



London & South - East Regional Snowsports Association

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting held on 19th April 2006 at Bromley Ski Centre

PRESENT:

Sandy Telling (Chairman)
Gwenderlyne Southall
Sally Woods
Keith Evans
Andy Proudlove

John Curtis (Treasurer)
Alan Sandell
Bridget Owen
Dave Askew

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

Steve Moss
Sally Bartlett
Shirley Telling
Jenny Sims

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** 01st February 2006

- a. Minutes were agreed as being a true record of the meeting, and were approved by those present.
- b. Matters arising and not on the current agenda:
Freestyle (carried forward from AGM, Nov 05) - Ray Bryant has shown an interest but AP felt it was key to get Simon Ashton involved, and will continue to follow up.

Action: AP

Point 3. Crystal holidays have shown an interest in sponsoring school events and ST has a meeting with them on 24th April. Whilst it is too late for this season we hope to make suitable arrangements for the 2007 race series.

Point 8. Wycombe – Club is now up and running. Sally Bartlett was absent from this meeting as she was training a group of approx. 15 at Hemel. Mike Frith is trying to organise another group of approx. 8 to train at Southampton.

Point 9. National Ski and Snowboard Day – A number of regional clubs held special events in support of the day and S&ST attended a number of these. Considering the time of year and the lack of prior notice the committee was pleased with the response.

Point 10. 'Superstars' Fitness Competition - Andy Robinson has put together some fitness competitions to run alongside the L&SERSA summer races. This will be sponsored by: Armajaro, British Academy, Bodyfactor and Snow + Rock – see website for more details – www.lsertsa.org.

Point 11. NB continues to collate articles on L&SERSA members from the regional clubs. However, response has been slow with only 3 clubs responding to date. NB will follow up.

Action: NB

At present S&ST have taken on the LSERSA newsletter.

3. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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

Subsequent to approval at tonight's meeting money has been set aside for the purchase of Dual Slalom timing equipment (detection of false starts) £1727 – exact costs for additional items such as cabling, batteries and tripods are not yet known but estimates were discussed. Approval for this initial outlay was given from all those present.

It was agreed by committee members to transfer £1000 from the Race Account into the Capital Account.

Committee members were informed that Eve Alcott, mother of Alex, Rufus and Chemmy recently passed away. In respect of the families wishes concerning flowers and donations it was agreed that L&SERSA would make a £50 donation to the Holly Lodge Centre, Richmond. Details of the memorial service etc are available on our website.

Action: JC

4. **RACE UPDATE**

SW has currently received approximately 70 applications for the Club Nationals and Regional Races which is normal for this time in the procedures.

Concerns over matting on both the Chatham and Aldershot slopes are currently being investigated/actioned. KE will liaise with Chatham but was previously unaware of concerns relating to the tow area. Aldershot have purchased matting to repair the slope as and where necessary and now need to carry out work in time for their L&SERSA race.

**Action: SW, KE & DF
Chatham/Aldershot**

5. **TRI REGIONAL**

ST has contacted Jeremy Ayling (Chair of ERSA) and is currently awaiting a respond. No other updates are available at this time.

6. **COUNCIL / ARC MEETING**

ST will be attending the Council Meeting on 22nd April, SM is unable to attend due to other commitments. L&SERSA members have been invited to raise any relevant matters with ST prior to our meeting this evening. The current Chair of SSE has raised concerns that whilst the Council was set up to consist of representatives from all disciplines plus Regional Representatives, in reality it is always the same people in attendance. The current Board of Directors for SSE are also present at Council Meetings and tend to lead discussions etc which needs to be addressed. ST is in agreement with the Chair of SSE and sees this as an opportunity for change.

Modernisation: There has now been a new modernisation proposal put forward by Snowsport Scotland, referred to as KEN. Their proposal, which closely reflects the original proposal, is the result of their re-evaluation of BOB. Obviously, one of the repercussions has been little if any progress. As and when further relevant details become available we shall up-date our website accordingly.

Action: ST/AS

An intended amendment to the constitution of SSE means that they will be able to recruit additional directors. It is their aim for all directors to have specialised roles and as such they will recruit directors whose portfolio best suits the desired skills and attributes of the role. This will be decided at the AGM.

ARC: There is concern over the current lack of active/participating Course Setters, in fact, the list of both A & B course setters shows a total of 16 people to cover the whole of the country. There are, however, a number of other people who have taken the appropriate course and form part of a C list who could be used to increase this number.

Progression: People from the C list must shadow someone from the A list and set a course at either a Club National or Grand Prix; they will then be placed on the B list, if satisfactory. Once on the B list they can progress to the A list by setting the course at two Grand Prix. We must actively promote this progression to ensure that there are sufficient course setters available.

Action: ST

7. **DUAL TIMING EQUIPMENT**

Prior to the meeting AS circulated details of a Dual Slalom False Start Detection system which he, in consultation with Chris Drake and David Jones of Sports Timing Services (UK distributors of Tag Heuer) is proposing for the LSERSA region. Whilst it was agreed at the meeting to purchase the system the committee was made aware that there will be additional expenditure necessary before the system can be made fully operational, such as batteries, cable, connectors, tri-pods, etc. ST is already in negotiation with a possible supplier for cable etc, and additional enquiries will be made by AP. The system will not be ready in time for the first race of this series but it is hoped, providing there are no unforeseen circumstances, to be operational by the second race. The details circulated prior to meeting are available on request; please contact Gwenderlyne at gwenderlyne.southall@tesco.net.

Action: AS/GS

8. SELECTION OF L&SERSA REGIONAL SQUAD

Despite the efforts of AP to encourage clubs and coaches to make their proposals for the regional squad there has been very little response. ST has now provided a further list of contacts which AP hopes will speed up the progress. AP has also been asked about the purpose of the squad. ST responded that whilst there was only one Inter Regional race at the end of the series the racers themselves would benefit not only from the kudos of belonging to the squad but also from the opportunities to train with other top racers, on different slopes and with different coaches, and everyone agreed that it was an excellent development opportunity. There will be an additional incentive in the form of a special discount from Ski Bartlett for squad members.

Action: AP/SB

Again the selection process for the Regional Squad was discussed including the pros and cons of using various criteria. Different views on inclusion/exclusion from the squad were expressed i.e. some felt that only racers who **were not** in another regional/national squad should be considered whilst others felt the squad should consist of the 'best in the region'. After much discussion new criteria was agreed and ST will amend the appropriate document and circulate to committee members for approval before the final version is placed on our website.

Action: SB/ST/GS/AS

9. L&SERSA SPONSORS

Ski Bartlett will continue to be our main sponsor. They will again provide most of the prizes; there will be fewer vouchers and more prizes this season. Ski World will also be acting as our sponsor and discussions around a free holiday for 2 or possibly 4 people in La Rossiere are underway with ST. It was suggested by KE that the holiday could be part of a prize draw with people who officiate at the Regional Races getting a 'free go' to encourage more volunteers; this idea will be considered and discussed when we have further details.

Active Sports will be demonstrating how to prepare and service skis at our Regional Races. They will also be giving out free samples of waxes etc.

Armajaro, British Academy, Bodyfactor and Snow + Rock will be sponsoring the fitness competitions to be held at the regional races (previously mentioned in point 2.)

We must all be proactive in promoting our sponsors.

Action: All

10. A.O.B.

Marc Telling requested that his camps were published on the L&SERSA website.

Action: ST/AS

There is a World Alpine and Snow Business Conference in Geneva on 13th June. For further details please contact ST.

Action: ST

Details of Course Setters courses will be placed on our website in the near future.

Action: AS

At the Bromley Club National (to be held at Chatham) there will be a separate Coaches' Race in addition to the normal categories. Please contact AP for further details.

Action: AP

AP advised that there has been a change in the Bromley Ski Club constitution regarding membership. For details please contact the Bromley Slope and speak to Joan Llewlyn.

AP offered to investigate the possibility of using other facilities for the next meeting. However, it was felt that refreshments served at Bromley would be a hard act to follow!

Meeting closed at 10.30

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