



London & South - East Regional Ski Association

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM Held on 23 November 2005 at Bromley Ski Centre

PRESENT:

Sandy Telling (Chairman)	John Curtis (Treasurer)
Sally Woods	Alan Sandell
Shirley Telling	Bridget Owen
Steve Moss	Tracie Gibb
Gwenderlyne Southall	David Fetherston
Nigel Brain	Andy Proudlove
Dave Askew	Brian Davies
Peter Stevens	Jim Gibb
Neil McQuoid	

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from:

Sally Bartlett	Martin Bates
Niki Thomas Jackson	Jenny Sims
Tonia Skoczek	Alan Eason
Marc Telling	Alexandra Jubb
Keith Evans	James Gambrill
John Sharman	Keith Birchell

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM Wednesday 17 November 2004

It was proposed by John Curtis, and seconded by Sandy Telling to accept these as a true record of the meeting.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT (see appendix 1) (Copies of the accounts are available on request)

The treasurer produced and circulated the financial accounts. These showed that the LSERSA fund had increased by £2000 this year, with some outstanding invoices of approximately £600 to be received for t-shirts and the inter-regional event. The race account balance was £3224 and he proposed transferring £1000 to the capital account. LSERSA & ERSAs had contributed most of the funding to the tri-regional event (4/5), due to the high proportion of LSERSA and ERSAs skiers taking part. SW reported an outstanding invoice from Terry Bartlett for 12 gates. The bursary fund balance was £973. He reported that the finances had been checked but not audited this year. Changes would be put in place to ensure that the accounts were audited next year.

ACTION: JC/SW

4. **Chairman's Report** (see appendix 2)

ST reported on the year's highlights and some plans for the future highlighting that he is still very much involved with SSE. It was pointed out that there were now more than 2 freestyle clubs in the region and it was agreed it was good to have some representation from freestyle. SM stated that he did not think snowboarding would happen under our umbrella but DF suggested snowboarders should be invited, particular as SSE encourage us to support all disciplines. Nordic have a good website and it was suggested we would be willing to help and assist them if they contact us, and that the Committee would welcome a representative from them to join us.

ACTION: DF/ST

5. **Election of Officers**

Sandy Telling	Chairman and SSE Council Representative
Steve Moss	Vice Chairman and SSE Council Representative
Gwenderlyne Southall	Secretary
John Curtis	Treasurer
Jenny Sims	Publicity Officer
Keith Evans	Race Manager and Chief of Race
Alan Sandell	Chair of Race Committee. Chief of Calcs &
Webmaster	
Bridget Owen	Child Welfare Office and ESSKiA Representative
Sally Woods	Race Secretary and Regional Squad Administrator
Shirley Telling	Assistant Race Secretary and Assistant Squad
Secretary	
Niki Thomas-Jackson	Assistant Race Secretary and Assistant Squad
Secretary	
Dave Askew	Equipment Officer
Sally Bartlett	Regional Coach
Andy Proudlove	Assistant Coach
David Fetherston	Snowboarding Representative
Nigel Brain	Marketing/Sponsorship and Assistant Equipment
Officer	
Caroline Brinkman	Marketing Consultant
Ali Jubb	Sports Development Officer
Tonia Skoczek	Marketing Consultant
Marc Telling	Athletes Representative
Vacant	Freestyle Representative
Vacant	Nordic Representative
Vacant	BSCD/Adaptive Skiing Representative

These officers were proposed and seconded en bloc, and accepted unanimously.

AP volunteered to contact Martin Hance to see if he would like to represent Freestyle.

ACTION: AP

6. Proposed Changes to the Constitution

All changes, including a proposal to change the name of the association to “London and South East Regional Snowsports Association” were proposed by Shirley Telling and seconded by Tracie Gibb and accepted unanimously.

7. Any Other Business

NM informed the committee about a fund raising race at Milton Keynes in aid of the race team for Ghana. E mail N_kwame@hotmail.com for further details. He also brought the committee’s attention to an article in Racer Ready about Modernisation written by Fiona McNeilly and gave out a free copy to all clubs present.

ST distributed the most recent proposed modernisation plans as presented at Congress on Nov 7th and asked members to read and discuss them with their club members. They will also be posted on the LSERSA website www.lsera.org . The proposals are for a new structure for the governing body for Snowsports. The document has been distributed to all people involved in all committees attending Congress. Snowsport GB should have all details on their website – and SSE has a page on their website. A discussion took place about grass roots skiing and skiing for the elite athletes and the need for the 150 clubs of all disciplines to discuss the structure of the new organisation (known at this stage as BOB). SSE will be doing roadshows to inform people of the changes planned. The need for good communication, concise information and readable documents with an executive summary was raised to enable clubs to make informed decisions.

ACTION: ALL CLUBS

AP reported he had received a letter from David Pyle (Leader of ROTP) sent to all Masters racers, about their expectations and requirements of races nationally. A decision will be made at the ARC meeting in January. He asked for a contact list of members of the committee to be circulated amongst the members. ST said the list was usually held by the Executive Committee but would consider circulating it to all members.

ACTION: ST/GS

AP said the last LSERSA race went on too long; AP and SW to discuss race format and make a proposal at the next meeting.

ACTION: AP/SW

JC said that he had been asked if LSERSA would consider introducing another age group in the Masters category. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. He said that Bartlett’s are our main sponsors and this topic needs to be discussed.

ACTION: JC/GS

PS asked about the amount and eligibility of bursaries. It was explained that they could be for athletes suffering financial hardship and for coaching or officials courses for LSERSA members if it would benefit LSERSA in the long-term. It was agreed to put the criteria on the website to ensure we are inclusive. **ACTION: ST/AS**

SM asked if we could have ribbons for medals in future; SW, GS, SM, JC, and AP to discuss and make a proposal at the next meeting.

ACTION SM/AP/GS

BO asked for everyone to ensure their details had been changed on the committee list.

ACTION: Committee

SW said she had received two requests for bursaries. These will be discussed and a decision made by the executive committee. SM to write to one applicant asking for further details.

ACTION: SM/SW/JC

Meeting closed at 9.40

Many thanks to Bromley Ski Centre for allowing us to use their facilities and to Sally Woods for arranging the provision of refreshments



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Treasurer's Report for November 2005 LSERSA AGM Appendix 1

- As per sheets Total LSERSA funds stand at £10,180.72. Last years funds at this point were £8,166.53, which shows an increase in Total LSERSA funds of over £2,000 over the previous year.
- There are a couple of expenses for which I haven't had invoices. (which should be approximately £600)
 1. Expenses incurred for the Pendle inter regional
 2. Expenses of LSERSA 'T' shirts for the Tri regions race.
- As you can see from the accounts there is a balance of £3,234.18 in the Race account and I propose that we transfer £1000 to the Capital account.
- The Total bursary fund at present is £973.71, which should be adequate for Bursaries awarded next year at the previous levels at which they have been awarded. The fund is the proceeds of the raffles and other money raising events which LSERSA stage at their races, last year we raised £861.50.
- We had no major capital expenditures last year (unlike the year previous), however, LSERSA again provided a free end of year barbeque and we incurred expenses for the Tri region race, which LSERSA and ERSA paid 40% each and the remaining 20% was paid by the Southern Region.
- From now on, we will be looking to have our accounts audited by an independent person (as per our new constitution), also this is something that will possibly be required in the future by Sports England and BOB!. It would be better for LSERSA to have a system in place now, so we can see where our procedures need altering or tweaking to achieve a set of accounts that are audit friendly.
- Finally, we have over £10,000 funds and we should be looking at some capital projects to spend some of it to develop our region.

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Chairman's Report (Nov 2005) Appendix 2

MODERNISATION:

Progress is slow, but the feeling from the last Congress meeting, which was very well attended, was very positive. There should be no doubt in anyone's mind that it is important for all clubs to ensure they are well informed and ask questions about how the proposals will affect you. The most recent documents from Snowsport England pose more questions than they answer.

CHILD PROTECTION:

A large amount of work has been done this year on the new Child Protection Policy. Clubs who wish to affiliate to the SSE in 2006, are being asked to appoint a Child Welfare Officer who must be named and complete a CRB check. We will be one of the first regions to provide support to our clubs by having our own Regional Child Welfare Officer.

ALPINE:

Squads:

2005 saw many of our athletes do very well on snow. Top racers such as Chemmy, Jo, Katrina, Marc and Ed all skied to improved points. Unfortunately, Marc has left the team and Ed, Jo and Katrina are injured at present, but we wish Chemmy all the best for the Olympics.

Others young athletes from the region have been selected to the Home Nations Team, England Squad and the British Children's Team. These include James Bennet, Peter Whelan, Louise Thomas, Arron Tipping, Franki Simonds, Jo Ogden, Sam Wrench, Allesia Thomas-Jackson and Tom Kirton. I'm sure other talented athletes will join their ranks as the season progresses.

8 of our athletes were selected to the England Dry Ski Slope squad. Anouska Callendar, Charlotte Evans, Franki Simonds, Marc Telling, Ben Clark, Joel Wyatt, Paul Telling and Lloyd Papantoniou.

Regional Races:

The regional races were run very successfully throughout the summer months with the final being held at Wycombe. The BBQ afterwards was well attended and everyone had a good time. There were lots of medals and trophies given out this year. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and support.

We staged our own inter-regional with a difference – The Tri Regional!! Very laid back! Very enjoyable, with SRSA, ERSA and our own region putting together nearly 20 teams competing all day with lots of FUN. LSERSA skiers did very well and came away with the main trophy. Still on its way from Canada!!!! There has been lots of feedback suggesting that the racers would like something similar again next year.

National Races:

LSERSA athletes have been prominent in many National events. What stood out for me was the number of podium places awarded to our racers at the All England Championships, held at Norfolk. The following athletes were awarded podium places: Franki Simonds, Charlotte Evans, Emily Evans, Charlotte Jesse, Marc Telling, Oliver Robinson, Lloyd Papantoniou, Thomas Ondrusz, Oliver Jeffery, Daniel Curtis, David Askew and James Gibb.

In the team event Wycombe (Marc Telling, Franki Simonds, Lloyd Papantoniou and Paul Telling) - won the inter-club competition.

One other high-light of the year was to see Dave Blackwell back competing. It is great news if we are attracting Masters back on to our slopes. I hope we can entice even more to come back and enjoy the regional races in 2006.

FREESTYLE:

We still have two thriving clubs at Wycombe and Bromley. Although Simon Ashton has endeavoured to keep the region informed of what is happening it has been difficult to keep up to date. I have noticed however, that there were quite a few Freestyle events being held in the south and south-east. I hope that in 2006 we might have more information about what is happening within the region. Do we need a new page on our website?

SNOWBOARDING:

This year we attempted to run an event to include snowboarding as a category within one of the regional races. There were only 2 entries despite the number of people who had shown interest originally.

NORDIC:

You only have to read their magazine to know how busy and successful the Nordic skiers have been. What with roller skiing courses as well as trips to the Snowdome Track, 4-hour endurance challenges and organising social events and a PR event in Hyde Park. Good luck to all for the new season.

FINANCES:

John Curtis has managed the finances for the region very well for us this year. Our income from Snowsport England has increased slightly since we had some new affiliations. During 2005 a new club, Christ College from Guildford, a ski centre, Knockhatch near Eastbourne in Sussex and a race team from Xscape in Milton Keynes, affiliated to the region. I believe more clubs will be registering with us in 2006. We welcome them all. We have bought several items during the past year and provided bursaries or other financial assistance as required. Details can be found in the Treasurer's report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Although the newsletter was available during the summer months the plans to widen its scope never came to fruition. Unfortunately, due to ill health, Keith Birchell has had to give up his role as editor. Many thanks to him for all his hard work.

The website has become a key source of information particularly to do with modernisation. I gather several other sites now re-direct to ours as a point of reference. Well done Alan for keeping it all up to date.

Good communication with the governing body and with those who influence sport through the media and local authorities is becoming more important. In 2006 I hope we can develop further our contacts in these areas through our new publicity group led by Jenny Sims and Nigel brain. It is hoped that Ali Jubb, as Sports development Officer, will help develop contacts with the county sports development units who now play a major role in setting sports policy.

To everyone who supports our clubs and the region, in whatever capacity, many thanks for your hard work. I know that Snowsport England view our region as one of the better organised and more forward thinking. We still have lots to do and I hope that we will remain and be in a better position to serve you after modernisation.

Sandy Telling