



# London & SouthEast Regional Snowsports Association

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 8.45pm on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**1. Present:**

Adrian Bunton	Andy Proudlove
Brian Davies	Caroline Warneford
Christine Proudlove	Emily Evans
Jim Gibb	Jo Moore
John Ali	John Lewington
Jules Golbey	Juliet Trew
Keith Evans	Paul Bunton
Sue Vale	

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

Clare Gravener	Dominic Wakling
Sally Woods	Steve Biggs

**3. SSS AGM Update and Regional Races**

BD updated on the SSE Updated Articles of Association consultation review. The motion had been carried but no information was being given about what these changes fully meant; clubs would no longer have a black vote and there would be changes to the membership scheme but no details of levels etc. At a regional level there would be impact for non performing regions; this was raised with Jeremy Eaton, Chair of SSE, and he did not believe there was a problem in the South East part of the Country and therefore ERSAs, SSE and LSERSA were OK. Moving forward there would be more interaction with SSE key committees but these were to be decided but probably Alpine, Freestyle, Snowboard, Adaptive and Schools.

The SSE AGM was the following week and discussions would be held then about the races dates.

**4. LSERSA Regional Races**

Head to Heads – Ski Pro software runs this as a knockout competition and allocates racers into groups of 8. New season we will run this for all racers and points will be allocated for wins. **Action: JL said he would play with this to see how it worked.** There were timing issues in LSERSA with a very long delay whilst the teams and H2Hs were sorted and it was felt that this was the reason many racers no longer competed at LSERSA events. BD was keen to encourage Aldershot racers to compete but only if we run a much smoother and quicker race without the long delays. SSS use their own system which is very simple to use. **Action: BD to ask Pete whether he could allow LSERSA to use his system** for our races this year as we did not need SkiPro other than for CN races.

Age Groups – It was agreed that LSERSA would keep the current age groups for the new season and not move racers into the next age group. This was because there were quite a few racers who would, under LSERSA, race on full poles whereas both in SSS and SSE races they would remain on stubbies for another year. We would move our race ages in line with SSE categories. **Action: SV to create list for use by Cals and Race Sec**

Teas and Coffee – Selling teas and coffee at Welwyn made money although all the stock was purchased so more money would be generated at future races hopefully. It was agreed to continue selling this where race slopes allowed. **Action: CG to check with the slopes if allowed.**

Back up Timing – it was agreed to look at purchasing a monitor for using, if we continued with the use of SkiPro, which would negate the need to have two volunteers doing the Back Up Timing Board and the need to have the magnetic labels printed.

Certificates – It was agreed that we would return to printing these for the U10 age group and would have some pre-printed forms which could be written on on the day with the racer name, date and slope name.

Activities on race days – ideas discussed about guessing the latest time of the day and perhaps a sports event e.g. keepie uppies/skipping. **Action: EE to consider this further.**

Commentator – JM has organised with Josh Greenfield to come to all the 5 races and commentate for us. He did the Surrey Schools race and created a good atmosphere with his commentary. Although there was some disagreement to this it was agreed that as he travelled from Bognor Regis and did not have children who raced so would be travelling up just for the event that would pay him £50 a race, which was likely to be his fuel cost.

Photos – Last year £70 was raised by the sale of photos by someone that AP knows. The committee are happy for this to continue so long as they have the correct Child Protection certificate and are registered with the race office on the morning. Racer Ready is rarely at our races so this should not affect him.

Winter League Races – Idea for some shorter ½ day races in the winter season at possibly Chatham, Aldershot and Hemel. SSS were not planning on running a series this year but would probably run a race around February/March at Aldershot which he might open up to other clubs. Possible twilight race at Chatham 4-7pm.

Music – the purchase of a new amp would allow us to play music at races. Agreed to purchase a new amp and cable around March time. The timing cables and timing board to be given from JL to SB so that all the equipment is available to ensure a quicker start to the day with setting up.

Sponsorship – Ski Bitz is happy to sponsor the races and to attend the races and has offered end of season prizes. Concern was raised how other sponsors would feel. Concern was raised that at previous races Ski Bitz did not deliver prizes as expected and very short sell by dates on the vouchers. **Action: JM to speak with Bartlett and Ski Bitz.**

Marketing/Sponsorship – JM would like to set up a sub-committee to help with this. Agreed. JM outlined details of a Corporate Event she thought would raise money and is looking at an event maybe in May on a weekday at Hemel.

Race Slopes – Bromley slope management are not interested in running races at Bromley and have indicated that they will raise slope hire to £1,200 for 2015 race season. They will not allow us to have an end of year party or provide food. Therefore other slopes will need to be used. Action: CG to speak with Brentwood and Welwyn to secure prices for more than one race at each slope. Bowles have increased their charges this year and will not provide any catering and will not allow us to provide our own teas and coffees either – therefore it was agreed that we would not use Bowles slope for a race next year either. Therefore the slopes within the region for our regional races were: Aldershot, Welwyn and Brentwood. Kent Schools would be held at Chatham again. Tri-Regional Race would be held at Brentwood. Bromley/Chatham CN still to be agreed. Bromley slope management were also looking at closing the Bromley training sessions if numbers did not improve.

School Races - London Schools: date set, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Juliet would be unable to be race secretary for this event. Action: Keith to contact Dominic. Surrey Schools: Made a profit this year. Kent Schools: Sally Woods will remain as race secretary for this.

## 5. **Finances**

Race prices – agreed not to raise race entry yet

Raffle – Alison Atkinson has expressed interest in managing the raffle at the races as these have been very intermittent this year and is usually a good way of raising funds.

Paypal account – this has been set up as a non profit account and a trial page set up on the website with payment for single or block race entry. Action: CP to contact Gregory to see what he needs to develop this further in January to include the creation of a race start list.

## 6. **AOB**

- a) Website: Requested that all committee had access to update this. It was agreed that DW should retain control over this but that all committee members could email DW for him to action items being put on.
- b) Facebook: All committee members to have edit permissions – Agreed **Action: SV to give permissions**
- c) Prize Giving– Requested more time at the end of the race to get equipment packed away so that parents helping did not miss prize giving. Action: KE agreed to look at options for either more helpers to put equipment away but not keen to keep other parents and racers waiting for long between end of race and prize giving.
- d) Trophies – EE would like to purchase some for the Regional Training sessions timing league. **Action: EE to speak with CG.**
- e) Bursaries – Outstanding bursary decisions to be chased. **Action: SV**
- f) Chief of Calc – Need advert on FB and website asking for someone to stand for this position. **Action: SV to put on FB/Website and JG to be in charge of filling this role.**

**Meeting concluded at approx 22.00**