

Chairmans Goodbye 2022

I have been involved with the governing body for over 8 years as Chair and Vice Chair and I have had the privilege to serve alongside a wide and varied group of board members over that time. I would like to give special thanks to my current board for all the hard work they have carried out over the past few years and for making my life so much easier.

We are also very lucky to have a great office team in Robin, Tracey and Liz who run the day to day affairs of the governing body to a standard that punches well above their weight. It is no coincidence that most ski racers look for Welsh ancestors as I believe we offer the very best support of all the home nations.

The continued success of the Cardiff Ski Centre is also a great testament to the hard-working team and special thanks should go to all the staff both full time and seasonal that make this work so well. Who would have thought that Cardiff would have its own misting system!!! Its only taken 40 years 😊

Another great success has been the resurfacing of Llandudno allowing it to become a very good facility for our race community but also all the other snow sports disciplines. It has again become a major part of our race calendar and I am looking forward to visiting as an official in the years ahead. It is fantastic to see the clubs based at this facility developing an excellent standard of participation and performance.

Pontypool is also doing extremely well with a thriving race club and new matting to large sections of the slope and believe it or not, NO TREE!!! Again we look forward to being able to hold many of the big Welsh races again in the near future.

Llangrannog has been home to our Welsh Schools ski racing finals for almost 30years and the event has grown from strength to strength and now is run over two days. The staff and volunteers at the centre always make us feel really welcome.

Last but not least is Pembrey, home of the West Wales ski club, Ice Cool Kids and Ski4All Wales. These clubs are really well attended and offer a fantastic facilities for adaptive skiing across West Wales.

That just leaves for me to say thank you to all the members of the SSW family, athletes, coaches, parents, volunteers, administrators and especially our Chief Executive Robin Kellen whose services to the sport should not be underestimated.

I know I am leaving the board in safe hands with Andy Rowlands and Vicki Pye and I wish everyone continued success in the years to come.

Thank you!

Richard Hyett