

LSERSA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10 November 2025

Time: 8pm

Location:

Bowles Outdoor Centre

Sandhill Lane

Rotherfield

Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9LW

Chair: Justin Townsend

Minutes taken by: Gary Marks

Attendance JT AA NH CH LA GM ZH NC VG TE RE and online SC DW JW JG

Apologies LA SE HP

1. Welcome and Thanks

Thanks were given for the evening's rolls, which were accepted and appreciated.

2. Membership Updates

New members are asked to update or forward their contact details.

It was agreed that minutes should be circulated and then removed; printed copies will no longer be available at meetings.

3. SSE Matters

Question raised: "SSE – no funding?"

SSE has requested the LSERSA Annual Report by 01 May 2026.

Discussion held on the new SSE membership structure:

- Volunteers only require the Green Volunteer Membership for roles such as Chief of Race and Course Setter.

4. Race Administration and Safety

Photography:

- A tick-box for photography consent to be added to the booking site.

- A sign will travel with bib collection reminding racers of the policy.

Safety Recommendations:

- No phones, keys or similar items to be carried on the slope (to be included in the race bulletin).

- No stickers on helmets, as this voids helmet safety warranties.

- Offenders will receive written warnings, followed by a ban if repeated. Bib numbers will be used for identification.

Further discussion on these topics will be held at the pre-race meeting.

5. Athletes Rep & Adaptive Rep.

The Athletes Rep role remains vacant but must continue to exist.

Adaptive representative position remains designated to SSCD and remains vacant.

6. Volunteer Recognition and Ratios

Suggestions made for volunteer rewards, such as branded LSERSA kit or other incentives. Volunteer-to-racer ratios per club were discussed.

Proposed benefits:

- Free child entry per volunteer, or
- One free race entry for every three volunteer shifts.

Approx. 465 racers per year noted.

7. 2025 Race Statistics and Planning

Statistics noted as per sheet.

GB Ski Diary: to begin scheduling and fixing dates.

Season plan:

- 5 races for the season.
- On one date: 2 races on the same day (morning slalom, afternoon pro-slalom, 3 runs each).
- No head-to-head or fun team races.
- Entry price unchanged — '2 for 1' when races are held on the same day.

Format to be discussed at the pre-race meeting.

Action: Chris to draft detailed format proposal, including penalties for minis racing big gates.

Discount proposals:

- Book 5 races → get the last free (refund on 5th).
- Book 4 → get 5th free.

8. Equipment and Technical Updates

Current laptop is outdated and needs replacement.

Equipment replacements required:

- Tripods for Chatham as thanks for race hut use.
- New PA system to be considered.

9. Sponsorship and Funding

2026 sponsors to be contacted early.

Discussion on bib costs.

Current/potential sponsors include: Fidelity, Infinity, Mason Sports, Precise, Ski Shack, Racers Ready.

Website advertising to be discussed with JW.

Idea raised: use a tent-style advert to hide finish lights.

10. Upcoming Events and Collaboration

LSERSA is due to organise the Tri-Regional event.

Collaboration with Southern or other regions to be discussed.

Proposal for LSERSA page on the SSE website.

11. Photography and Social Media

Brentwood race photography was not password-protected but made available to participants.

Policy on social media photography to be reviewed.

12. Next Meeting

Next committee meeting to be held approximately March 2026.

A pre-race meeting will also be arranged to discuss event formats and safety.

Sponsors to be confirmed within the next month to allow bib orders and branding to proceed.

13. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.