings at varied locations and at events may be appropriate, but a balance needs to be struck between costs and frequency of meetings.

## **4. Devolution Matters**

Several members thought the issuing of Permits for Scottish activities should be the responsibility of Sk8scotland. It was pointed out that the Sk8scotland Constitution which was created in 2004 by the NISA Chief Executive and NISA Scotland Committee in fact made provision for such devolution.

## **5. AGM Portfolio Reports**

Lorraine Walker expressed the view that the annual reports of the previous Events and Figure Portfolios showed very little had taken place this year. All agreed more needed to be done by all concerned and with the new complement of Board members in place and with recognition by sportscotland it was hoped matters would improve.

The meeting ended at 13:30