



London & South – East Regional Snowsports Association

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 5th August 2009, 7.30
at Bromley Ski Centre

Present:

Sandy Telling – Chairman
Lynda Hickey
Keith Evans
Andy Proudlove

Gwenderlyne Southall - Secretary
Marc Telling
Suzanne Nightingale

1) Apologies:

Steve Moss
Sally Woods

Alan Sandell

2) Purpose of meeting to consider various bursary applications received

Webmaster's note: These notes are abbreviated to remove names and amounts – fuller notes containing all the detail of the applications are available on request.

GS outlined the various applications:

We have one application from for two BASI courses – Alpine Development Coach Level 1 and Level 2 – the applicant has now completed these courses, but hadn't when the application was submitted.

We have an additional 5 forms already for the SSE Level 2 Performance Coach Course in September. It is known that there will be others for this course. There are also two others who would like to do the course but aren't available on those dates so are hoping alternative dates can be found – therefore there are no forms from them as yet.

2a) We started by ST looking at our accounts – we currently have a reasonable amount in the bursary account. There are sufficient funds to allow movement between accounts if it is deemed necessary.

2b) Next we looked at the claim for the BASI courses – addressing the various questions/comments that had previously been raised. The outcome is as below – this was emailed to the whole committee on 6th August.

There were several suggestions as to the amount to be granted. It was agreed that we would follow our guide lines and go to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the course itself.

Need more coaches x 2 Everyone agreed

Should we only fund 1 course rather than both? X 2 It was felt that we should only support the first course as our criteria was set to cover one course at a time – also because the first course allows the applicant to instruct on plastic and so is relevant to the region.

General concerns over the amount of funding and monies available in the bursary account We looked at the accounts and agreed that we could move money across if necessary. There were concerns that we would see a huge wave of additional applications but we agreed to wait and see, if necessary we could amend our criteria in the future.

Queried that we would supporting a BASI qualification which is aimed at snow – we have always supported courses aimed at plastic as this is of more benefit to the region x 2 On the whole we tend not to support BASI qualifications but due to the applicant's commitment to the region and

the low number of coaches/instructors it was agreed to support the first course again because this entitles the applicant to instruct/coach on plastic.

It was finally agreed by all present that we would pay 50% of the Alpine Level 1 Course – reasons: This qualification allows you to teach on a dry slope environment, we want more coaches, the applicant meets our criteria and is not only an Alpine Racer but also a freestyler.

2c) Next we looked at what had started as a group claim (made by Andy Proudlove), since then individual claims have been received and these are being considered.

Before looking at individual claims we discussed that everyone had now pulled out of the original BASI course which would mean a lot of the questions would be irrelevant. All were now interested in doing the SSE Level 2 Performance Coach Course. We have received several enquiries as to whether 16+ could assess this course as the literature says 18. We received confirmation from Tim Fawke (CEO SSE) today saying that:

Younger athletes can attend the course and they will need to be 16+. They will be sent a clear letter explaining that they are not allowed to work with this until they are 18.

I will be informing Jenny of this tomorrow so she will start accepting booking from younger members.

Further questions which need answering are:

If young adults ie 16+ access the course when will they need to renew? We believe it is every 3 years although it will only be a refresher course which is shorter and cheaper – ultimately this is up to individuals applying.

How long can they take to do the relevant logged hours – i.e. could younger members spread these over 2 years so that they completed when they were 18? GS has emailed TF about this – 6/08/09

Does this course qualify them to coach unassisted, the majority of the people present thought it did but as there was some doubt GS has emailed TF about this – 6/08/09

Because this course includes course setting ST raised whether or not this gave them Level C Course Setter status? GS has emailed TF about this 6/08/09

Next we went through the various questions raised prior to the meeting - The outcome is as below – this was emailed to the whole committee on 6th August.

Andy's group request:

*In principal yes but – course doesn't cover basics (seen as a bit of a short cut). Are people on the list already club instructors – if not should they be? Can we check this. **No Longer relevant as no-one is currently doing this course.***

*Concerns over what they can do with this qualification if they don't have others ie club instructor + experience? Some feel that slopes/clubs wouldn't be happy with allowing someone to take responsibility of a group after a three day course. Further to this I should add that minors should not be legally responsible for other groups of minors therefore they may need to shadow or co-coach until they are eighteen unless they are teaching adults – this is something that Folkestone has queried directly with SSE to do with their own club not this course. **Again no-longer relevant. However, apparently this course would have only allowed them to assist rather than actually take a group. Andy Proudlove also highlighted that regardless of what the qualification allowed them to do this would of course be dependent on individual slopes and their practices.***

Concerns over whether or not all these people want to coach within the region – or is it just because Andy has offered to put in a group bursary – how many will attend without financial support. Seeing as most have or are booking on the course regardless of knowing whether or not they will get a bursary does seem to suggest that they would go ahead. It was felt that most would or at least could coach within the region after they were 18 and that younger members could co-coach or shadow.

We should establish where they are hoping to coach, 1 is known to be at Uni outside of the region. There are in fact two people that we know about who are off to University however, both are within the Region and are planning to hold training sessions again within the Regional – probably at Bromley.

Doubts over some racers going on the course? More details may be available at the meeting as I am following up separately. No details given but it was felt that everyone on the list meet the relevant criteria.

Query over accommodation costs – GS responded to this separately (now resolved).

Age of those attending. Two are currently 19, one is 18 and the majority will be 18 within approximately 6 months of the course (which allows them to get the necessary logged hours before turning 18). Only one is currently just 16.

Queried that we would be supporting a BASI qualification which is aimed at snow – we have always supported courses aimed at plastic as this is of more benefit to the region x 2. No longer relevant as all are now doing the SSE performance coach course.

Several people asked if this was the most appropriate course – doesn't include course setting, clarification needed over development coach and performance coach. The new course does include course setting etc.

Should have individual forms (our guidance criteria must then be applied to each case individually) there is possibly the case for people to get varying amounts. I have now received individual bursary forms and as of this morning I currently only 1 outstanding form.

Applicants must be informed that there will be a monitor form which may affect future funding from the region. I will put this in their letter and it was also asked that I add something to highlight that we reserve the right to reclaim any bursary awarded if they are unable to provide evidence of how it has benefited the region.

Whilst we recognise that we might be opening the flood gates to lots of further applications the committee felt that we would like to support the various athletes as best we could. We did discuss giving priority to those whose first name club is within the LSERSA region, or those who are 17+. We looked at the various ages and the majority will either be 18 by the time they complete their logged hours or will be within a few months of reaching 18. However, despite the various discussions everyone present finally agreed that we would support each of the claims by giving 50% of the cost of the course – this includes the outstanding forms we have been informed of. However, the course in question is already quite full but SSE may be able to add another coach to allow more numbers or may be able to arrange another course if there is demand. Any offer of money must have a time period attached if they do not get on the September course.

There was a lot of debate about whether all applicants met the relevant entrance criteria for the course and whilst we believe they do ultimately this is again the responsibility of individual applicants.

We also discussed the Kent Trust for Youth Sports and it was agreed that this information would be circulated to all applicants. ST has already approached TF for a supporting letter and he has agreed, although GS will collate and send him a final list.

Post meeting note:

Draft letters sent from GS to ST for approval 06/08/09.

Meeting concluded at 20.20pm