

Snowsport England

Alpine Racing Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 5th December 2004 at Swadlincote

Present:

Muriel Ryding (Acting Chair) (MR)
Peter Heath (PH)
Gillian Gilyead (GG)
Hedley Beavis (HB)
Steve Lambert (SL)
David Manns (DM)
Sally Cadman (SC)
Trish Ball (TB)
Tim Fawke (TF)

Apologies: Gill Hall (GH), Ian Roberts (IR), Alan West (AW), Sandy Telling (ST).

1. MR welcomed invited guests Tim Fawke and Trish Ball to the meeting.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting on 1 August 2004 were approved.
3. Matters Arising
 - 3.1 Coaching Committee : HB has date for next meeting - 15.12.04 at Stoke and will report back from this meeting. ACTION: HB
 - 3.2 Inter-Regional, Milton Keynes : SL reported that a response from Xscape is proving difficult due to staff changes at Milton Keynes, but will continue to pursue this item. ACTION: SL
 - 3.3 On-line Race Entry : AW contacted Stewart Smith, project on-going.
 - 3.4 Thomson Sponsorship : TB will progress. ACTION: TB
 - 3.5 Paul Hothersall : No minutes received - in progress.
 - 3.6 BCT's Selection Committee : Mike Watson has stood down from Selection Panel; Phil Brown has agreed to take over this position. TF informed meeting that Phil Brown would attend Alpine Executive meetings in TF's absence. TF will circulate the agenda for these meetings so that relevant points can be raised. ACTION: TF
 - 3.7 Alpine Championships : Insurance Master policy - ACTION/UPDATE: ST
 - 3.8 Course Setters' Forum : HB has sent report to Alan Ashfield (Coaching Committee) regarding list of names, revalidation and course dates. HB will raise at Coaching Committee meeting for action. ACTION: HB
 - 3.9 Financial Report : SSE office keeping TF up-to-date with regard to payments and invoices, all first instalments paid.

- 3.10 Equipment : Bibs may be provided by PSV, still in progress; purchase of hand held back up timing units is going ahead and will be available for Alpine Championships.
- 3.11 Regional Affiliation : Clubs must state on SSE renewal form to which Region they are to be affiliated to.
- 3.12 Coaching Conference : This was cancelled in later stages of arrangements.
4. Introduction from Trish Ball
Trish gave the meeting a brief description of her role at SSE. She is presently working on the Modernisation Report and SSE Funding. The Child Protection Policy is in progress and checks are being processed at top level, working closely with Snowsport Scotland and Wales. She is attending meetings of the various SSE committees.
5. Financial Report
- 5.1 The Board reported at Council Meeting in November that they are extremely pleased with the way the financial running of ARC is being handled and would like to officially thank PH and MR, and congratulations be passed on to ARC.
- 5.2 PH presented Alpine General accounts to the meeting. The surplus from the Alpine Championships will be used to purchase bibs. TF's salary has been covered, but a tight budget will give a break-even account.
- 5.3 Registration Fees: The Board accepted some proposal recommendations, but not late payment surcharge. ARC will propose this again in 2005 to try to reduce extra admin work for SSE Office.
- 5.4 Thomson Grand Prix Sponsorship : SL said winners should be encouraged to take up this sponsorship, which is funded regardless of number taking the sponsorship.
- 5.5 GG raised the question of school membership, through ESSkia, and the status of individuals at registered schools. GG will clarify with Andrew Jolly. ACTION: GG
6. Alpine Squad
- 6.1 GH would like to officially thank MR and TF for the great job they are doing managing the Squad.
- 6.2 MR updated the meeting with squad report. Fees from athletes do not cover all of TF's salary, therefore he has done coaching work for Snowsport Scotland. The SSE Coaching Committee have requested an APC Course run by TF; charges were discussed and it was agreed to charge a total package price for the course. TF will organise course material and book pistes, but SSE Office should arrange accommodation for the attendees. HB will raise at Coaching Committee meeting. ACTION: TF/HB
- 6.3 Selection Process 2005 : TF will have this written by 31.1.05. ACTION: TF
Policy will use FIS points, matrix spreadsheet of time trials and skills assessment to be held during British Championships. Seniors will be included in 2005 as eligible for selection.

7. STP Report (IR)

- 7.1 Children's Start Order- snow : 2004/5 will revert to pre-trial format, i.e. 2 runs, seedpoint order. No agreement had been reached by TD Forum and Alpine Executive.
- 7.2 Equipment Regulations : Ruling had been agreed.
- 7.3 Indoor Championships : TF will raise at Alpine Executive meeting - possibility of Home Nation hosting event. ACTION: TF
- 7.4 Lucy Pyle : Passed her written TD paper and is continuing training at snow events.
- 7.5 Alpine Calendar fees : £25 charge for each entry on calendar.
- 7.6 Minis Snow Race : A separate TD will be required for these races and will not be called 'British' championships.
- 7.7 Course Setters' Snow Qualification : No specific qualification, and experienced setter is usually appointed at Team Captains' Meeting.
- 7.8 Club National Race Entry : A discussion was held with regard to the total number of entries for Club Nationals, a total of 180 plus Minis is recommended, but TD's should be consulted for each race.
- 7.9 Version 10 of Softski software does not require a dongle key.

8. ROTP Report (AW)

- 8.1 Draft race calendar for 2005 was circulated. It was agreed to list all non-seeded, non-SSE events at the back of the calendar not in the main calendar, which would show, only seeded events.
- 8.2 It was suggested that a more detailed calendar showing races, training, meetings, courses, etc. would be useful if this was available on the SSE website.
- 8.3 It was agreed that no further 'paper' calendars would be sent out with registration renewals due to the number of amendments and the availability of an up-to-date calendar on the internet.
- 8.4 Drill bits and gate keys are currently owned and used by the Squad.
- 8.5 Masters Category : ARC agreed no change for 2005 at the last meeting. GH to clarify this position. ACTION: GH
- 8.6 Race Entry Fee: No change for 2005. An increase in 2006 would be proposed for consideration. The £1 levy per entry has now been transferred to the ARC account.
- 8.7 Occasional Alpine Race Bulletin : In 2005 the use of radios at dry slope races will be mandatory.
- 8.8 Photography : Details are to be given in Race Bulletin for 2005 and on Race Entry form in 2006.

9. ESSkia Report (GG)

GG reported that 168 teams took part in National Championships at 5 Area Qualifiers. The English Finals were held at Swadlincote, as were the 37th British

Championships. In 2005 Scotland will host the British Championships on 3 December at Hillend.

Plans are in hand for 2005 National Championships with dates fixed on calendar with venues to be finalised due to slopes re-matting.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Phil Brown is now representative on British Children's Team Selection Panel.

10.2 Inter-Regional Slalom : Des Pirkhoffer proposed to the meeting that races be held after GP's. This proposal was discussed but it was felt that time would be an issue and was therefore not approved. Inter-Regional races should be held on a completely separate day, this would be done as a trial for 2005 following CN's at Gloucester and Pendle.

10.3 Athlete's Only Meeting, Swadlincote : A meeting was held for athletes only on Sunday 5 Sept with 40-45 athletes attending; ARC would like to thank Marc Telling for organising this meeting. Several issues and questions were raised at this meeting and have been put forward for comment and consideration by ARC.

10.3.1 Start lists for 2nd run at top of slope : Start lists would be on notice boards in start/finish area and would be listed as a requirement in the occasional race bulletin.

10.3.2 Gates out in practice : This would be evaluated at wider dry slopes in 2005.

10.3.3 Course inspect in trainers : Management slope rules would prohibit this action.

10.3.4 No payment for protests : This would not be possible, regulation from Race Manual.

10.3.5 Earlier start time : Slopes not open.

10.3.6 Dual Slalom Team (club events) : Team should comprise of all age groups to make a fair competition.

10.3.7 Perpetual Trophies for GP Series for Overall's : If sponsors could be found this proposal would be considered.

10.3.8 Course inspection wearing bibs : The bib number should be clearly visible.

10.3.9 Prize Money : This could be provided by sponsors in the form of vouchers.

The above comments will be passed to Marc Telling in response to the proposals from the Athlete's only Meeting. ACTION: GH

10.4 Helmets : TB raised the question on guidance to be given to enquires regarding the wearing of helmets. TB had seen a statement that was not dated and without author, which was outlined to the meeting - it was felt this statement should not be issued and a new guideline should be written by SSE.

ACTION: SSE BOARD

10.5 Oasis Snowdome, Suffolk : TB had been approached with regard to planning stages of this complex. TB will liaise with TF. ACTION: TB/TF

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Sunday 6th March 2005 at 10.00 am, Swadlincote.