



London & South - East Regional Snowsports Association

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting held on 11th October 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	Dave Askew
Nigel Brain	

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

Sally Bartlett	Marc Telling
Dave Fetherston	Andy Proudlove

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES 20th June 2006**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 20th June 2006**

Point 4. Monies owing to Future-3 for t-shirts are still outstanding. Unfortunately, without an invoice trail it is proving difficult to challenge the cost of the t-shirts and therefore it was agreed that the amount should be paid in full. They have also provided us with some promotional t-shirts which are currently with Steve Moss. It was suggested that in future a number of quotes, preferably 3 (time permitting) are obtained prior to ordering and that settlement can only be made with the relevant invoice.

Slalom poles – our second order was for poles only but they came with feet. It was agreed that we are getting through the feet which have a limited lifespan and therefore we should settle this outstanding invoice. Bridget Owen asked if the wear and tear element of replacing poles is costed into our hire charge or whether this was a nominal fee and a benefit of clubs belonging to the region. It is confirmed that hire fee does not currently cover the cost of replacement poles/feet.

John Curtis has contacted everyone in order to make a full inventory but is awaiting a number of replies. Can everyone with L&SERSA equipment please contact JC as soon as possible to allow him to finish this piece of work.

Action: All

Point 5) Bursaries:

Colin Porter is booked on a Level 2 Official's course

Oliver Robinson has completed his APC 1

Jim Gibb is retaking part of his APC 1

Master's Race – went extremely well and we received and published the feedback from the event to our members. There is now talk of holding a similar event in the future.

4. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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

Sally Woods requested a new photocopier as hers is problematic when printing in colour. She has sourced a similar model which is £150 + VAT. One of the advantages of this model is that it uses the same cartridges as the old model of which SW has stock. This purchase was agreed by those present at the meeting.

5. **INTER REGIONAL RACES/TRI REGIONAL**

Inter Regional – There was still some confusion over the selection criteria for this event and Sandy Telling reiterated the criteria agreed at our meeting of 20th June 2006. It was generally agreed that with clear criteria the job of selecting representatives/teams could be re-distributed; thus alleviating some of the pressure from Sally Bartlett next year. The suggestion of making an earlier selection and inviting racers via a letter was favourably met. However, we would need to enforce the deadline for responses in order for alternative racers to be approached if someone was unable, or did not confirm their intention, to attend. ST to discuss the committee's decisions with SB.

Action: ST/SB

Tri-Regional Race – The selection criteria was discussed and it was agreed that we should use the L&SERSA seed points to identify possible candidates and then send letters to those selected; again asking for confirmation. The need to enforce deadlines for replies was again discussed and it was acknowledged that this was essential element of making this a viable process. By having a simple and clear selection process the task could be distributed more fairly amongst committee members instead of depending on one or two key members.

A suggestion of making the teams smaller was proposed and Sandy Telling will carry this proposal forward to the other regions. There was also the issue over why teams with the lowest seeds points raced against those with the highest seed points, making it an unfair race; also why teams from the same region raced each other. Again this will be discussed with ERSAs and SRSA. The possibility of having two leagues one for the top teams and one for the other teams was also raised. **Action: ST**

The reasoning behind not having the preliminaries before lunch followed by the knock-out or finals after the break was to encourage all racers to stay until the end of the racing/prize giving, which on the whole seemed very successful.

The idea of have a lucky dip prize giving to encourage all racers to stay at Regional races was also discussed and will be considered for the next session.

Action: SW

6. REVIEW OF SUMMER RACE SERIES FOR 2006

Alan Sandell started by saying this had been a very successful season and that whilst the retention rate for some dual slalom events were low, for example Brentwood where only around half the racers stayed for the event, he still felt that this year's format of the day and the races was possibly the best we had used.

Other options were discussed but it was agreed to leave the format, of both the individual runs and dual slalom event, unchanged for next season.

There is a general concern that disqualifications indicated by the officials are not always successfully communicated to the race hut. Whilst we want to avoid gate judges having to record disqualifications we are keen to find a suitable solution before the beginning of the next series. The race committee are to take this forward.

Action: Race Committee

Traffic Lights –There are ongoing problems with the system and whilst Alan remains in consultation with the suppliers he is concerned that there may be fundamental problems with its design making it a non-viable product. It was suggested that we should invite the supplier to see the system in action, to help them get a fuller understanding of the problem.

Action: AS

Club Nationals – venue options for next year's Club Nationals within the Region are currently being discussed. Possibilities include: Bromley and High Wycombe (held at Welwyn Garden City)

Action: ST

7. REGIONALISATION

Having circulated the Regionalisation Proposal to committee members prior to the meeting Sandy Telling took the lead in this discussion stressing the importance of getting the collective views of our members. Gwenderlyne Southall is to circulate another email to emphasise this and all committee members were tasked with using their individual contacts to establish the views of our Region.

Action: ALL

There were some concerns over which clubs would be in which area, and the final number of clubs in each area if the regionalisation goes ahead. However, whilst there are undoubtedly issues which need to be resolved the benefits of aligning our regions to that of Sport England were recognised. In addition to easier access to their funding, other possible benefits include the introduction and sustainability of new disciplines, a large pool of Top Quality Coaches / Course Setters / Officials, a pooling of resources and the opportunity to recruit new people into the sport.

This type of initiative will mean that Snowsport England can demonstrate our progress at regional level, which is may help us to attract additional funding/sponsorship.

8. MODERNISATION

From the limited responses Sandy Telling has received in connection with the current proposal he will be recommending on behalf of our region that Snowsport England DO NOT support this proposal.

He will also suggest that they consider very carefully many of the points raised within the proposal and find ways to implement these in close consultation with the other governing bodies and interested parties.

9. **DATA PROTECTION**

The result of one of our sponsors asking us to provide them with the contact details of our members has highlighted the lack of a data protection policy. In the short term it has been agreed that the sponsor provides the committee with the information which we will then disseminate to our members via club representatives etc.

In the long term, suggestions on collecting permission from members when they affiliate or enter a Regional Race both seemed viable options, however this needs further exploration and should be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting after the AGM.

Action: All/GS agenda

10. BARA – prior to the meeting Sandy Telling received a request from John O'Neill (BARA) to use/hire our equipment over the winter period. Before a decision can be reached we require more specific information on which items/systems of equipment they require. Steve Moss was tasked with meeting John O'Neill and discussing his requirements before bringing back to the committee.

Action: SM

11. **DATE FOR AGM**

The following date was set for the AGM:

Tuesday 5th December 2006 at Bromley Ski Club 7.30pm onwards.

Post meeting note Sally Woods has booked the venue.

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

Coaching Bursary

We have received 1 application from Joel Wyatt for a Coaching bursary. Joel's application related to financial support for his APC 1 course. The applicant met the required criteria and the committee agreed to meet the cost of the actual course. A letter advising him of the committee's decision will be sent with a cheque to cover the cost of the course.

Action: GS/JC/SW

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