

ERSA Committee Meeting 7th March 2010 10:30 – 12:30

In Attendance: @ Hardwicke Arm, Bassingbourn
Bernard Wright, Steve Lambert, Jo Parker, Ian Mawson, Andrew Upton, Janet Jenkins, Lesley Yeung,
Piet Van Kempen

Apologises: Bill Parsey, John Curtis

Agenda

1. Agree previous minutes
2. Agree RM minutes
 - a. MK race
 - b. Snow Race criteria, and inclusion of that race in the points
3. Training Courses
 - b. Level 1 course
 - c. Level 2 course
4. Equipment
 - a. Dual Timing box copy
 - b. Charging for usage
 - c. Radios
5. Attendance
 - a. Previous years stats
6. Committee structure and involving others, development plan
7. AOB
 - a. Mary Ondrusz Helmet Research
 - b. TJ Baldwin support email
 - c. SSE Open Forum
 - d. Missing trophies
 - e. Medals
 - f. Ersa champs

Item	Action
1	Previous committee minutes
Previous minutes are here http://www.ersa.co.uk/Com/Min22_11_09/Min22_11_09.pdf . Approved no comments	
2	Race managers meeting minutes
Minutes from the RM meeting held on the 7 th Feb can be found here http://www.ersa.co.uk/Com/RaceMan/2010/RaceMeeting2010Minutes.pdf . Minutes agreed but with discussion around two main points. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ERSA race are Milton Keynes. IM has been in regular contact and we still do NOT have agreement for a race at the centre. We are waiting for confirmation of costs, currently the centre are trying to tie the ERSA and CN together and their proposal would mean ERSA subsidising the CN and this is not acceptable. Also we are waiting for agreement that SMK will run the race not ERSA. Agreed to give them until 30th April before a final decision is made about the race, unless we hear anything back sooner. 2. Snow Race Entry criteria as discussed at the RM meeting was approved. Should the races be over subscribed then the aim of ERSA is to encourage young new racers to participate and in these circumstances the first people to be removed from the race will start from the MAS3 age group and moving down until we have the right numbers. Three objections were received and the emails passed onto the committee for review. Feedback was also provided from resident committee master JP and from other club masters to acceptance 	IM

	<p>of the criteria. In the event that any age group is not able to take part in a snow race it was agreed that the points for the race would not count towards the overall points for the season.</p>	
3	Training Courses	
	<p>Level 1 course – WGC are looking for a level1 course in the near future. PVK will run the course but we are looking for a suitable location. It was agreed that the course would be opened up to the region and ERSA would fund the course. AU and IM looking for location. BW to send out email to the region asking for others who will be interested. Suggested date is the 10th April.</p> <p>Level 2 course – the region has requested a Level 2 course be held here in ERSA but we have received the information too late to run one before the start of this summer season. The aim is to organise an ERSA sponsored training course in readiness for the start of the 2011 season. BW to progress with PVK during the year.</p> <p>The aim of these ERSA sponsored training courses is to encourage greater participation in the races from parents as well as racers.</p> <p>Note: Subject to a SSE ROTP meeting to be held on the 14th March it is anticipated that PVK will be responsible for all training courses, organisation and content in the future. If this is passed we will continue to communicate with PVK to arrange the courses.</p>	<p>AU BW</p> <p>BW</p>
4	Equipment	
	<p>Dual Timing Box – 5 copies of the internal chip have been copied. AU is talking to Doug at Bassingbourn about building a new box, but there are time pressures. AU to check with Doug if this is still possible. During the season we will document the requirements for what we want from a box and any changes we would like to see and later in the season if we have not spare then see if anyone else in the region is able to help.</p> <p>Charge for Usage – It was agreed that as with previous years if anyone outside the region wishes to hire the dual timing equipment then a charge of £1 per racer will be made. The main races where it maybe required are the SSE Inter Regional and All England Champs. BW to email Dermot Flahive (Chair ROTP) and Andrea Grant (Chair ASC) requesting confirmation if the equipment is required and confirming the price.</p> <p>The question was also raised whether the region did charge SSE in 2009. No record exists and PVK confirmed that money had been budgeted for this but nothing received. BW to confirm with the previous Treasurer (Andrea) if an invoice was sent and follow up.</p> <p>Radios – there have been problems with the cheque recently raised for the new radios and a new one has to be issued. BW and LY to ensure it is re-issued.</p>	<p>AU</p> <p>IM</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW</p> <p>LY</p>
5	Attendance Stats	
	<p>JJ has spent the past few weeks putting together information regarding the participation in ERSA races since 2004. The first draft is almost complete and we will be able to issue something to the region. The stats currently show that last year we had a small fall in the number of racers taking part. These stats will also enable the region to better gauge the participation this coming season and the effect the indoor races may have.</p>	JJ

6	Committee Structure and development plan	
	<p>Going forward the region needs to put together a development plan not only for skiing but Snowsports in general. This is a long term task which will take time to put in place. LSERSA have something similar already and we need to discuss with them how their approach is working. BW to follow up.</p> <p>We also need to get more parents involved this season. Next year we will require a new treasurer and someone to start looking after the medals again.</p> <p>2009 was very good for encouraging new people to get involved and we need to continue this during the forthcoming season.</p> <p>Simon Wheatman, Graham Cuthbert and Janet Jenkins have offered to help with a new website for the region and work on the content.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>ALL</p>
7	AOB - Mary Ondrusz Helmet Research	
	BW has received an email from Mary about some research she is doing into the use of helmets in Snowsports and has asked if we would be happy to participate. It was agreed we would and Mary will send a draft copy of the questionnaire to the committee once ready. BW to confirm with Mary.	BW
8	AOB - TJ Baldwin support email	
	BW has received an email from Andrew Baldwin requesting if ERSA would support TJ to enable him to attend the British Champs. TJ is also talking to Norfolk about support. It was agreed that the region would not on this occasion provide the money. BW to inform Andrew.	BW
9	AOB - SSE Open Forum	
	<p>Andrea Grant from AC is arranging an open forum, current planned date is the 14th March. Only one member from each region is allowed to attend. BW will attend. Some issues have been received from people but others raised at the meeting are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The day insurance £5 and where does that go - Why are there different rules for snow races regarding the need to be registered for some age groups - Seeding of races and how it is decided which races can be seeded - Training admin fees, what do they really cover <p>BW to request from Ian Roberts what the criteria is for having a race seeded, in particular the ERSA Champs.</p>	BW
10	AOB - Missing Trophies	
	<p>There are still three outstanding trophies from Norfolk. Two for Justine McIntyre and one for Ollie Hurren. JP and JJ to follow up and see if they can be located from them.</p> <p>An invoice should have been sent to Norfolk for the three trophies (certainly the two from Justine) but no record can be found. IM to confirm with previous treasurer (Andrea) if one was raised with Norfolk.</p> <p>It was agreed in previous years that trophies not returned would be subject to a £50 per trophy charge. This will continue this year. However next time if the club has not paid the fee then it will be deducted from the following years fees.</p>	<p>JP/JJ</p> <p>IM</p>
11	AOB – Medals	
	Team Events – was agreed that the 1 st placed team in each team event will receive a medal for each person.	

	Master Medals – Bev Anderson has suggested that in future maybe Masters are not presented with a medal as it is not necessary. BW to send out email to the region to solicit feedback from others.	BW
12	AOB – ERSA Champs	
	Simon Wheatman and Janet Jenkins have agreed to cover the CoR and RS for the ERSA champs.	
13	AOB – Database development	
	BW and IM continue with the database development and progressing well	
14	AOB – BASP First Aid course	
	It is likely a first aid course will be held at Hemel in the near future SL to email details	SL
15	AOB – CRB Checks	
	BW suggested that we encourage more parents to complete the CRB checks as they help out for the season. IM / AU not aware of the situations as information provided by WGC is inaccurate. BW to send email with details.	BW
16	AOB – Club Insurance	
	SL reminded people that clubs must ensure they notify SSE during the season if there are new racers joining and taking part in races to ensure they are insured correctly. JP will confirm if this happens are Norfolk as not sure it is the case.	JP
17	AOB – Medical Form	
	SSE have introduced a new medical form for the season to be completed at National races and it was agreed that we would do the same at ERSA level.	