

Snowsport England
Alpine Racing Committee
Minutes of Meeting held at Swadlincote, Sunday 1 August 04

Present:

Gill Hall (Chair) GH
Hedley Beavis (HB)
Peter Heath (PH)
Gillian Gilyead (GG)
Ian Roberts (IR)
Sandy Telling (ST)
Alan West (AW)
David Manns (DM)
Sally Cadman (SC)

Apologies: Steve Lambert (SL) Muriel Ryding (MR) Paul Hothersall (PHH)

- 1: Previous Minutes
- 1.2 It was agreed that the Secretary's note be removed, as had been done and the final copy sent to SSE office for publication.

- 2: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

- 3: Matters Arising
- 3.1 Sally Cadman has volunteered to act as Secretary to ARC.
- 3.2 HB had agreed to be the ARC representative on SSE Coaching Committee. GH will inform HB of date of next meeting.
- 3.3 Inter-Regional Indoor Event - SL had been informed of management change at Xscape Milton Keynes and a costing was still awaited.
- 3.4 Sponsors Feedback - Sarah Wyer is to organise this package.
- 3.5 On-Line Race Entry - Stewart Smith is still awaiting contact from ARC. AW to contact Stewart with ARC requirements whilst still in development stage. ACTION: AW
- 3.6 Thomson Sponsorship - GH had not had contact from Thomson, ST to pass contact details to GH. Thomson package for October had been advertised on SSE website, but not sent to Clubs as flyer. ACTION: GH to liase with SSE office and send out as flyer next year to Clubs.

- 3.7 Alpine Team - GH had not received any minutes from PHH from the meeting held in PSV. MR had finalised the job description for Tim Fawke.
- 3.8 Team Selection Meeting - GH reported that this meeting went well. Team selection material will be published earlier in 2005 ready for selection. ACTION: MR
- 3.9 Code of Conduct: This has not been finalised and approved, but will be sent out with Team Selection details for 2005. ACTION: MR
- 3.10 Alpine Squad - Female Coaches - The squad are trying to extend the use of female coaches when/where possible and Emma Carrick-Anderson has been approached.
- 3.11 Mike Watson had been sent version 1 Oct 2003 of SSGB Selection Policy and was asked to do a Technical Response on behalf of SSE. As the policy is being revised it was decided to wait for the final version before drafting a report.
- 3.12 BCT Selection Meetings - ARC nominated HB as stand-in SSE Representative on the British Children's Team Selection Committee if Mike Watson is not able to attend the meetings. Mike Watson has endorsed this nomination. GH will email Mike Watson and ask him to liaise with HB if he cannot attend a meeting.

4. Alpine

- 4.1 Alpine Championships - Clarification of Insurance Cover was discussed. ST to read master policy from Perkins Slade. ACTION: ST
- 4.2 Course Setters' Forum - HB reported that discussions took place regarding types of courses set for Club National and Grand Prix races also the Course Setter A&B list.
A Course Setters' Course is scheduled for October; Course material has been sent to HB to evaluate. It was felt that STP should approve this Course. A discussion was held regarding methods of inclusion onto the A&B list; by attending course; assessed on the job; module of APC. Revalidation procedure was also discussed. HB to obtain current list of setters' and ascertain those on the list actively setting courses. ACTION: HB - in conjunction with STP

5. Alpine Squad

- 5.1 MR had sent report to Committee. 18 athletes had paid coaching fees totalling £10,800 on acceptance to the Squad. There were no appeals.

Tim Fawke (TF) to run APC courses for Scotland, School Training and also Ski Clinics with dates to be finalised. PH had not seen a copy of TF's final contract and asked for copy to be forwarded to ARC and ensure that next year's contract incorporated wording to cover salary. Post Meeting: Secretary's Note: The contract was written by one of the Board members and is held by the Office and Muriel Ryding (ASMC Chairman). The job description is contained within the Contract.

Following a request by a Board Member and advice from Andrew Jolly re insurance, that all assistant Coaches be registered with SSE, it was agreed and approved that ARC would fund Dave Durgan's registration with SSE for the remainder of this year as he was currently registered with SSS and this was now considered to be unsatisfactory.

6. Financial Report

6.1 Alpine - PH would like to see more frequent debtor reports (Alpine) from SSE office, also more detailed/regular communications in respect of budgets/payments for squad camps.

General - PH reported that All England account included £3000 to compensate for an earlier accounting error, and that there should be a surplus at the end of this financial year.

Registration Structure - PH presented a proposal for registration structure, which was discussed. With one amendment the proposed structure was agreed, and would be submitted to the SSE Board for approval.

7. ROTP Report

7.1 Race Calendar - Wycombe Summit have expressed an interest to run an International event again in 2005. The Committee felt that Clubs should be informed that they are unlikely to be awarded more than one event of the All England, International or Grand Prix status. It is hoped to hold a dry slope Inter-Regional race in 2005.

7.2 Alpine Championships - AW presented report and accounts for PSV 2004. GH and ST have met with Oppdal (Norway) representative who would like to sponsor bibs. AW to investigate costs and designs, also costing for back-up timer units. ACTION :AW
It was suggested that GBRSquad athletes could be invited with

- expenses covered. HB asked that Race Training Piste arrangements be made clear on the information sent out to Clubs. It was agreed that trophies would be given to the English Champion with medals for 1,2,3 in each age group. GH and ST to investigate sponsors. ROTP had proposed David Pyle as successor to Gordon Cole as Chief of Championships in 2006, this was approved by ARC.
- 7.3 Race Officials Course - There is a Level 2 course at Stoke Rochford in November and Level 1 at Rossendale. AW would ensure that courses were advertised in The Piste magazine. ACTION: AW
- 7.4 Regional Club Affiliation - PH reported that this matter had been raised at the SSE Council meeting and it was felt that Clubs should nominate one region to which they would be affiliated. ACTION: ROTP
- 7.5 Masters Category - This will remain as one category.
- 7.6 Teams for Inter-Regional/Inter Club Races - Age category make up of the teams was discussed, but it was agreed there would be no changes this year.
- 7.7 Dry Slope Races 2004 - GH expressed concern that at some races this season racers had been hurried in the start gate and not given sufficient time. This point was noted by STP and ROTP and would be monitored at future races.
8. STP Report
- 8.1 IR presented a report to the Committee regarding equipment regulations for Indoor Snow Races with feedback from FIS office, which was discussed. ARC recommends that artificial slope rules be applied to indoor snow races, this recommendation will be put to the TD Forum and SSE Board who will then progress to British Snowsports. (Report attached).
- 8.2 Children's Start Order - Snow Races - A new proposal had been put forward by British TD Forum to resolve safety issues, with a decision to be made at the TD Forum in November. IR to write a discussion document for publication on Britski website and copies to be sent to Snowsports Scotland & Wales with feedback awaited. ACTION: IR
- 8.3 British Indoor Snow Championships - This event will not be taking place in 2004.
- 8.4 Skills UK Questionnaire - Training of officials in sport. IR has completed this questionnaire.

9. EsskiA

9.1 GG reported that 5 area qualifiers would take place in September with 138 team entries received to date. England will host the British School's Artificial Slopes Championships at Swadlincote in November. GG was congratulated on her appointment as Chairman of the Schools & Youth Committee.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 PHH had submitted a report regarding changes to Pendle Ski Slope. GH to inform PHH that information no longer required from HSE regarding risk assessment of ski racing on all types of surfaces.
ACTION: GH

10.2 England Dry Ski Slope Squad - Selection details and application form to be posted on Britski website with technical assessment taking place at Swadlincote following All England Championships by Dave Durgan, Hedley Beavis and Phil Brown.

10.3 Annual Coaching Conference - 16th October 2004 at Lilleshall.

10.4 Date of Next meeting - Sunday 5 December 2004 at 10.00 am, Swadlincote.