



# London & South – East Regional Snowsports Association

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Bromley Ski Centre

### 1. PRESENT:

Sandy Telling (Chairman)  
Brian Davies  
Jules Golbey  
John Lewington  
Gwenderlyne Southall  
Sue Vale

John Curtis  
Keith Evans  
Lynda Hickey  
Andy Proudlove  
Alan Sandell

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from:

Sally Bartlett  
Vince Chan  
Kathryn Harris  
Royd Southall

Nigel Brain  
Emily Evans  
Dafina Keys  
Marc Telling

### 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM – November 2009

The committee accepted the minutes as a true record of the meeting –and these were signed by the Chairman. There were no outstanding items.

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

JC distributed copies of the Financial Report and had copies of the full account available for inspection. The region had total funds of just over £7,000 which was £800 down on last year. The summer league series was more profitable despite lower race entry fees. The healthy balance sheet is largely due to sponsorship from Aosta Valley, SSE and Ski Bound.

There is £3,000 in the race account and further funds as debtors. Creditors for this year need to still be paid which will leave sufficient funds for start up costs for 2011 season.

The region was able to contribute towards a variety of coaching and training bursaries this year with the help of matched funding from SSE.

### 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Full copy available on the website)

ST distributed copies of the report. It indicated that SSE felt that our region was one of the better organised and more forward thinking. The past 12 months have seen a new governing body which is still to show better communication and support for all athletes.

Updates on all disciplines were given and ST thanked all members who had helped throughout the year, with special thanks to individuals who had worked hard to increase sponsorship and had participated in the first Surrey Schools Race. Special thanks also to GS who has worked on the Development Plan and bringing skiing to a new cohort through external funding.

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

NAME	POSITION	NOMINATED	SECONDED
Sandy Telling	Chairman (E) 1 <sup>st</sup> Regional Rep at SSE Council	Folkestone	Bromley
Gwenderlyne Southall	Vice Chair (E) 2 <sup>nd</sup> regional Rep at SSE Council	Brentwood	Bromley
Sue Vale	Regional Secretary (E)	Folkstone	Chatham
John Curtis	Regional Treasurer (E)	Brentwood	Bromley
Keith Evans	Chair of Race Committee (E) Chief of Race	Chatham	SSCD
Position Vacant	Regional Child Welfare Officer (E)	Bromley	Wycombe
Dafina Keys	Publicity & Press Officer (E)	Wycombe	Bromley
Marc Telling	Coaching Co-Ordinator (E)	Wycombe	Bromley
Alan Sandell	Chief of Calcs – Timing Webmaster	Wycombe	Folkestone
John Lewington	Assistant Chief of Calcs – Timing	Bromley	Brentwood
Sally Woods	Race Secretary	Chatham	Aldershot
Position Vacant	Assistant Race Secretary		
Nigel Brain	Marketing/Sponsorship	Bromley	Folkestone
Sally Bartlett	Regional Coach	Wycombe	Bromley
Andy Proudlove	Assistant Regional Coach Sports Development Officer (Kent)	Bromley	Brentwood
Position Vacant	Equipment Officer		
Ray Seiber	Assistant Equipment Officer	Sandown Park	Wycombe
Vince Chan	Snowboarding Representative	Bromley	Folkestone
Paddy Field	Nordic Representative	LRNSC	Wycombe
Jules Golbey	SSCD/Adaptive Skiing Representative	SSCD	Wycombe
Emily Evans	Athlete's Representative	Chatham	Folkestone
Kathryn Harris	Freestyle Representative	Bromley	Brentwood
Christine Macaulay	Sports Development Officer (Surrey)	Surbiton	Wycombe

7. **Bursaries**

SSE gave match funding for bursaries of £1500. The region were more generous this year due to the funding and a selection of courses were supported. TF (SSE) has now advised that they will not fund BASI courses and we need to look at our bursary structure and criteria again based on this. SV to circulate details of bursaries funded to Exec Committee – **Action SV**. SSE to be asked for a full list of courses which they will fund – **Action SV to draft letter**.

## 8. Discipline Update

Freestyle – report was sent by KH. 32 members now. Investigating a music licence as the slope will not allow them to play music at events or on Tuesday nights. They have a new website which is about to go live – **Action: KH to send link to AS for putting on region website.** 5 skiers are attending a training session in Holland. 2 members have received FANS funding in Kent and attended a presentation with Dame Kelly Holmes.

Uphill – There is an Uphill ski challenge in January. Sports Unlimited have given £3000 funding with both SSE and LSERSA funding £144 each.

Alpine – GS is working with 144 PEX students at Folkestone slope – funding received - with a view to retaining 96 skiers. Folkestone slope are helping with 2 extra sessions. This is being run along side Skiing for Schools and LSERSA is listed as a Co-sponsor. Folkestone Ski Academy is being set up with 8 week courses being run.

Skier X – 6 new athletes have joined the team. Dani Freeze is sponsored by Leki. **Action: AP to contact Peter Whelan** (does not have contact details) – might help at events.

## 9. Website

The new design is much better. Club logos need to be sorted and added, currently they are all different shapes and sizes, which will rotate in the same way as the sponsors currently do. A Newsfeed has been running from the website but only one person has used this – Bernie Wright - AS this week stopped updating it. Other committee members were not aware of it and it was agreed to leave open at present to see of what value it could be.

## 10. Race Dates

The three regions were going to plan their race dates together (LSERSA, SRSA and ERSA). This did not happen. ERSA and SRSA dates are already planned. AS had list at meeting.

A race will be held at Sandown Park in 2011. Single slalom race only and the slope is only available until 2.00pm. GS is attending an Esskia meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December and will find out the dates of the Esskia races so that the Sandown Park race can be prior to them to catch the many schools and racers which train there – **Action: GS.**

## 11. A.O.B.

- a) CWO. LH has enquired with SSE and there is no requirement to have a CWO in the region. There is a requirement at Club level. LH said she would be available to act as CWO if needed when she attends the LSERSA races. **Action: GS to keep hold of CWO paperwork until position filled.**
- b) Dual Slalom races – BD passed on comments that the afternoon dual slalom races needed to be more compelling. The numbers are dropping of those taking part which causes problems with racers dropping out. Discussion took place about options, e.g. whether club team could be run first, then if spare racers needed the club teams could fill the slots. Discussion took place about seeded knockout races vs league events. It was agreed that names of racers had to be given by end of 2<sup>nd</sup> run and 2 teams to be entered per club. Consideration to be given to whether if the racer does not attend prize giving they lose the right to the medal to encourage racers to stay and participate in dual slalom. SRSA dual slaloms head to heads are well attended as they contribute to the overall points and end of series prizes can be lost due to not attending one dual slalom – LSERSA tried this last year and it was not generally felt beneficial to the day. Seed Point order teams were also discussed. **Action: Race Committee to discuss format.**
- c) Regional Races – cost of race entry was discussed. Last year cost was reduced to try to increase numbers – this year numbers fell despite lower cost. ERSA have agreement with slopes to pay per head – entry fee is £9.00 per race and slope/club receives £6 with £3 going to region.

RAKS entrants generally do not attend regional races. It was discussed whether giving out small flyers with details of race series at RAKS event might help. Need to look at ways to speak with Club Chairs to promote the regional races more and encourage new racers. Ideas for the first race were discussed but decided not to pursue.

- d) Schools Development – There is a need to be clear and concise when dealing with schools. An official letter to be drafted stating they are working on behalf of LSERSA region – **Action: SV to draft.**
- e) Promotional Leaflet – MT had helped DK with this. It is believed they can sell advertising space which will cover the cost of printing and perhaps make a slight profit. DK has looked at sponsorship packages and has attended ski shows to network.

**The meeting concluded at 9.35pm.**

**Thank you to Bromley Ski Centre for allowing us to use their facilities and to Sally Woods for organising the refreshments for this evening**