



# London & South - East Regional Ski Association

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF LSERSA COMMITTEE 16 MARCH 2003 AT BROMLEY SKI CENTRE

### **PRESENT:**

Sandy Telling (Chairman) ST  
John Curtis (Treasurer) JC  
Sally Woods SW  
Geoff Tipping GT  
Alan Sandell AS  
Keith Evans KE  
Paul Miles PM  
Monica Kirton MK  
Shirley Telling SHT  
Bridget Owen BO  
Gillian Poths GP  
Steve Moss SM

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** received from:

Niki Thomas NT (Secretary)  
Tracy Gibb TG  
Matt Woods MW  
Chris Drake CD  
Keith Birchell KB  
Ian Edwards IE/Joe Keyes JK

Bridget Owen agreed to stand in as minutes secretary.

ST reported that the whole of SSE including the Board was in need of people with broad experience, not only in skiing but with other skills. Several people had made it known they would be interested in bringing their experience to the board, council or key committees. This was very encouraging.

### 2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** (29.10.03)

These were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

### 3. **FINANCE REPORT**

JC reported that the insurance premiums had slightly increased this year. He had transferred £1000 from the Race Account to the Capital Account.

SW reported that the charge for hire of slopes for races would be increased by £150 this year. AS will contact Tag Huer about the timing system and arrange for it to be collected from CD. GT and AS will ensure it is fully functional before the first race. GT suggested contacting local schools and colleges

with a view to them designing a new system. 6 new simple radios are needed to have a total of 10 (4+4+2). Ian Roberts is to be consulted and KE to cost and decide which to purchase.

*ACTION: AS GT KE*

#### **4. VICE CHAIRMAN**

Keith Birchell was ratified as Vice Chairman

#### **5. LONDON YOUTH GAMES**

ST reported that skiing had been dropped this year. The organisers wanted to centralise events at Crystal Palace and not have events occurring at several venues. It was felt this decision was probably influenced by the finances involved.

#### **6. INDOOR SNOW RACES**

ST reported that Graham Beck had decided to run the races at Castleford and Milton Keynes independently of SSE and the seeding system. The TD's had been concerned that at last years races some of the rules had been applied inconsistently and they were concerned, mainly due to time constraints, that protocol and safety had been jeopardised. SSE decided that the races could only be seeded if key officials could be identified and put in place before the race as is done for other artificial slope events. Since the FIS do have rules concerning the running of races on indoor slopes it was felt that those rules should be observed (i.e. ski length etc). SSE are keen to support indoor racing and will work to that aim in the future. ARC will monitor races and may be able to seed them retrospectively. Races have a different format this year, with racers competing individually, rather than in regional teams. The races are not currently on SSE or Britski website. GP commented that parents often report they do not get enough information about races. Currently only regional races are advertised on our website. It was agreed that the races should go in the newsletter (PM), information be sent to clubs and a link to them be put on our website (AS) if possible.

*ACTION: PM AS*

#### ***NOTE:***

JC informed the committee that there was activity again at the Beckton Alps site. The target was to have the facility open by 2007.

#### **SNOWSPORT ENGLAND WEBSITE**

ST reported that the SSE website was up and running and would be content managed. There was the opportunity for regions and clubs to have a page. Stewart Smith, Jon White and Martin Carr are currently managing the site. It is an improvement on the previous one, but there is still room for improvement. It was agreed LSERSA should request a page on the new website. PM will e mail Stewart Smith to request one. AS reported that there were already many links on the LSERSA site, but he would see if it were possible to add other links to SSE and Chatham.

*ACTION: PM AS*

#### **7. RACE CALENDAR 2004 AND RACE FORMAT**

The format for regional races will be the same as previously. Entry fees will be as last year for pre-booked racers, with an increase of 50p for race day entries. SW reported that dates had been agreed (although difficult with the busy race calendar), slopes booked, slope charges agreed and races publicised. There will be an increase in slope costs of about £150 this year. **More race officials are required.**

SW will be away for the first race and Shirley Telling kindly agreed to be race secretary for this event. ST will be away for the second – but no understudy required! Aldershot had again agreed to host the end of season race and BBQ. SW had received an enquiry about a disabled skier category. She has sent her information about the races and if they wish to race she will identify whether they feel a separate category would be best, or if they would like to be included in the generally category with awards for adaptive skiers. She reported that in addition to the regional races, LSERSA are organising the Wycombe Cup and International, the Chatham Club National, and the RAKS(s) races – all in June. Charlie Jerrett has agreed to commentate at the Wycombe races.

*ACTION: SHT SW*

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT AT RACES**

ST reported that the Snowsports Forum had discussed the issue of Child Protection regarding races, trips etc. The issue of Risk Assessment is one of the first things raised by the police when an incident occurs. ARC are currently investigating a generic risk management form. The Chief of Race will be responsible for ensuring this is filled out prior to the event. To identify potential problems Homologation of relevant slopes is done every 3 years. ST circulated a form and it was agreed to use this Risk Assessment form at the Chatham Challenge on Saturday 20 March and then report back.

*ACTION: JC KE*

## **9. CHILD PROTECTION/CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU**

ST reported that SSE recommend that CRB checks be done on everyone that comes into a 1:1 situation with children. This will mainly apply to snow camps. SSE are updating their Child Protection policy and will circulate it to clubs. All clubs will need to have an appointed Child Protection Officer in the future. It was also noted that permission should be sought from a parent before photographs of young racers are used, especially on the internet. BO suggested a line be put on the bottom of the entry form to the effect of “Photographs may be taken of racers and used in promotional material and newsletters. If you do not wish your child’s photograph to be used, please tick here”. This would be easier than contacting racers and seeking permission after the race.

## **10. APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL CHILD PROTECTION REPRESENTATIVE**

The appointment of a regional representative is to be considered by the committee members and further discussion to take place at the next meeting. The representative would be responsible for ensuring a flow of information between SSE head office, other Child Safety Organisations and the regional clubs. It was felt it should not be someone on the Committee as there may be a conflict of interests.

*ACTION: All Committee*

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO COUNCIL**

ST felt that the members were not well represented on the SSE Council. A representative is sought to represent LSERSA. Each discipline and each region is entitled to have a representative on the Council. 2 representatives would be best to ensure at least one managed to get to each meeting. At the moment the Council meets about 2/3 times per year. Gillian Poth and Geoff Tipping may be interested and will contact the office.

*ACTION: GP GT*

## **12. OTHER DISCIPLINES**

It was agreed that the other disciplines such as Freestyle, Nordic and Snowboarding should be encouraged and supported within the region. Bromley now has a thriving Freestyle club and there is a lot of interest in Snowboarding in the region.

## **13.INSURANCE FOR SKI RACING ON SNOW**

The Company TopQuote has agreed to provide reasonably priced winter sports insurance (including racing/training) for SSE members. An annual policy for a family with 1 racer under 18 on snow for up to 31 days a year costs in the region of £100. Contact Jenny and June at SSE office for more details. This insurance also covers summer holidays. [www.topquoteinsurance.co.uk](http://www.topquoteinsurance.co.uk) tel: 08700 114340 quoting SSE.

## **14.SPONSORSHIP AND PROMITON OF SKIING**

PM reported that he has a lot of material on snow races for the newsletter. He should be at all the races over the summer so will report on them directly. MK reported that she had with BO drafted a report for The Piste on LSERSA. Details will then be passed to PM. It was agreed that it would be advantageous to promote LSERSA nationally too. PM has a contact at Daily Mail and The Piste and Racer Ready.

*ACTION: PM MK BO*

## **15.ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Bursaries**

The subject of bursaries was discussed. It was agreed to award two bursaries - details removed from this online copy of the minutes.

*ACTION: SW ST JC AS*

### **Officials Courses**

Two, Level 1 officials' courses are to be held locally. 8 May at Chatham and 9 May at Wycombe. The courses will run from 10.00am – 4.00 pm. Applicants should apply to slopes direct. Jane Kendrick at Wycombe and Keith Evans at Chatham. PM to advertise in newsletter. Cost £5 each and 2 passport photographs are required.

*ACTION: PM*

### **Regional Squad**

GT reported that the names of skiers selected for the Regional Squad had been posted on the website and that skiers should confirm their acceptance by 20 March. SM is contacting clubs and obtaining costs with a view to arranging localised training for squad members. Regional Coach is Matt Woods, with Ben Clark and Marc Telling assisting (if available). A squad kit was discussed and SW will look into sourcing some new kit.

*ACTION: SM SW*

### **T-Shirts**

GT has some tops from last year's Xscape races not claimed yet.

## **The Snow Park**

It was brought to the Committee's attention that there had been some problems at Diggerland with their facilities. Ice, not snow had been projected out of the snowmaker. Comments from some instructors and visitors indicated that there may be safety problems. This facility had been advertised on the website and it was agreed to now remove it (AS).

*ACTION: AS*

## **Website**

The Committee's attention was drawn to a useful skiing/snowboarding website which lists the details of the indoor snow slopes as well as other current news. [www.theboarder.co.uk](http://www.theboarder.co.uk)

## **16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13 July 2004, 7.30pm at Bromley Ski Centre.

The meeting finished at 2150 hours.

A BIG thank you to Sally Woods and Bromley Ski Centre for the organising and providing of the delicious buffet!