



London & South - East Regional Ski Association

MINUTES OF MEETING OF LSERSA COMMITTEE
12 April 2005 at Bromley Ski Centre

Present: Des Pirkhoffer, Sandy Telling, Tracie Gibb, Alan Sandell, Sally Woods, John Curtis, Andy Proudlove, Terry Bartlett, Sally Bartlett, Keith Evans, Bridget Owen, Chris Drake

1. Apologies for Absence: Niki Thomas Jackson, Carolyn Pirkhoffer, Monica Kirton, Steve Moss, Keith Birchall

Bridget Owen agreed to stand in as minutes' secretary.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 6 October 2004: Agreed as a true record

3. Child Protection Policy: ST reported that SSE now had a Child Protection Policy (CPP). The policy, similar to that adopted by SSGB and Wales, has been approved by the Child Protection Unit, part of the NSPCC. All clubs are being asked by SSE to have a child welfare officer (CWO), with the exception of very small groups (e.g. Nordic) which can have one CWO for all. ST suggested that BAO should contact all local clubs, of all disciplines and let them know what to do. BAO reported that she had received an invitation from Andrew Jolly to join the Child Welfare Working Group and would be attending a meeting in May in Birmingham.

ACTION: BAO

4. Snowsport England News:

- a. ST reported Trish Ball is the new chief executive of SSE. One of her first tasks has been to improve the SSE grant from Sport England from £10,000 to £40,000. This will be used primarily for modernisation and development of the sport.
- b. Ian Holloway has been taken on as Finance administrator (part-time) to assist June Hale who will be reducing her time to 3 days per week.
- c. ST is standing down as Chairman. Stuart Smith will be taking over as the new chairman. Two new directors will be standing at the AGM, Barry Spouge (Norwich) and David Hart (Warrington).
- d. All current Key committee leaders are standing again except Ralph White (Nordic) who will be replaced by Adam Pinney. There are two candidates for the leader of the coaching committee, David Hart and Dave Durgan.

5. Promotion of Skiing in the Region: The committee discussed how to promote skiing amongst the schools, and whether to send out the "Skiing in the National Curriculum booklet" to schools in the region. Alpine race events for schools include the RAKS race run annually at Chatham as well as those at Wycombe, who host a series of triple slalom races for schools. It was suggested that MK find out how much it would cost to contact the schools in the region (i.e. how many schools and how much each one would cost to post). It was also suggested a sponsor might be found for grassroots development tied to Sportsmatch - William Ransom might be such a sponsor.

ACTION: MK

Information should be circulated to universities and colleges as well. It was suggested we should consider a fun race for the region, although it was noted it would be difficult to fit them into the

present calendar. Since Wycombe Summit already runs some fun events we may be able to collaborate with them. It was decided we should support the ski centres that promote schools skiing etc, and offer them help to run their events and technical assistance.

ACTION: JC

6. Affiliations: XSCAPE have now affiliated with LSERSA and ERSA. JC to give AS (and BAO) a list of affiliated clubs in June to put on website.

ACTION: JC

TB asked about the inter-regional with other local regions and suggested hosting it at Wycombe. JC said ERSA are happy to have a mini-inter-regional. ST suggested JC find out if ERSA and SRSA can collaborate with a race.

ACTION: JC

7. Improvements to Race Days:

The changes to the race series were discussed. With the new format of 3 runs similar to the club national it was felt that timing would be important. It was agreed that -

8.30 Bib issue and start
9.30 Course setting
9.50 – 10.10 Course inspection
10.15 First run

AS to publish the start list on the website on Thursday evenings.

ACTION: AS

8. Occasional Race Bulletin and Communications:

ST said that it is now possible to register on line for Grand Prix races. A few hiccups had been incurred; Stewart Smith who designed the system welcomes comments. Racers to be reminded that they should have adequate protection; clothing should cover arms, legs and midriff. Photography – all race organisers should have accredited photographers. A box should be provided on the forms, which racers can tick if they do not want their photograph taken. The race commentator should announce about photography restrictions.

ACTION: SW/AS

SB asked about course setters; the A list is being compiled and it will just contain people who set one last year. New course setters (attending courses) will go on to B list. All slopes to be re-homologated in the next 12 months. The region needs another course setter – ST suggested SB ask Ian Roberts if people attending ASPC or APC courses can set the courses.

ACTION: SB

AP says Bromley is running an ASPC course in May. ST suggested AP arrange for it to be put on SSE website.

ACTION: AP

There are new requirements for timekeeper to keep in touch with start - we need to be aware of the draft procedure.

ACTION: AS/KE

7. Inclusion of Snowboarding in Bromley Race: AP asked about snowboarders attending the regional races. Some snowboarders had expressed an interest to come. The Bromley race will have a specific category for them. The start marshal at Bromley will need to be informed that snowboarders will drop poles at the start at Bromley. AP thought that Chatham snowboarders are intending to come to the Chatham LSERSA. If snowboarders enter at Chatham they will be allowed to compete within the normal categories.

ACTION: KE

8. Bursaries: After some discussion it was decided to award two bursaries.

9. Regional Squad Training: Received a report from DP.

There have been 2 regional training sessions so far. Both well attended. The first at Wycombe with 4 coaches and 45 athletes. The second at Bromley with 4 coaches and 32 athletes. On each occasion there was 2 hours training, but the skiers would have liked longer. Positive feedback. No more planned for the moment, as race calendar full. JC suggested doing one at the beginning of August. Sample hoodies had been on display at Wycombe, and people ordered them for Bromley. JC asked if squad members should be allowed to buy hoodies if they have not attended a training session? DP proposed SB and Paul Telling as team selectors. It was asked whether the selectors choose from all squad members, or just from the people who have attended training? Decision deferred for the time being. In the past, the region had paid the entry fee for skiers taking part in inter-regional events. It was thought we probably should pay but this will be decided at a later date once the races have been confirmed. DP volunteered to e-mail all squad members to see who wants to participate in the inter-regional team events; when we know how it is going to work, and they can decide whether to enter. ST suggested we just have an inter-regional with ERSA for now.

ACTION: DP/JC

(Post meeting note: Only one inter-regional is now likely to take place since Gloucester have priced themselves out of the market and Swadlincote are likely to be re-surfacing their slope. The only inter-regional race is now at Pendle.)

10. AOB:

E-mails addresses of Committee members need confirmation. Niki has a handwritten list. Bridget to get details from her.

ACTION: BAO

AP asked if disabled skiers could be in LSERSA squad? ST in communication with the groups and they will let us know if there is anything we can do to be more inclusive; but the groups are happy with things. We need to make sure that all groups are aware of our races and any other events that are organised. Adaptive skiers: AP to give SW details of adaptive skiers contact name.

ACTION: AP

2 glass trophies were donated to L&SERSA by ST. The committee will need to choose what they should be awarded for.

ACTION: COMMITTEE

Shirley Telling is doing a name the teddy at the regional races to raise additional funds for the bursary.

Niki Thomas-Jackson and ST will be running a second hand clothing and equipment sale at all the regional races. Items should be brought along, named, and 10% goes to bursary and 90% to seller. New SSE clothing on sale at some events. Wristbands to support ARC will also be available at events during the summer.

Meeting closed at 9.38pm