



London & South - East Regional Snowsports Association

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 26TH March 2008 at 7.30
At Bromley Ski Centre

Present:

Sandy Telling – Chairman
Suzanne Nightingale - Secretary
John Curtis - Treasurer
Andy Proudlove
Bridget Owen
Keith Evans

Alan Sandell
Kathryn Harris
Lynda Hickey
Sally Woods
Steve Moss
Dawn Gander

Apologies:

Sally Bartlett
Charlotte Evans
Jules Golbey
Ray Sieber

Siobhan Evans
Vince Chan
Ann Bushnell

Welcome and Introduction

1) Approval of Minutes – 31 July 2007

The minutes were read and agreed to be a true record - proposed by ST and seconded by KE.

Minutes approved by the committee and signed by ST.

2a) Matters Arising

Brought forward from the previous meeting the committee was asked if anyone could liase with Jules Golbey/Ian Edwards i.e. Adaptive Skiing.

Action ST

2b) Note: Kevin Alderton who is a Sight Impaired Speed skier had been looking for a guide skier during the season and with our committees assistance had found one.

3) Finance Update

John Curtis provided a verbal financial report, details have not changed since the AGM. Appendix 1

The committee was informed that remuneration is awaited from one club and one affiliate for equipment hire from the previous season. It was agreed invoices would be sent as this could be an oversight on the clubs part.

Action JC/ST

The committee discussed the proposed changes to the arrangements for equipment hire including the costs. RS pointed out the problems with knowing where the equipment was and it was agreed some sort of documentation would help.

The committee discussed the hire costs and in general it was felt a small deposit and a token payment of £10/item/use was sufficient with the proviso that this could be waived at the executive committee's discretion. One exception was the use of poles where it was felt that broken ones would need to be replaced. RS informed all that the cost of replacing a complete pole unit was about £24.

L&SERSA equipment is available for hire by all 'members' of the region. Where "members" means any organisation or club that affiliates to the region through SSE or is an associate member directly by payment to the region. An inventory of equipment is being kept by RS. If anyone has any equipment in their possession it is important to ensure that RS and KE are informed by e-mail.

Action All

4) Equal Opportunities – Volunteer Costs

As discussed at the previous meeting BO produced a draft expenses policy. The policy detail was discussed further by the committee and a majority agreed that some expenses should be able to be claimed by committee members. All claims would be sent to the treasurer for approval, along with the required receipts. The policy will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

5) Summer Race Series Update

The committee agreed that the format for the summer races would remain the same for 2008. Skiers will do all 3 runs in the same order. There will be two club teams per club with all other skiers taking part in scratch teams. For more details see race format document – Appendix 2 – L&SERSA RACE FORMAT 2008.

A risk assessment is to be completed by Chief of Race (KE) before each event. Keith to give feed back on improvements to form.

Action KE

All race date changes are now on the calendar and available on the L&SERSA website. The Tri Regional being organised by ERSA is now taking place on 21 September 2008 at Bromley. Keeping the same format has been agreed. We will need to select athletes to represent L&SERSA.

Action AP

6) Snowboarding/Freestyle Update

An event has been provisionally booked for 16 August 2008. VC has had discussions with the management regarding the cost of hiring the slope for the day. KH has liased with VC who has said he will arrange a DJ. It is proposed to ask for a £15.00 entry fee to cover the cost of slope hire. The event will be advertised and VC and KH are currently looking for more sponsors. KH asked about the possibility of borrowing some bibs for competitors, they will also need a PA system. As yet the freestyle skiers are not part of an affiliated club, KH is setting up a club, the committee suggested a regional club and has offered to help with advice.

Action ST/KH

It was suggested that Freestyle skiers perform a demo at one of the slalom events. It was agreed that the race on 29 June 2008 at Welwyn would be a suitable venue.

Action KH

7) Nordic Update

The Nordic summer calendar supplied by LRNSC was distributed to those interested.

8) Squad Selection

The draft squad selection policy was agreed. AP proposed to raise the seed point criteria for entry to 200, last years limit was 100. This would make the squad large but it was felt it would benefit the racers. It would also be of benefit if older members of the squad were unable to take part due to other commitments.

AP also suggested running a Training camp in August 2008; he will make enquiries on slope availability.

Action AP

9) Awards

It was agreed that the criteria for L&SERSA bursaries would stay the same as 2007. It would appear no further APC or ASPC coaching courses are being run by Snowsport England at the present.

For further information about courses members should go to the SSE website.

http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/courses_calendar_2008-106.html

Athletes might apply for additional funding through SportAid. In the past members of the Regional Squad have received up to £250.00 and members of the National Squad £500.00. Also local councils can be approached as they may have sports funding available.

10) Child Welfare Update

BO is updating the list of people within the region who have had a SSE CRB check. The importance of the self-declaration forms being filled in by new race officials was emphasised. If new officials wish to have a CRC check they should speak to BO or LH. All SSE registered officials must have a current CRB, the cost of this is met by Snowsport England. Members of the regional committee are not required to have CRB's. All self-declaration forms need to be up dated yearly, CRB's are to be renewed every 3 years. This should mean that there is a significant reduction in the paperwork.

Action BO/LH

Note: There is web-based training on Child Protection, BO will email this link through to anyone who has not had a chance to see it. Additional information from SSE including a 'Best Practice Guidelines for Parents' was passed around the committee.

11) Sponsors

L&SERSA has new sponsors for 2008 - Travel Plan Ski Holidays, they have requested a sponsorship agreement and have also said they would like to supply a perpetual trophy. ST will discuss the cost of this with SW. The company have partners who may also be willing to offer some prizes. Ski Bartlett has also agreed to continue their sponsorship with prizes for raffles and end of season prizes. It is hoped that Snow & Rock will soon confirm sponsorship for the "Superstars" Fitness Competition.

Action ST

Note: KIA is sponsoring the Bromley Club National for the second year and may be open to suggestions to include other regional/national events or the proposed Freestyle event.

12) Sport Development

DG has been developing some ideas and has approached some Secondary Schools and suggested setting up school teams. ST advised identifying parents who have children who ski and offering taster sessions.

DG is going to contact the local Sport Development Officer at the local council.

Action DG

13) Newsletter

The committee agreed to contact GB about the newsletter before investigating other possibilities with Sam Wrench et al

Action ST

A draft copy of the booklet explaining about ski racing in the UK was passed around the committee. Entitled 'A Guide to Alpine Ski Racing' ST asked for comments and suggestions for printing or putting on the website. Email ST for a copy or with any suggestions.

Action All

14) Environmental Policy

The idea of this policy was raised by ST. With more and more environmental issues taking centre stage ST felt that this was a subject that the committee should address in the near future. Due to the extensive agenda covered at the meeting it was decided to postpone the discussion on this issue until a later date.

Action All

Any Other Business

Membership

The importance of membership was stressed at the meeting. Governing bodies insurance covers each person who is member of a club affiliated to Snowsport England. This is of particular importance to officials and volunteers who cannot rely on the slope having an appropriate level of cover in the event of an incident involving Public Liability. All members of the L&SERSA committee are covered by Snowsport England's insurance in the event that they may need use of it. Membership also entitles club members to access other benefits (as does associate membership). This also applies to affiliation to the Region since then members can take advantage of any benefits provided by them such as our bursary scheme and the regional sponsors.

Many thanks to Bromley Ski Centre for providing the use of their facilities, and to Sally Woods for arranging the refreshments for the evening.

Meeting concluded at 23.15pm