

# Alpbach Visitors Ski Club

**FOUNDED IN 1968** 

# NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 AT 6:45PM In the Britannia Bar at The Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF

- 1. To approve the Minutes of the 18th November 2021, AGM.
- 2. To receive the Chairman's Report.
- 3. To approve the accounts for the year ended 31st July 2022.

Club Secretary October 2022

#### Item 2

## Chairman's Report for the 2022 Newsletter and AGM

Dear Members and Friends,

After two painful years, Alpbach is open again and those who have visited, have said how good it was to be back with our Austrian friends in this very special Village which looks as beautiful as ever and where we look forward to business as usual with a full season of activities.

The 2021-2022 season got off to a slow start with the cancellation of our Christmas and New Year program. The Austrian Government was then still discouraging "large gatherings" and it would not have been appropriate for 'us Brits' to blatantly ignore official guidance from our hosts. So for the second year running, the AVSC Christmas Day Carol Service in St Oswald's Church had to be cancelled, which, apart from 2020 and 2021, has run every year since 1965. On the positive side the rest of the season went ahead and despite the pandemic Club finances remain robust.

Even with our delayed start and lower numbers we had another successful season. February Half Term saw over 60 children joining us with exceptionally good weather and a further 23 or so over Easter with variable conditions – see the JTC report. We also had a full and fun Club Weekend. In 2023 we will be asking for help from our members especially over our training weeks. See how you may be able to help in the JTC report

Recruitment of staff is also not easy in Austria and costs are increasing across the board with the inevitability that we have reluctantly, had to increase our training fees but the increase was kept to a minimum.

The main Alpbach news is that on the 2000 there is a new 6 seat chairlift with heated seats and weather protection hoods. Who would have thought the old lift had been operating for 23 seasons and had carried over 7 million people?

On the home front, despite Dave Ryding's impressive World Cup Slalom Gold in Kitzbühel in January, Sport UK has bizarrely cut the funding for Alpine, Cross-Country and Para Nordic athletes, with the fear that money will now not be available to maintain our elite athletes at the required performance levels.

Our start to the season and Autumn Drinks will not see us returning to the Tattershall Castle as their room hire minimum spend is now ridiculously unaffordable. Instead they will be held on Wednesday 23 November at 18:00 in the Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

We thank, as always, those who have supported us throughout the year including our marvellous instructors who do add so much to our training weeks and particular thanks to our friends in the Ast, Gunther and Judith who while remaining closed for all others opened up on their ruehtag, especially for us during our Easter week – where else in the Alps would we get such exceptional service? And of course we thank Sepp and his team at the Alpbach Ski School and Konny of Conny's Sport for their ongoing sponsorship and especially to Conny's who have increased their special discount for members to 20% for internet bookings (see separate announcement for details). Also on your behalf, my thanks to your Committee and to Joey our Club Secretary who do so much for us all

We look forward to seeing you in Alpbach

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2021	2022
INCOME	£	£
Subscriptions	4,218	4,546
Training	0	(489)
Racing	0	364
Club Weekend	0	0
Christmas Tombola	0	0
Donations	0	25
Bank Interest	1	1
TOTAL INCOME	4,219	4,447
LESS EXPENDITURE		
Secretarial	1,080	2,045
Administration	0	170
Newsletter (net of advertising)	2,077	1,004
Memberships	934	750
Sponsorship	0	0
AICC Team Expenses	0	222
Bank Charges	35	136
Autumn Social	0	500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,126	4,827
INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE	93	(380)
		(000)
Transferred (to)/from Junior Training Reserve	0	0
Exchange Gain/(Loss)	(275)	(58)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR TRANSFERED TO MEMBERS RESERVE	(182)	(438)

### BALANCE SHEET

	2021	2022
CURRENT ASSETS	£	£
Cash and Bank		
UK	16,373	16,784
Austria	4,944	3,537
Debtors	725	36
LESS LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	(750)	(492)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	21,292	19,865
REPRESENTED BY		
Members Reserve		
Brought Forward	13,218	13,037
From Income and		
Expenditure Account	(182)	(438)
Junior Training Reserve	8,256	7,266

#### Notes

- These Accounts are based on an exchange rate of £1:€1.19 (2021 £1 : €1.17).
- 2. All figures are in Sterling.

Mike Brennan Chairman Paul Nichols Hon. Treasurer

1st October 2022