



London & South – East Regional Snowsports Association

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 20TH November 2008 at Bromley Ski Centre

1. PRESENT :

Sandy Telling (Chairman)	John Curtis (Treasurer)
Suzanne Nightingale (Secretary)	Steve Moss (Vice Chair)
Alan Sandell	Sally Woods
Kathryn Harris	Keith Evans
Andy Proudlove	Brian Davies
Linda Hickey	Ann Bushnell
Jules Golbey	Vince Chan
Gwenderlyne Southall	

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from:

Nigel Brain	Royd Southall
Ray Sieber	Siobhan Evans
Charlotte Evans	

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM - November 2007

Proposed by Sandy Telling and seconded by Keith Evans to accept these as a true record of the meeting - accepted unanimously, and signed by Chairman. No matters arising from the minutes of the last AGM other than ongoing agenda items.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (see appendix 1)

As the region goes from strength to strength and diversifies it becomes harder each year to summaries all of its successes. In recognition of this Sandy Telling started by apologising for any key aspects that he may have missed in his end of year report.

He started by recalling the events of another successful Summer Race Series and thanked the committee members, sponsors, volunteers and of course the racers who all help to make these events possible. This year the Brentwood race was attended by Chemmy Alcott and Ed Drake which proved to be hugely successful. Also mentioned

was the success of the Kent Schools Championships, ESSkiA races, Tri-Regional and Inter Regional races. For the first time the region held a snowboarding/freestyle event which was run by Vince and Kathryn and proved to be very popular. The LSERSA committee continues to have a representative from Nordic skiing allowing us to report relevant events through our website.

The website itself is informative, full of vital up-to-date information and continues to be one of the main ways we communicate information to our members. However, in addition to this we have benefited over the last year from press officers who have contacted local papers and radio stations to further raise the profile of skiing and in particular the LSERSA region.

All of the above, and more, can be read in full – please see [Appendix 1](#).

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT** (Treasurer's report, financial balance sheet and full accounts are available on request)

The Treasurer, John Curtis, circulated his annual report and the financial accounts. Whilst there were still some debtors there remains a healthy balance although he pointed out that this was in fact lower than the previous year's. This was attributed to capital expenditure and also a reduction in profit of the summer race series due to reduced attendance. Despite the slight decrease in funds it was agreed that we should continue to look at investing in capital projects to further develop our region.

6. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE** (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE)

NAME	POSITION	NOMINATED	SECONDED
Sandy Telling	Chairman (E)	Wycombe	Folkestone
Sandy Telling	1 st Regional Rep at SSE Council	Wycombe	Brentwood
Steve Moss	Vice Chair (E)	BGR	Chatham
Position Vacant	2nd Regional Rep at SSE Council		
Gwenderlyne Southall	Regional Secretary (E)	Folkestone	Bromley
John Curtis	Regional Treasurer (E)	Brentwood	Bromley
Alan Sandell	Chair of Race Committee (E), Chief of Calcs, Webmaster	Wycombe	Folkestone
Lynda Hickey	LSERSA Children Protection Officer (E)	Bromley	Wycombe
Ann Bushnell	Publicity & Press Officer (E)	Wycombe	Medway
Keith Evans	Race Manager (E); Chief of Race	Chatham	Brentwood
Marc Telling	Coaching Co-Ordinator (E)	Ambition	BGR
Sally Woods	Race Secretary	Medway	Bromley
Siobhan Evans	Assistant Race Secretary	Chatham	Bromley
Nigel Brain	Marketing/Sponsorship	Bromley	Brentwood
Sally Bartlett	Regional Coach	Wycombe	BGR
Andy Proudlove	Assistant Regional Coach	Bromley	Chatham
James Gambrill	Newsletter	Wycombe	Folkestone
Royd Southall	Equipment Officer	Folkestone	Bromley
Ray Sieber	Assistant Equipment Officer	Ambition	Folkestone
Vince Chan	Snowboarding Representative	Bromley	Wycombe
Greg Bell	Nordic Representative	LNRSC	Wycombe
Jules Golbey	SSCD/Adaptive Skiing Representative	SSCD	Medway
Charlotte Evans	Athlete's Representative	Chatham	Brentwood
Kathryn Harris	Freestyle Representative	Bromley Freestyle Club	Bromley
Suzanne Nightingale	Sports Development Officer	Bromley	Chatham

7. CONSTITUTION CHANGES

Section 11 - Finance – Move financial year by 1 month to allow more time for checking records and auditing. Change financial year to 1st November to 31st October as per last year's AGM minutes. Auditing will be carried out by an independent person – appointed by LSERSA committee or SSE.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Finance: John Curtis – to address the reduction of income from the Summer Race Series several options were discussed. The possibility of removing the block booking discount was debated but eventually rejected by a majority vote. The entry fees were also discussed and it was agreed to carry this forward to the first Regional Committee Meeting. Several members pointed out that there had been more expenditure on equipment this year as well as getting new centres for the medals.

b) Race Format: Keith Evans – Several people have mentioned to him the possibility of changing the race format of the summer series. This was discussed and it was proposed that we maintain the individual 3 runs and then have head to head races whilst the dual slalom teams are being calculated. The suggestion was that these will be raced in blocks of four. This will be discussed at the first Regional Committee Meeting.

c) Selection: Keith also mentioned about the Inter-Regional Race selection criteria and stressed the importance of publishing and adhering to set criteria – this will also be carried forward to the first Regional Committee Meeting.

d) Equipment: Gwenderlyne Southall – on behalf of Royd Southall requested that the Region purchases another 12 bases (for the slalom race poles) as the ones we currently have are showing significant wear and tear. Sandy may be able to acquire some second-hand bases which may be suitable but if not it was agreed that these would need to be purchased prior to the new race series. To be discussed further at the first Regional Committee Meeting.

e) Courses: Linda Hickey – mentioned that Bromley are hoping to run a level 1 official course which other clubs may like to promote or send someone to.

f) Freestyle: Kathryn Harris – The Bromley freestyle club's idea of having a 'Squad Team' is progressing and they intend to use similar selection criteria to that used at County Level for other sports.

Trevor Harris has offered to help sort out a TV/Video system for the LSERSA summer races.

g) Events: Vince Chan – Proposed another snowboarding/freestyle event for the region. He also mentioned the possibility of financial support to other clubs in the region where the equipment/facilities for freestyle training is relatively limited. This will be discussed at the first Regional Committee Meeting.

h) Publicity/Sponsors: Ann Bushnell – Suggested that we consider holding a Sponsor's Evening to try and attract future sponsors. It was agreed a working party including Ann, Nigel Brain and others should take this forward. She also mentioned that whilst able to promote the events throughout the season through radio and press, living outside of the area she was not in a position to find out whether or not the articles/write ups made it into the local newspapers etc and therefore asked for people to forward any press coverage so that she could gauge the impact of her efforts.

i) Coaching: Andy Proudlove – mentioned the Tri-Regional race and the fact that there was a report on the LSERSA website. He also mentioned the possibility of LSERSA organizing/running a coaching conference which he felt would develop the region's coaches and ultimately the racers. The first thing would be to identify all the coaches and their contact details.

j) Adaptive: Jules Golbey – mentioned that whilst the SSCD [Southern Ski Club for the Disabled] had been pushing for charity status this was currently outstanding due to a recent change which meant that all forms would need to be resubmitted. The club has approximately 100 members and continues to grow.

Sandy Telling – Gave a final thank you to all the committee members for all their hard work throughout the year and for making the 2008 race season a success. He wished those members who have left the committee good luck and hoped we would still see them at forthcoming events throughout 2009.

Many thanks to Bromley Ski Centre, for allowing us to use their facilities, and to Sally Woods for arranging the refreshments for this evening.

Meeting concluded at 9.30pm