



*We provide members, especially the young, with ski training and racing to a standard above that which is normally provided by ski school and afford all a unique social connection with the village of "Alpach"*

**MINUTES OF THE ALPBACH VISITORS SKI CLUB  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON FRIDAY 29th DECEMBER 2012 AT 6:30PM  
IN THE FICHTENSALLE, BÖGLERHOF HOTEL, ALPBACH**

The Chairman opened the AGM at 1840hrs. Notice of the meeting was read and accepted.

**1) To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 29th December 2011**

Proposed by:     Jeremy Walker  
Seconded by:    Jerome Lynch

The minutes of the AGM held on 29th December 2011 were approved unanimously

**2) To receive the Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's Report was received and is attached to the minutes

**3) To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2012**

Proposed by:     Kate Thomas  
Seconded by:    Simon Varvill

The accounts for the year ended 31st July 2012 were approved unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1848hrs

Club Secretary  
29.12.2012

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012**

As I was officially appointed as Chairman in June this year, my report will cover only the events since then.

It was a surprise – or shock – to be invited to take on the role as Chairman but I am delighted to be able to put something back into the village which I have enjoyed visiting for so many years.

This Christmas more than any is so exciting with the opening of Ski Jewel and I was looking forward very much to exploring the new ski area. I am hopeful that this development will bring with it significant improvements to the local businesses of Alpbach and ensure that it becomes one of Austria's most prestigious ski resorts.

One of my favourite events during Christmas is the Carol Service on Christmas Night. Murray Wildman has arranged this for many years but unfortunately he is not well and unable to be here for my first Christmas as Chairman. I do hope he recovers soon so that he will be here next year. With thanks to Rosie Clarke we have new carol sheets this year.

The presence of the military in Alpbach has been ongoing since I can remember and it is always a delight to welcome them at our Carol Service. This year I would like to thank the Queen's Royal Hussars and the Scots' Dragoon Guards for their assistance. It is also wonderful to see them flying down the slopes during their training sessions.

It gives me great pleasure, through our military connections, to support for a further year the Combined Services Disabled Ski Team and the British Limbless Ex-Serviceman's Association (BLESMA). Details of which can be found in the Newsletter.

From my background with the Great Britain Children's team, I intend to take a huge interest with the development of our own young skiers and I look forward to watching them race in the future. Thanks must go to the Junior Training Committee for their work in ensuring the training and race weeks take place.

We had another wonderful newsletter this year and it is not an easy task to put this document together so I would like to congratulate Alicia Good assisted by Vee Thursby for doing another wonderful job this season. My thanks also go to JoJo and Guy Scott and Vee for arranging the Autumn Drinks Party where I was able to meet some old and new members and I look forward to meeting more of you over the Festive Season and the coming year.

To keep us up to speed with events, results, etc we rely on our excellent website. This was developed and is maintained for us by James Ferguson. As well as the website there are things such as Facebook and Twitter, which I have to confess I know little about. However, thank you James for keeping us in the twenty-first Century.

I cannot end without thanking our sponsors Konny and Sepp for their continued support and also to the AVSC Committee for their dedication and work throughout the year. I am looking forward to working with them all and sharing their enthusiasm next year.

Finally, a big thank you to you, our Members, for your continued support of AVSC and visits to the village. We have something special here so let's all work to ensure that it continues.

**Keith Howells**  
**Chairman**