



London & South - East Regional Snowsports Association

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting held on 20th June 2006 at Bromley Ski Centre

PRESENT:

Sandy Telling (Chairman)	John Curtis (Treasurer)
Gwenderlyne Southall (Secretary)	Steve Moss
Alan Sandell	Sally Woods
Shirley Telling	Bridget Owen
Keith Evans	Andy Proudlove
Sally Bartlett	

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

Dave Askew	Jenny Sims
Dave Fetherston	

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 19TH APRIL 2006**

a. Minutes were agreed as being a true record of the meeting, and were approved by those present.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 19TH APRIL 2006**

None raised.

4. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Details are available on request.

There are currently two invoices outstanding both of which are being further investigated. The first is from Future-3 for t-shirts – half the original order was given away at the Tri Regional event, approximately 15-20 have been sold and the rest were destroyed in the fire at Wycombe; it is doubtful that these can be claimed on insurance. At present no invoice trail can be found and the cost per shirt will be queried. The second invoice is for slalom poles from Ski Bartlett. We had previously ordered and paid for one lot of poles but our second purchase order was for poles only although it would appear that the 'feet' have also been supplied/invoiced. SB explained how this had come about. ST suggested that a full inventory of L&SERSA assets need to be made for insurance purposes.

Action: JC/DA/AS

Once a full inventory of equipment has been made clubs/individuals will be charged £10 per event for the use of our slalom poles and will also be financially responsible for any breakages.

Timing equipment can also be loaned and charges from £50 - £100 were suggested – this will need to be agreed at a later date. It is also essential that anyone using the equipment has adequate insurance cover and the expertise to use the equipment properly.

Our new timing equipment (dual slalom false start diction) needs to be added to our list of assets for insurance purposes.

Action: JC

Race account may have a slight shortfall and this will be subsidized by affiliation fees as necessary.

Action: JC/SW

L&SERSA has recently purchased a number of waxing irons which have been PAT tested for electrical safety. These can be used by members on race days. It was agreed that this facility should be publicised on the website.

Action: AS

John Curtis proposed that for any intended purchases over £100 consent from executive committee should be sought. This may take place at our normal meetings or if appropriate by email. For items under £100 individuals will use their discretion. This was agreed by all present.

5. **BURSARIES**

The current balance in the bursary account is very healthy.

Six applications were considered.

One for a Level 2 Official's course was agreed.

Four for coaches courses of which two were approved and two rejected for various reasons.

Mary Ondrusz applied for financial assistance with the Masters Race Day Event planned for 1st July 2006. The project is quite unique and as such does not fall into any of the current categories that we consider for bursaries. However, the committee recognized the relevance of the event and felt that it would be appropriate to offer our support. We have already advertised the event through various channels, and have agreed to waive the hire costs of slalom pole and/or timing equipment. It was also agreed that if the timing equipment is used it will need to be set up/dismantled by a committee member and therefore would incur expenses.

Letters advising the applicants of our decision will be sent.

Action: JC/ST/GS/SW

Discussions around what constitutes 'giving back to the region,' which is the final criteria for bursaries as published on our website, took place. Whilst this is difficult to stipulate and will vary depending on circumstances it was felt that we need to carefully monitor this situation. All

present agreed to trial Bridget Owen's form for bursary applications. Since the meeting BO has revamped her original draft form and this has been circulated to members for comments.

6. REGIONAL SQUAD SELECTION

The closing date for the Regional Squad Selection is 30th June 2006 and Sally Bartlett together with Sally Woods having been working hard to select a L&SERSA squad. They circulated lists to those members present highlighting potential racers. These initial lists showed the number of males/females below 100/90 seed points respectively. They will need to further reduce these lists and aim to select a maximum of 40 racers. From these 3 teams, each team consisting of 7 racers of which two are to be of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team members, will be chosen to compete in the Inter-Regional Team Championships on Sunday, 9th July 2006.

7. TRI REGIONAL

The Tri-Regional will be held at Brentwood Ski Centre on 30th September 2006. The £800 costs will be split between the region as follows:

Two Fifths LSERSA and ERSA and One Fifth SRSA

We hope to use ERSA's dual timing equipment which adds 6 seconds when a team is disqualified as opposed to our own which simply disqualifies the team. ST/JC to ask officially if ERSA will provide the timing equipment.

Action: ST/JC

This year each team will race once on the red and once on the blue.

The focus of the day is 'FUN' it is not an elitist race and all are welcome. L&SERSA aim to enter 56 racers i.e. 8 teams of 7 (two members of each team must be of the opposite gender to the remainder of the team members). This event is to be published on our website.

Action: AS

Sally Bartlett has agreed to get a quote for T shirts – it was agreed to use the same design as last year. Initially she will get a range of quotes i.e. 50 T shirts, 75 T shirts and 100 T shirts. Again we need to gauge interest and approximate sizes this is hoped to be done via the website.

Action: SB/AS

The cup for the winning teams needs to be tracked down.

Action: ST

SW to get a quote for medals – 3 sets of 7. Those present felt the medals in a display box, similar to those given out at RAKS(s) would be better than those on a ribbon. GS to get an alternative quote.

Action: SW/GS

8. DUAL TIMING EQUIPMENT

There were problems with the dual timing equipment on Sunday but as yet AS hasn't had a chance to investigate. The cable used was not exactly as specified but as it seemed to work fine on one of the courses it is felt that it is unlikely to be the problem. AS to investigate and discuss with manufacturers before Brentwood.

Action: AS

Sponsors of the dual timing equipment include:

The battery was supplied by Andy Jesse

Bags for kit supplied by Atomic

Mr. Freeze is willing to sponsor another cable if it is deemed necessary.

Many thanks, to all the above for their support.

More people are needed to help set up/clear the timing equipment. ST suggested using a sledge to carry the equipment up the slope which will help but will not eradicate the need for additional people. ST to locate sledge. GS volunteered Royd Southall to help with equipment.

Action: ST/GS

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that L&SERSA use seed points to determine start order. AS thinks this is possible but there will be some issues with initially entering the points on the relevant programme/system. AS to investigate further.

Action: AS

SB advised that Ski Bartlett are going to offer discount to members of the Regional Squad. Full details of this will be sent to GS.

Action: SB

ST stressed the importance of all clubs recognising the significance of being a part of the Regional Squad. This needs to be publicized as widely as possible.

Action: All

SB advised that training days for Regional Squad will possibly be during the evenings rather than at weekends which is proving problematic with such a busy race calendar.

Several queries were raised over the Aldershot race including radio contact between the top and bottom of the slope, protests and club team selections. With regards to radios it was felt that this was a problem isolated to Aldershot and that future races would not produce the same issues. ST advised that L&SERSA recommends that younger and less experienced racers are not chosen for club teams but instead put into scratch teams which they would probably find more enjoyable. ST also clarified for those present that any protests for the Club Team Dual Slalom event should be made by the team manager who should be a responsible adult.

A discussion around organising a coaches' forum in the L&SERSA region was held and SB agreed to move this forward.

Action: SB

Many thanks to Bromley Ski Centre for allowing us to use their facilities at such short notice.