



London & South – East Regional Ski Association

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Executive Committee Meeting

3.15pm Sunday 27th July 2003
Wycombe Ski Centre

MINUTES

1. Present:

Sandy Telling (Chairman)	Alan Sandell (Race Chairman)
Sally Woods (Race Secretary)	Niki Thomas (Secretary)
Geoff Tipping (Chief of Regional Races)	
Ali Jubb (Athletes Rep)	Chris Drake (Equipment Officer)

Apologies for Absence

John Curtis (Treasurer)
Matt Woods (Regional Coach)
Keith Evans (Equipment Officer)
Paul Miles (Public Relations)

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes amended - the date of previous meeting was recorded wrongly. After amendment, the Minutes were agreed and signed.

2. Finance Report – AS

Funds are in a healthy state. The Bursary Account contains over £370.



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Financial Assistance given:

- a) Anouska Callander received a full Bursary
- b) Marc Telling received 50% Bursaries for coaching and first aid courses.
- c) Keith Evans and Mary Ondrusz received assistance with expenses on Level 1 & 2 Race Official Courses.

The Committee discussed the need for the conditions under which bursaries are given be clarified, especially with regard to coaches and officials.

ACTION ST/SW

End of Race Series. Aldershot B-B-Q: Cost per head will be = £3.50.

Regional Timing Equipment needs to be sorted out.

ACTION CD/AS

Independent PA System. The Committee discussed the need for an independent microphone system that can be taken and used at L&SERSA organised races. Speak to others about what they use.

ACTION CD

Send lists of any other items that people think we need to the secretary who will prepare list for discussion

ACTION NT



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3. Regional Squad

GT is organising the admin for the L&SERSA Squad and has taken over from Matt Woods. A final list of racers for the next Xscape race (Aug 9th) has been prepared.

L&SERSA will in the future use a team of race coaches to train the Regional Squad, Coaches such as Marc Telling, Billy Bilton and others will be invited to assist in training the squad along with Matt Woods and Sally Bartlett.

It was also discussed that at major races when the slopes are usually open for practice, the Committee would like to see the Regional Coaches attending these sessions to be on hand to help our racers.

The Inter-Regional Race at Rossendale has been cancelled. It has been proposed that Xscape could be used for the purpose (3rd event). The Committee discussed this, raising concerns about using the 3rd race of the series, i.e. that clubs have already been asked to send their less experienced racers to it, lots of very disappointed young racers. L&SERSA would support the ESC using the final race for this purpose.

NT to write a letter to the ESC/Graham Beck stating our concerns.



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4. Race Officials & Coaches – AS

There is an ESC Level 2 Race Officials course on the 22nd & 23rd November 2003 held at Stoke Rochford Hall. For more details see www.stokerochfordhall.co.uk. Or alan.west@dataflair.co.uk. Details are posted on the website www.lsertsa.org

ACTION AS

5. Appointment of New Volunteers

KE to move from PR to Equipment Officer. He will work with CD on the Timing gear, poles, microphone system etc.

ACTION KE/CD

Paul Miles from Chatham is our new PR. (He wrote the latest newspaper!) NT/PM will update list of PR contacts.

ACTION NT/PM

6. London Youth Games - GT/ST

Kay Whelan has been in touch to ask for help to form a new L&SERSA/LYG committee, now that John Sharman has retired. Joan Papantoniou, Niki Thomas and John Curtis have agreed to help. Safety changes need to be proposed concerning the wearing of helmets, long sleeved tops, and pole bungs. Also competitors to be able to do at least linked snowplough turns etc.

Also changes to the Day Replacement rules need to be put in place.



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SW suggested that RAKS rules could be used

ACTION SW/ST discuss with Kay Whelan

7. Raffle/Sponsorship & Promotion of skiing – ST

This has been almost impossible!! We need to prepare information packs to send out to companies with new links on our web site and providing information about what we can offer them.

Discussed how L&SERSA could promote skiing using links with local papers/radio stations and Schools etc. AJ to look at the Positive Promotion of Skiing, she is also writing a piece for RACER READY magazine.

ACTION KE/PM/AJ

8. A.O.B. - Regional Races

Discussed what races we want for next year. It was decided to run five races in the Regional Series as well as continue our involvement with Club Nationals and Grand Prix races. Discussed venues for races and also the need to inspect the slopes and facilities before a race. To improve safety.

AJ said about schools race as not all regions do them at present, having a fun day but we need a format and a venue for it.



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Discussed Skier-Cross - fun racing over obstacles, at present they have their own races.

Discussed three-region races (L&SERSA, ERSA & SRSA), could be too many races to fit in. Many children ski in two regions. Also the Inter-Regional races are usually run by the ESC. Logistics would need to be sorted out.

Meeting closed 4.40pm.

Many thanks to Andy Lockerbie and Wycombe Summit for providing the facilities.