



London & South - East Regional Snowsports Association

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting held on 1st February 2006 at Bromley Ski Centre

PRESENT:

Sandy Telling (Chairman)
Gwenderlyne Southall
Sally Woods
Shirley Telling
Andy Proudlove

John Curtis (Treasurer)
Steve Moss
Alan Sandell
Bridget Owen
Keith Evans

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from:

Jenny Sims
Dave Askew
Nigel Brain

David Fetherson
Ali Jubb

Prior to the meeting Ali Jubb informed Sandy Telling that with immediate effect she would be standing down due to personal commitments. This leaves a vacancy for Sports Development Officer. It was agreed that committee members would promote the vacancy and if this was unsuccessful further action such as advertising on the website would be considered.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (AGM) 23 November 2005

The only outstanding item not on the current agenda was:

Item 5. Martin Hance is unable to represent Freestyle but other Freestyle members are interested in attending future meetings. **Action: AP**

3. REGIONAL RACES/RAKS Champs

The logistics of having LSERSA races on a Saturday was discussed as this can be problematic for those children who attend Saturday School. However, due to a very full race calendar it was unanimously agreed that with the exception of Aldershot, which will be held on a Sunday, all other races this year will again take place on a Saturday.

A number of changes to the LSERSA Race format were implemented last year (2005). The format for 2006 was discussed and agreed and will be circulated in the near future for final approval.

**Action: AS, SW,
GS & ST**

Discussions over running a **timed** Dual Slalom event took place but it was felt by the majority of committee members present that competitors enjoyed the current 'head to head' element. It was agreed that Dave Askew would look into the cost of buying additional/adaptive timing equipment which would indicate false starts whilst maintaining the desired excitement of racing 'head to head'. **Action: DA**

The 2006 Race Entry forms are to be revised and will include a section where people can highlight which of the races they will be able to officiate at. This is hoped to ease the pressure on race day of finding sufficient officials. It was also suggested that those clubs with members taking part should be asked to nominate or provide two names for officials following a similar format to that of ESSKIA races.

Action: SW

Sally Woods has sent the relevant RAKS(s) paperwork out to school representatives; she was able to confirm with appropriate committee members that these had been received.

Crystal Holidays have shown an interest in sponsoring this event and are currently liaising with Sandy Telling.

Action: ST

3a Masters Category

It is felt amongst members and competitors that the current Seniors Category (19-30 years) and Masters Category (36 years+) needed to be reviewed with an additional category being added to encourage further participation. It was agreed that for this current year the new format would be:

Seniors 19 – 30 years

Masters 31 – 45 years

Veterans 46+ years

4. FINANCIAL/BURSARIES – REVIEW POLICIES

See Appendix 1 for financial summary. (Full details are available on request).

The following Policies have been amended and circulated to committee members for approval. Unless we hear to the contrary (within one week from the date of circulation) these versions will be published on the website.

Assistance Due to Financial Hardship

Assistance with Training costs for Performance Coaches

Assistance with Race Officials' Courses

5. BOARD / COUNCIL / ARC REPORTS

Alan Sandell has successfully put an overview of the proposed Modernisation plans and relating documents on our website which several other sites are now signposting as the place to go to get further information.

Masters – No change to the rules for the current year. ARC are suggesting that there are races run specifically for Masters.

6. BARTLETT'S ROLE AS OUR SPONSOR

Bartlett continues to sponsor LSERSA events and provide prizes and discount to members. However, it was felt that in order to remain competitive the current discount levels need to be reviewed. There are other sponsors in the pipeline including Ski World and Sandy Telling is currently in discussion with these and various other prospective sponsors.

Action: ST

7. REGIONAL SQUAD / INTER-REGIONAL / ERSA V LSERSA

The selection process for Regional Squads was discussed as it was felt that the criteria needed to be reviewed. Suggestions included:

Coaches' recommendations

Club recommendations

Arbitrary criteria such as 'seed points' and 'current form'

Andy Proudlove is to liaise with Sally Bartlett, they will circulate their proposal by email to committee members. The proposed deadline for clubs and coaches to make their recommendations is 1st March 2006.

& SB

Action: AP

ERSA v LSERSA v SRSA – There is no set date for this event as yet although proposals of either 4th or 11th November were put forward. Sandy will contact ERSA and SRSA to ask if these dates are Ok with them.

Action: ST

8. WYCOMBE

Due to ongoing problems with planning permission at Wycombe Summit it now appears that the facility will not be available for the next 12 months. Wycombe members were keen to keep the club going and have the support of various clubs and individuals. They now have a new committee to get the club members back to training either at Hemel or Southampton. Negotiations with these slopes are on going.

The new committee for Wycombe is Chair: Sandy Telling; Secretary: Hilary Barber; Treasurer: Maureen Cumberlidge; Child Welfare Officer: Joan Papantoniou.

The suggested new name for the club is “Wycombe Phoenix” having risen out of the fire!

Wycombe Summit has applied for planning permission to cover the two small slopes with snow and maintain the longer slope as a dry slope.

9. **NATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD DAY – March 4th**

This event is really starting to take off with new promotions, events and special offers being added to the website www.nationalskiandsnowboardday.com on a regular basis. Official posters are still awaited. Sandy Telling produced some colour posters based on the website and these were circulated at the meeting. A number of those present took spare copies to disseminate to regional clubs etc. Also promotional materials including T-shirts and balloons are due to be made available nearer the time. **Action: All Clubs**

10. **SUPERSTARS**

It was agreed that a number of special prizes/medals would be given out at the end of the races. These additional prizes/medals will not be aimed at the top skiers and will include unusual categories such as ‘the most spectacular fall’ – the criteria for these categories will not be made general knowledge prior to prize giving and may be different at each race. **Action: SW**

In an attempt to encourage general fitness in our athletes we are considering running fun fitness events at the LSERSA races, by providing things like fitness equipment and balance boards and holding mini competitions. Sandy Telling has been in discussion with a company who is interested in supplying equipment and prizes. Andy Proudlove raised concerns over responsibility of Health and Safety and Sandy Telling suggested it would be down to LSERSA as it would be at a Regional Event. Steve Moss has agreed to take this forward and in order to gauge interest an article will be placed on the website. **Action: SM & AS**

11. **PRESS & PUBLICITY**

Jenny Sims sent an email prior to the meeting asking if there was any up-date on:

Nigel Brain’s progress on collating all regional articles about LSERSA members - unfortunately, as Nigel was not present no information was available. However, we were reminded that if children within the LSERSA region receive press coverage a scan/copy should be sent to Nigel. **Action: NB**

The LSERSA newsletter – Suzy and Jordan Moss are being approached as they have previously shown an interest in this area. **Action: SM**

12. **A.O.B.**

Medals – Sally Woods advises that to provide ribbons for medals we would incur an additional £250.00. However, it was agreed that this was a worthwhile expense.

Action: SW

Tri Regional Trophy – This trophy won by the L&SERSA team has arrived from Canada and was presented to Sandy by Jeremy Ayling at the SSE Council Meeting. The trophy has been given to Lloyd Papantoniou to keep safely before passing to another member of the winning team.

Bursary – there is currently one application outstanding. More information about this applicant has been gathered by Steve Moss and will be discussed by the Committee.

**Action: Exec
Committee**

Child Welfare Officers – Bridget Owen advised that all clubs now have a copy of the Child Protection Policy and Procedures and that clubs should appoint a CWO by spring 2006. All regional coaches under SSE will automatically have an Enhanced CRB check when revalidating. She did point out that clubs using instructors other than SSE (such as SSS) will need to ensure that this is implemented as it may not be standard practice.

Action: All Clubs

Date of Next Meeting: 19th April 2006

Meeting closed at 10.25

Many thanks to Bromley Ski Centre for allowing us to use their facilities and to Sally Woods for arranging the provision of refreshments