

**Snowsport England  
Alpine Racing Committee  
Minutes of meeting held at 10:00 on 24-Jul-05 at Swadlincote**



**1. Absence and Apologies**

Actions

Present:

Gill Hall (Chair) (GH), Peter Heath (PH), David Pyle (DP),  
Ian Roberts (IR), Sandy Telling (ST), Muriel Ryding (MR),  
Steve Lambert (SL), David Manns (DM), Trish Ball (TB),  
Hedley Beavis (HB)

Apologies:

Gillian Gilyead (GG), Sally Cadman (SC)

GH welcomed DP to the meeting as the new chair of ROTP, and thanked retiring chair Alan West for his all hard work over the years (Alan is presently remaining a member of ROTP).

GH outlined the process and timetable for approving and publishing minutes, which should result in their speedier publication on the SSE web site. PH stated that he no longer published minutes for ARC/ROTP.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the previous meeting on 6 March 2005 were approved.

**3. Matters Arising**

**3.1** 3.1 - APC courses - MR reported that Tim Fawke (TF) was a member of the newly-formed Alpine Technical Panel of the Coaching Committee.

**3.2** 3.2 - Slope regulations - TB had located copy of contract - Contract for this years All England Championships passed to GH. Original retained at SSE office.

**3.3** 3.3 - Thomson Sponsorship - DP to check with office whether or not Thomson had been invoiced for their share of the cost of the bibs.

DP

**3.4** 3.8 - Course setters - HB stated that the current proposal for course content only covers Level 1. HB to contact Dave Durgan about moving forward with this, especially about moving on to level 2.

HB

A Course Setters course is scheduled to take place at Gloucester on September 3<sup>rd</sup> (same day as All England Champs), and will be led by TF.

IR requested that he be notified of those qualifying from this and subsequent courses, with a view to adding them to the list of approved / known course setters. Office to include form to go in course pack (TB),

HB/TB

form specified by HB (include email address).

Assignment of course setters to events was discussed, and it was agreed that ROTP should look to include course setter assignment as part of the pre-season preparation, much as TDs are already assigned to events by STP.

DP/IR

**3.5** 3.9 - school membership insurance - TB reported that schools appear to have cover, but further clarification with insurers is being sought.

TB

**3.6** 7.5 - hand-over of timing units - ROTP need to nominate those 'allowed' to take timing units between events, not restrict to ROTP members.

DP

**3.7** 7.5 - capitalisation - improvements in office accounting should help, but staff still need to be told what items need to be capitalised.

PH to inform office of any items on current years accounts that should be capitalised.

PH

#### **4. Financial Report**

**4.1** PH presented the financial report, and stated that we should be able to deliver on budget.

Registration income so far 20% increase on this time last year.

Still continuing to work forward to set agreed budget by December.

#### **5. Alpine Squad**

MR presented ASMC report.

**5.1** Some delay has been experienced in producing athlete's reports due to theft of TF's laptop computer. TB to look into backup procedures so that regular backup copies of files are held at the office.

TB

**5.2** MR stated that there was potential for 4 APC courses to be held during the year without affecting programme, which would help generate income.

Extra costs due to TF's activities outside the squad are being incurred (selection, training, alpine exec, etc) that need to be covered somehow, perhaps amounting to £500-£600. But this was not considered as a major issue unless the amount increased significantly.

TASS funding - 13 athletes applying for bursary.

**5.3** Equipment purchased so far included a set of radios, more gates, and laptop and phone for TF.

**5.4** SSGB selected British Youth team without much notice, selecting 5 of our athletes. This would entail a full-time programme for 7 months of the year, costing around £1500-2000 per month. Now not going ahead this year, but still planned for next year. Some concern was expressed about the impact on HNGB programmes, and the direction towards making it accessible only to those who can afford it.

Discussion between HNGBs and SSGB needs to establish overall co-ordinated requirements and agree how these are to be delivered. TB to contact SSGB.

TB

**5.5** There was some concern about the impact of the recommendation from Alpine Exec for a pre-license medical check for FIS licenses 2006/07 (will need medical before can get a license), and the apparent intention to extend this to BASS registration for the following year. It was agreed that this would have considerable impact on individual's participation in the sport. TB to contact SSGB seeking clarification / explanation of reasons, timescales.

TB

## **6. STP Report**

**6.1** The meeting endorsed Lucy Pyle as an English TD following completion of her various assignments.

### **6.2 Stoke**

IR reported on the issues with timing occurring at Stoke CN, and presented a report detailing the issues involved and the recommended actions to resolve them following an investigation by the TD Lucy Pyle (LP). ARC endorsed the report and the corrected results as detailed therein.

Amended results to be published along with the report (with preamble detailing ratification by ARC) as a single document, to be sent to office and PH.

PH/IR

The meeting expressed its thanks to PH, IR and LP for their efforts in resolving the issues.

ROTP to organise replacement medals corresponding to amended results.

DP

### **6.3 Wycombe**

At the recent Wycombe Club National, the misting system was turned off for the second run (due to problems with insufficient water), thus making it effectively a 2-run race. Concern was expressed on whether this would be the case at future events. IR to contact Wycombe Summit to discuss.

IR

Concern was also expressed over the apparent lack of local club support for the event. It was agreed to monitor the situation through next year's calendar organisation.

#### 6.4 Rossendale

TB enquired about the current status homologation status of Rossendale. IR outlined the reasons why homologation had been withdrawn. IR to forward copy of 'de-homologation' letter to TB.

IR

#### 6.5 Pendle

Having been extended (to Grand Prix length) since the recent homologation visit, homologation is to be reviewed during this years Club National.

IR

#### 6.6 British Indoor

Graham Beck / Lions have made a calendar application to SSGB to hold the 'British Indoor Championships' in August. This is awaiting approval, and then assignment of a TD to the event by SSGB TD forum.

SSE has already been assigned by SSGB to organise the event next year. ROTP to look at placing the event on the calendar, identifying suitable date, venue and personnel. It was agreed that the early part of the artificial season might be most appropriate.

DP

Seeding - the issue of including indoor snow events within the existing BARTS artificial seeding needs further review. DM to review previous findings and recent results, and present recommendations in due course.

DM

### 7. ROTP Report

#### 7.1 Roles

DP stated that Dermot Flahive had joined ROTP, and taken on the task of calendar organisation.

#### 7.2 Inter Regional

DP clarified the situation with Welsh entry, that racers can compete for Wales only if their registered artificial club is Welsh. Likewise where a club is affiliated to more than one region, racers belonging to that club can compete only for the one region that their club nominates.

DP confirmed rules to allow team to have up to three senior/master racers, and two members of opposite sex.

#### 7.3 All England

Inter-Club

DP outlined the issues relating to the number of senior racers that can be included in the team. ROTP have proposed increasing allowed number from one (per current rules) to two. The meeting accepted this proposal. An amendment to the race rules and race bulletin will need to be published and publicised on the appropriate web sites.

PH/DM

ROTP have proposed allowing clubs from other Home Nations to enter one team per club into the competition as long as the club is registered with their home nation. The meeting accepted this proposal. An amendment to the race rules and race bulletin will need be published and publicised on the appropriate web sites. Non-English clubs cannot win perpetual (English) trophies.

PH/DM

T-shirts

TB reported that Norfolk would retain the rights to the T-shirts for this year's event, provided the SSE name and logo is included.

#### 7.4 Alpine Championships

TB reported that the board have agreed that following cancellation of this years event, entrants could choose either to have 40% refund of their entry fees (not late entry fees), or have 50% set against next years event. A press release is due to be issued from office shortly.

DP reported that organisation for next years event at PSV is well under way. Initial budgets have been received and are under negotiation.

Perpetual trophies

(Atomic, Ann Bates, Tim Reader). PH to email details to HB of previous winners & the trophy recipient criteria, to enable him to consider suitable candidates for this year.

PH/HB

[It was agreed that with dry slope squad in place this recognises achievement of racers presenting England in the various international competitions, so no specific trophies would be required].

#### 7.5 Online entry

Initial trial has proved very successful and should be extended to include remaining events on the calendar as well as bulk entry.

PH and DM to specify proposals/requirements for bringing all events online. PH to then contact Stewart Smith to discuss.

PH/DM

SL suggested putting entry closing date back one week and doubling late entry fee. DP to take to next ROTP meeting.

DP

#### 7.6 Calendar

DP outlined plans for 2006 calendar, letters to slopes/clubs having gone

out already.

#### **7.7 Race documentation**

GH indicated that the form for 'Race Officials Allocation' needs to have fore-runners added.

DM

#### **7.8 Masters**

Some discussion took place regarding master's categories. It was agreed that input should be sought from Masters racers themselves as to how they want the categories structured. DP to draft letter to be sent to all masters from office.

DP

#### **7.9 Inspection on foot**

The request from athletes to allow course inspection without skis was considered. Potential issues were raised with uplift (would require walking up hill); the fact that it would have to be all-or-nothing (couldn't safely mix those on skis with those in trainers); and that we would have to have solid grounds for deviating from the stated FIS rule. The meeting agreed that the request was turned down.

#### **7.10 Code of conduct for parents**

GH reported that 'code of conduct' of parents is to be included on race invitations for next year.

### **8. ESSkiA Report**

No formal report was tabled. PH reported that the venue for the British Schools finals had been corrected on the race calendar.

### **9. Any Other Business**

#### **9.1 Committee Pack**

TB described the changes to standing orders introducing a quorum to include all key committees was simply there to ensure effective decision making. TB also clarified the £250 limit on spending was only there to cover 'unexpected' expenditure, larger expenditure was likely to be pre-approved anyway.

### **10. Next Meeting**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2005 at 10.00 am, Swadlincote