



The English Ski Council

Alpine Racing Committee
Minutes of the 92nd ARC meeting held on Saturday, 20th April 2002
At Swadlincote Ski Centre

PRESENT:

Des Pirkhoffer	DGP	Peter Heath	PH
Ian Roberts	IR	Gillian Gilyead	GG
Sandra Palmer	SP	Paul Hothersall	PH^
Alan West	AW		

APOLOGIES

Graham Beck	Alan Ashfield	Mark Telling	

10.00h ARRIVAL

Action

92.1.0 **MINUTES** (already circulated)
Minutes of the 91st meeting were approved. Also minutes of the 90th meeting were approved.

92.2.0 **MATTERS ARISING**

92.2.1 **Grand Prix prices/Scheduling of the Grand Prixs**

Entries to Grand Prix have risen to £14.00 this has been approved by the Board. The extra 50p will go towards training officials.

AW confirmed that before the race calendar was put together they looked at the possibility of spreading the Grand Prix's out, in order for them not to be so close together and taking into consideration that most of the racers have exams at the beginning of the racing calendar. Unfortunately due to the amount of races in the calendar it is not feasible to spread them out any better. Although it will be looked at again next year.

92.2.2 **FIS Starts**

At the last meeting Marc Telling was asked if he could get clarification on FIS starts for the males i.e. who gets priority. A Policy will be written before the start of next snow season, by

WT-B

92.2.3 **ARC Accounts**

The Committee requested detailed accounts to be made available at each meeting. DGP will see that this happens

DGP

92.3.0 **ESSKIA REPORT**

GG reported that ESSKIA had run 3 snow training groups, 2 in Norway and 1 in Italy. Very successful weeks. They have a training day at Milton Keynes on 28 April, and there will be 5 summer days training in preparation for next year's World Championships.

This year ESSKIA are piloting a scheme for beginners at each of their races, this is to encourage children from local primary schools who have never skied before. The ESC training grant has been used for this scheme. Instructors from the slopes involved will be used for the group.

92.3.1 **AGM Funding Issue**

Clarity would be needed at the AGM over what percentage of the budget goes to which section of the racers. I.e. When casting votes those who would like extra funding for their particular sport, should be made aware that they should vote for Alpine Racing.

- 92.3.2 *Alpine Team Selection Policy***
 The Policy went before the Board before ARC, because of the lack of time and the urgency of it being needed to used for this year's criteria. ARC felt that it was a good policy with the need to change a couple of minor points. DGP will have a meeting with WT-B and the updated Policy will be ready for the end of July. **DGP/ WT-B**
- 92.3.3 *Selection Panel for the English Alpine Race Team***
 The committee put together 5 names for the panel. DGP will approach those chosen to see if they wish to be on the Selection Panel. He will try initially for the 4 May, but will have to go with the date everyone can attend, bearing in mind the team should be in place by the end of May. Team members have to be registered English, if at the time of selection they are not then before taking up their place they have to register with the English Home Nations. **DGP**
- 92.3.4 *English Alpine Team – Code of Conduct***
 At present there is not an up-to-date code of conduct for the Team. GG volunteered to put one together, ready for the Team to sign before training takes place. **GG**
- 92.3.5 *Budget Finance Update***
 ROTP/STP need their budgets for the next year. ROTP/STP to prepare an income & expenditure budget for ARC's approval. **AW/IR**
- 92.3.6 *Future of sub-committees***
 It was felt by the Board that some decisions involving ARC/STP/ROTP were not made quickly enough. To overcome this if possible ROTP could circulate their Agenda before their meeting so that ARC has an idea of what would be discussed at their meeting. If this involved a decision from ARC, ARC would be better prepared. AW said he was more than willing to do this. IR stated that as STP did not meet very frequently as there are so few members a meeting was not always necessary. **AW**
- 92.3.7 *STP***
 IR reported that several individuals have in recent months, expressed an interest in progressing towards TD status. Gordon Cole is a Candidate TD and it is hoped that he will undergo formal practical assessment in the coming season. Alan West, David Manns and David Pyle are Aspirant TDs and should take the written exam in the near future with a view to further progression within the season.

 There has been no response from Gent as to whether they need a TD for the European.
- The question of Super G for Mini's was raised and it was suggested that this issue be raised at the next TD's forum. GG expressed her preference for GS rather than Super G.
- 92.3.8 *ROTP***
 AW reported that all courses run by ROTP were running to budget.

 There was an Officials Training Course being run on the day of the meeting, with 3 more in the pipeline.
- 92.3.9 *English Alpine Championship 2003***
 A report was received from Derek Metters (Chief of Championships for last event). The report was reviewed and the lessons learned were discussed. The committee expressed their thanks to Derek and his team for performing a great job under difficult conditions. Formal thanks will be forwarded to the organizing committee.

 Organizing Committee nominations for next years :

 ROTP proposal is for Gordon Cole to be Chief of Championship and Gillian Todd to be Race Secretary. The remaining committee to be as per last event. The intention is to maintain a similar organizational structure to this year.

 The question was put to the ROTP rep: If ESC is in a position to run the 2003 EAC as a FIS Race will ROTP want to review the Organizational Structure. The response was that ROTP would like to review plans before committing to a FIS race. It was noted that GC should be involved in any decision.

 Some discussion was held over location and the Organizing Committee was asked to meet to discuss location and budgets as a matter of urgency.

 The idea of asking a Scot with FIS experience to help support the event was suggested.

 Eventually a clear set of guidelines was established:

- ARC must ensure that it gives very clear guidelines to the organizing committee.
- The event must breakeven
- The event should be FIS if at all possible

PH^ Introduced a draft document of a proposal that BUSC are currently considering, and asked the view of the committee on the concept.

Essentially the idea is to combine the EAC Junior / Senior races with the BUSC individual races, most likely for a FIS status. BUSC recognize concerns with the "student influence", but joining forces has multiple benefits in cost reduction and staffing. BUSC can offer money, staff, additional competitions (Snowboard and Freestyle + lower level "club/team races") and access to major resorts at bulk prices)

92.4.1 Any Other Business

WT-B would like to attend a Fitness and Conditioning Conference and asked the committee for approval, this would cost £145. This was approved.

Kelly Morris and Tim Fawkes are hoping to go to Canada to attain their APC3 and have asked for costs to be taken into consideration, with such a large amount involved it was felt that it should go to the Board. DGP will take this to the Board. **DGP**

92.5.1 Dates of next meetings

27th July 2002
20th October 2002

Meeting closed @ 17:10