



London & SouthEast Regional Snowsports Association

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 8.15pm on 6th November 2013 at Bromley Ski Centre

1. **Present:**

Jim Gibbs (Chair)
Dick Greene
Sue Vale
Andy Proudlove
Juliet Trew
Brian Davies
Paul Bunton

Emily Evans
Keith Evans
Jo Moore
John Lewington
John Curtis
Dominic McGonigal
Adrian Bunton

2. **Apologies for absence** received from:

Dom Wakling
Vince Gaskin

Jules Golbey

3. **Approval of Minutes 23 January 2013**

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by JG

4. **Actions from Minutes**

SSE Grant Bid – following submission by AP this was not awarded to LSERSA. AP is looking at attending a course on funding. JC suggested some organisations who completed the applications and took a %.

Timing – new laptop to be purchased as spare kept failing. Teething trouble at start of 1st race not putting teams in but after delay went smoothly.

5. **LSERSA Race Change Format**

Agreement that 2 of 3 runs would be introduced into LSERSA regional races subject to software. **CG to add to bulletin and JL to confirm software capable.**

6. **LSERSA Race Ideas and Squad Selection Criteria**

Races - EE suggested introducing Head to Head races as in Southern races – JL has the software to run this from Peter Calvert so can be introduced. The points system will need to be looked at for this. Thought needs to be given regarding use of stubbies as racers were faster using these so a penalty should be added on the points for selection to Tri regional races. Consideration was also given to use of fun races and GS panels but it was agreed to stick with gates. Suggestion agreed to have music playing throughout the day. **Race Committee to look at Head to Head and points.**

Squad – EE had suggestions for squad selection for LSERSA and the Inter Regional race – racers must race for their 1st named club and this cannot be changed for Tri regional unless agreement by all three regions. Regional Coaches to invite members into training for Squad. Some racers ski differently in team races than regional timed races and this needed to be taken into consideration. Racers that LSERSA wanted to complete should be contacted in plenty of time and asked to participate. Team selection must have race committee approval which currently happens. It is important to have a selection criteria that is transparent for all racers and families and it was agreed that the coaches were happy to be directed to anyone not happy with the selection made by themselves. Having the traffic light system we have working would be of benefit so training could place on this – Andrew Atkinson has volunteered to get his technicians to look at this as it appears to be a software issue. Squad training sessions to be held after selection with traffic light system

as well as sometimes the Tri Region race is the first time racers get to experience this. **EE to rewrite Squad Selection criteria for agreement by Race Committee**

7. SSE Race Format Proposals

AP and BD both attended a recent meeting on proposed changes that Lloyd Jenkins was introducing following the consultation survey. There will be a new club national race - Excel Race - and one can be run per region. Minimum entry is 40 seed points, 75 competitors 25 female and 50 male. Minimum penalty will be 40 and the result will be best of 3 runs. Committee felt that due to the slope hire cost there would not be a slope where you would be able to do it within budget. GBR races to have seed cut of 300 and not current 250. U10/U12 to continue on stubbies. Calendar dates to broaden for summer races from March to November to fit in all the races. CN/GBR races to be held on same weekend. In our region only one CN was held in Welwyn. SSE looking at changing homologation of smaller slopes e.g. Aldershot. SSE looking at amalgamating the LSERSA guide into the Ski Guide.

It was felt that racing was now snow driven and it was asked why not more of our regional racers competed in snow races it was felt it was too expensive.

8. A.O.B.

EE - Races

Suggested night race in winter with prizes – agreed. SRSA run their winter series details on their website. **EE to look into**

Suggested final race was a double point race – not agreed.

KE – Tri Regional

The Tri Region race went well but the equipment was returned damaged. On the PA system the cables appeared to have been ripped off rather than fed through the matting. **AB said he would solder the ends and shrink wrap them. BD to speak with SRSA to check. JC said that all damage or broken poles should be paid for by the three regions. KE to check with Brian and Bernie**

SV – Letter

SV read out a letter from a parent following the Tri Regional race complaining that adults were racing when young children did not have a place and one was in tears. It was discussed and agreed that the parents of the children not racing had been informed that they would be reserves and that as the selection criteria had been followed that the adults should not step down in place of children.

AP – Treasurer

AP had spoken to Christine Proudlove who is willing to stand as regional Treasurer. As AGM has taken place Christine would have to be voted in during an EGM meeting to be called in the 1st quarter of the New Year. **SV to organise EGM before end of March.**

KE – Regional Training

Regional training at Bromley on Wednesdays has now taken place for some years and all the coaches have done this voluntarily. The committee were asked whether they could make payments to the coaches as petrol expenses were incurred. It was agreed that SV would look at the costs incurred throughout the year by those officials attending where they had no children racing and the region would be able to use these costs to pay the coaches. **SV to look at costs.**

**Meeting concluded at approx 9.30pm
Thank you to Bromley Ski Centre for allowing us to use their facilities
and to Mags for the catering**