



London & South - East Regional Ski Association

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Committee Meeting – 7.30pm Wednesday 29th October 2003
Bromley Ski Centre

AGENDA

1. Present:

Sandy Telling (Chairman)
John Curtis (Treasurer)
Niki Thomas (Secretary)
Sally Woods (Race Secretary)
Alan Sandell (Race Chairman)
Geoff Tipping (Chief of Regional Races)
Chris Drake (Equipment Officer)
Paul Miles (Editor of L&SERSA News)
Matt Woods (Regional Coach)
Gillian Poth (Beckton Nomads)

Guest: Kevin Batchelor (The Snow Park @ Diggerland)

Apologies for Absence

Keith Evans
Kay Whelan

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a) ST produced a final copy of "Conditions of Bursaries". This was discussed and will now be adopted by the committee.
- b) The end of season BBQ was an excellent success. Many thanks to all involved. NT and GP proposed that another one, maybe at a future AGM, would enable more people to attend. This will need further discussion.
- c) CD informed the committee that he and AS were looking at expanding the regional timing equipment to enable dual slalom capability. He is following up obtaining a quote for a new P.A. System. Also the Walkie Talkie chargers need to be fixed – more quotes needed.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved and sign as a true record of the proceedings.

3 New Snow Ski Centre

Kevin Batchelor gave a short presentation about 'The Snow Park @ Diggerland'. This is a new concept for all round snow experiences, which opens on the 6th December 2003 till March 2004 at the Medway Valley Leisure Park, Roman Way, Strood, Kent.

The Snow Park offers real snow, on outdoor slopes, (shaped like a mountain) which covers an area of 50,000 ft². It offers group and private lessons in skiing and snowboarding, as well as areas for experienced skiers and snowboarders get their own 'Terrain Park' with jumps and rails. As there isn't any lift system people ride to the top in a Snowcat!

For non-skiers there is a 15,000ft snow play area for tobogganing, building snowmen etc. They can also ride and drive real JCB Diggers and Dumpers. Indoors there is a play area, ski shop and a licensed 'Dig Inn'.

There will be a Press Day on the 3rd December.

Kevin stated that they need instructors for skiing and especially for snowboarding. If you are interested please contact a.s.a.p.

[mail @ thesnowpark.co.uk](mailto:mail@thesnowpark.co.uk) or www.thesnowpark.co.uk

4 Finance Report

JC reported that funds had improved with more money from the ESC via new L&SERSA members Christ's College Ski Club. See Appendix 1.

There is £698 in the Bursary account but the account owes the Race Account £500. It was decided to leave the money in the Bursary Account so that it is there for next season. It was also discussed about taking £1000 out of the Race Account and putting it in the Saving Account.

NT asked about funds for Regional Squad race training aboard, MW said he would like to do it but they would need to keep the parents fees quite small with L&SERSA paying for most of the costs e.g. training, transport, poles etc. It was discussed applying for an 'Awards 4 All' grant through the South East by April 2004 – JC to look into it.

ST asked about sponsorship for the Newsletter – PM said that he was going to work alongside Bridget Owen and Monica Kirton to sort something out.

ACTION: PM/GT//SW/JC.

5 Regional Squad Update

GT has taken over the administration from MW. As people are aware there hasn't been any training days for the Squad this year. For the coming season both the Squad and the dates will be announced before the end of the year, with parents sending an email when their children accept their place.

GT also detailed changes in the organisation of the squad for the coming year – there will be a smaller First Squad and a bigger Development Squad. It was also discussed about having both Plastic and Snow Regional Squads.

GT and MW stated that the Regional races at Xscape had been very successful, with the L&SERSA team having 2 1st places and a 2nd. It was also noted that one club didn't put in inexperienced snow racers as promised.

The last race in the series is at CASTLEFORD on the 16th November, unfortunately some of the A Squad will not be available for it due to other commitments (on snow).

6 Appointment of Vice Chair and New Committee Members

ST asked that more help be available by someone taking on the position of Vice Chair to help him plan for the future of L&SERSA. No nominations were received.

Steve Moss (Chatham) is going to help GT with running the races.

Monica Kirton (Chatham) & Bridget Owen (Chatham) are going to help PM with the Newsletter and other means of promoting skiing in the region.

Gillian Poth (Beckton Nomads) is going to help SW with fundraising. First event on the calendar is a sponsor ski event at Wycombe Summit. Get some sponsorship and come to ski at Wycombe Summit all day for reduced cost or even free!! The region's principal sponsor "SkiBartlett" is donating prizes.

7 Appointment of Representative to Council

Geoff Tipping (Bromley) is to be our temp. representative for L&SERSA at Snowsport England until someone else can be found.

ACTION: GT

8 London Youth Games Update

JC stated that the event might not be held at Brentwood next year because it isn't a London Borough but there is a possibility of holding it at Bromley Ski Slope. KW is in contact with John Sharman. It was discussed that there needs to be an impartial Chief of Race present on the day.

KW has written some 'Sports Rules' as a guideline for the racers. SW will send a copy of the Kent Schools Race Rules.

ACTION: SW

9 Alpine Squad Raffle/UK Skiers Xmas cards

GP will be selling the Raffle Tickets at the Daily Mail Ski & Snowboard Show. If anyone has any ideas on how to sell more Raffle Tickets & Cards please contact NT or SW

ACTION: GP/NT/SW

10 Sponsorship & Promotion of Skiing

SW put forward the idea for a 12 hour sponsored ski at Wycombe Slope, which she will try to organise with ST. A team charity event with an auction to buy a racer for your team has been held at Wycombe in the past very successfully. SW to investigate further. It was also discussed about having a display board up showing what we do at L&SERSA.

ACTION: SW/GP/ST

11 Date of Next Meeting – AGM

The date proposed and accepted was **Monday 24th November 2003 at 7.30pm. at Bromley Ski Centre.**

There will be Open Practice for racers, with a course and timing set up by the Regional Coach, so that their parents can attend the meeting.

12 A.O.B.

Next seasons Regional Races were discussed, ST to find out when Snowsports England are proposing to run theirs to avoid any clashes with dates. SW has had the new prices in from the slopes – there will be 5 races next season.

On the GBJunior web site Kirsty Gardener has written a report which explains how to do the fitness tests in more detail, also GT is more than willing to give advise to parents on this matter.

Meeting closed 10.10pm.

Many thanks to Sally Woods and Bromley Ski Centre for providing the facilities and excellent refreshments.