

**MINUTES  
NZ SNOW INDUSTRIES FEDERATION INC EXECUTIVE MEETING  
SKYPE MEETING  
ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2020 AT 8.30PM**

**1. PRESENT:**

Sean Drinkwater President  
Jay Smith  
Simon Knight  
Charlie Cochrane  
Jen Langton  
Emma Pettengell (Co-opted)  
Miles Davidson            Secretariat

**2. APOLOGIES:** Nil

**3. COVID-19 RESPONSE:**

**a) Member Resources and Assistance:**

Resources from MBIE, Worksafe and Retail NZ about opening under Alert Level 2 have been sent to members. The safety plan template produced by Worksafe for opening under Level 2 has also been sent out.

Members have put in place safety protocols. E.G. Customers bring their own socks for fitting footwear, glove liners provided for fitting gloves, head coverings to try on headwear and goggles.

In respect to boot fitting advice has been sought from Retail NZ and SIA in Australia.

Retail NZ responded stating there is a difference in the way retailers deal with customers when they are within 1 metre of the customer for more than 15 minutes.

There is an additional requirement for PPE to be used for staff who are within the 1m distance for longer than 15 minutes and with multiple customers per day.

If staff aren't spending 15 minutes with the customer then PPE would not be required but staff can opt to use it as an extra precaution. Ensure to sanitise etc (and be seen to be using sanitiser) before touching the product and customer.

Members have been kept up to date about ski areas and planning they have undertaken to open under Alert Levels 1 and 2.

**b) NZSIF On Snow Events:**

The Product Testing Programme in 2020 will not go ahead in Southern Lakes or Mt Ruapehu. This decision is based on the following:

- The ski areas in the Southern Lakes will not be open until the end of June: Cardrona 26 June; Treble Cone 27 June; Coronet Peak end of June and The Remarkables first week of July prior to the school holidays.
- The programme in the Southern Lakes is designed to get members on the snow early in the season. This is not achievable this year and the ski areas will be running limited events this season and the events they will run are likely to be later in the season.
- There is a financial commitment for all parties to be involved in the programme. Due to COVID-19 the Executive is conscious of the fact that members have other business priorities.

- It is anticipated that retail members will have a limited staff roster this season therefore the number of retail staff able to participate will be limited at both South and North Island events.

**c) Trade Fair:**

The trade fair is scheduled to be held in Queenstown in October. It is unknown at this stage just how the industry will be managing and what stock levels will be like.

It was agreed that a survey be sent to members in mid-July after the school holidays and a decision be made at the end of July.

At this time, the NZSIF will decide if the trade fair will go ahead and if it does in what in form. No deposit has been paid for the venue.

**d) Membership Subscriptions:**

**Moved: S Knight**

**Seconded: S Drinkwater** that due to the impact of COVID-19 on our members and the uncertain trading environment in the immediate future, members will be granted a 'subscription holiday' for the current financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

**CARRIED**

**e) Next Meeting:**

It was agreed to meet in a month's time to catch up and discuss developments.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm