



# London & South - East Regional Ski Association

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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 6 October 2004  
at 7.30 pm at Chatham Ski Centre

## **PRESENT**

Sally Woods, Keith Birchell, Alan Sandell, Keith Evans, Des Pirkhoffer, John Curtis, Tracy Gibb, Steve Moss, Bridget Owen

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Sandy Telling, Matt Woods, Carolyn Pirkhoffer

### **2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting were not available. It was noted they had not been put on the LSERSA website, as Alan Sandell had not received them.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** - No report available

### **4. ACCOUNTS**

John Curtis reported that the accounts were healthy, despite the race account balance being slightly less than previously. He said this was in part due to the race entries being down by approximately 20 per race on the previous year.

### **5. RACES**

#### **Regional Squad**

Des Pirkhoffer said Sandy Telling had contacted him asking him to consider coordinating the Regional Squad. He confirmed he would be happy to take over the organising of the squad. He questioned why the region wanted a squad as no inter-regional events had taken place this year? John Curtis confirmed that there would be inter-regional races next year. DP presented a proposal that he is going to put forward to ARC. This proposal is to introduce an inter-regional parallel slalom race after each SSE Grand Prix. The

proposal is intended to achieve two objectives. 1) To increase the relevance of regional squads through regular competition. 2) To support and enhance the SSE Grand Prix series.

DP presented a proposal for LSERSA Squad selection. It was noted that some clubs are registered with more than one region and therefore some skiers could be selected to more than one regional squad. DP said selection is more complex if clubs are registered with more than one region. The Committee debated this issue in detail. It was agreed that skiers of any club that is affiliated to LSERSA should be eligible for selection. It was agreed that where skiers were offered squad places for more than one region, they would only be allowed to accept a LSERSA place if they declined any others (for the season). It was agreed to select the skiers who had finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in their age group in the current LSERSA series, and then offer the remaining places to the lowest seeded regional racers in each age category. There will be a maximum of 5 skiers of each gender for each age category. DP produced a list of skiers he felt were currently eligible. Some omissions were pointed out. DP said he knew of some skiers that he felt would not accept squad places, and so did not intend to offer them one. Bridget Owen felt all eligible skiers should be offered a place irrespective of DP's opinion on whether they would accept or not. A majority opinion was that if DP felt a skier would not accept a squad place they should not be offered one. Wycombe Summit has agreed to charge £10.50 per skier for a 2 hour session for squad training. It was agreed that the Region should pay the coaches' fees and the skier pay the slope fees. It was agreed that Matt Woods, Sally Bartlett, Mark Telling, Paul Telling and Ben Clarke would be the main coaches and if more coaches were required for training, Toby Fischel and Billy Bilton would be asked. DP agreed to speak to June to get official list of paid up members of region and get club list for JNA. Based on the above proposal 80 people would be eligible for LSERSA squad selection. It was agreed that Team selection would be the responsibility of the coaches. DP volunteered to arrange entries to competitions as they arise. The first squad training date will be Sunday 7 November at Wycombe followed by a second squad training at Chatham in December. DP will e mail all invitees and clubs with squad selection list. LSERSA squad e mail address is [LSERSAsquad@hotmail.com](mailto:LSERSAsquad@hotmail.com)

John Curtis suggested that all 2004 squad members should be offered a squad t shirt.

### **Race Format**

Steve Moss proposed that the race format for LSERSA races be changed to Club National format, i.e. 3 runs with the best of the first 2 to count, and the last run must count. He pointed out that race entries this year had been lower and believed this would

encourage more skiers to participate. This was agreed. Keith Birchell suggested a knock out for team events rather than a league to counteract the longer time it would take for 3 runs; and John Curtis suggested cutting down on open practice time and starting the races at 10.00am. To alleviate race day administration problems it was agreed that entries for Regional Races next year should be in by the Thursday before each race **with payment** (or prepayment for the series). In some other regions race day entries are not allowed, but it was agreed to allow them, but with a double race entry fee for anyone paying on the day. It was suggested that race entries be posted on the LSERSA website on the Friday preceding the race.

Alan Sandell asked for the ESSKiA results to be forwarded to him to put on the website. Keith Evans agreed to do this. Bridget Owen agreed to look through the results to try and identify any regional skiers that may have been missed off the acknowledgements.

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Des Pirkhoffer asked the Committee to consider LSERSA registering a snow club with SSE and BASRC to enable regional racers who are not members of a BARSC club to race at BARSC. It was agreed to progress this idea.

The Chairman thanked Des for his considerable efforts and research in preparing the above proposals.

#### **7. DATE OF AGM    Wednesday 17 November at 7.30pm at Chatham Ski Centre**

The meeting closed at 21.35