

**Snowsport England
Alpine Racing Committee
Minutes of meeting held at 10:00 on 30-Oct-05 at Swadlincote**



- | 1. Absence and Apologies | Actions |
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| Present: | |
| Gill Hall (Chair) (GH), Peter Heath (PH), David Pyle (DP),
Ian Roberts (IR), Sandy Telling (ST), Muriel Ryding (MR),
Steve Lambert (SL), Trish Ball (TB), Hedley Beavis (HB)
Gillian Gilyead (GG), Sally Cadman (SC) | |
| Apologies: | |
| David Manns (DM), | |
| 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting | |
| Minutes of the previous meeting on 24 July 2005 were approved. | |
| 3. Matters Arising | |
| 3.1 3.3 - Thomson Sponsorship - DP confirmed Thomson had been invoiced for their share of the cost of the bibs. | DP |
| 3.2 3.4 - Course Setters - HB contacted Dave Durgan and going ahead with Level 2 course content and will forward to Dave Durgan.
Course Setters' course was held on 3 September at Gloucester - TF to report back to IR with list of attendees, list may have gone to SSE office.
SL raised question regarding qualifications for setting courses.
Discussions took place and it was felt more courses need to be organised at Regional/Club level possibly with Regional tutors.
DP to send provisional race calendar to HB who would then help to assign course setters.
HB discussed the possibility of Race Coaches holding a conference/meeting (as already held by Scotland), possibly in conjunction with Wales. | HB
TF/TB
DP |
| 3.3 3.5 - School membership insurance - TB confirmed schools have cover for ESSkiA organised activities, but not school ski trips. TB to clarify whether covered for training sessions for ESSkiA races. | TB |
| 3.4 3.6 - hand-over of timing units - DP reported ROTP now has list of names. | |
| 3.5 3.7 - capitalisation - PH to give TB list of items to be capitalised. | PH |
| 3.6 5.1 - backup of TF's files - TB has organised these backups. | |
| 3.7 5.4 - alpine executive committee - report awaited from TF from last meeting on 29 September, TB to follow up. TB to look at constitution for alpine exec committee with regard to further representation on this committee. | TB |
| 3.8 5.5 - pre-licence medical check - TB contacted SSGB who have not seen or know of anything in respect of recommendation. At present each Home Nation certifies fitness to FIS and at BASS level each athlete signs Athlete's Declaration form. ARC expressed concern if these pre- | |

licence medical checks were to be implemented.

- 3.9** 6.2 - Stoke CN - IR had published report on investigations and corrected results were included therein. IR reported that good comments had been received on this action.
- 3.10** 6.3 - Wycombe - misting system at CN - IR reported item on-going.
- 3.11** 6.4 - Rossendale - TB informed meeting that Rossendale plan to keep dendix on main slope.
- 3.12** 6.5 - Pendle - Pendle has now been homologated to Grand Prix status
- 3.13** 6.6 - British Indoor - Graham Beck now running 'British Indoor Championships' in Scotland.
Seeding - DM recommends that at present there is insufficient correlation between plastic and indoor snow races to include these races within BARTS artificial seeding system.
- 3.14** 7.3 - All England Inter Club - amendments completed.
- 3.15** 7.4 - All England Championships - Perpetual trophies - The race bulletin should include background relating to trophies and Race Secretary should write to existing holders to ensure return. SL will co-ordinate for 2006 and provide information for bulletin. **SL**
- 3.16** 7.5 - On-line entry - on-going, DP taking to next ROTP meeting **DP**
- 3.17** 7.7 - Race documentation - amended.
- 3.18** 7.8 - Masters - DP has received some responses, on-going **DP**

4. Finances

- 4.1** PH presented the financial report and stated that we should break even at the financial year end in December. PH had not received latest management accounts from SSE Office - TB to chase up. **TB**
- 4.2** Course Setter's Course Fees - Coaching Committee to be invoiced for TF's time. **MR**
- 4.3** PH is preparing the 2006 budget based on input from ROTP, STP and ASMC **PH**
- 4.4** APC Courses - It was felt these courses need to be marketed/advertised on Welsh & Irish home nation websites also on PH's 'britski' website to ensure optimum publicity. There are 4 courses scheduled at present - MR reminded the meeting of the financial importance of these courses being run. **TB/PH**

5. STP Report

- 5.1** IR presented the STP report. The TD forum will be held on 3/4th Nov 05 with discussions towards introducing a common set of regulations. The annual meeting of SSE and Welsh TD will take place on 27 Nov 05.
- 5.2** Homologation - All slopes used this year have been inspected and files have been generated containing certificates and reports. These inspections will be carried out on a 3yr-rolling basis. IR will draw up documentation with master copy kept at SSE office. **IR**
In addition, the Ipswich slope has been homologated for CN events.

- 5.3 Sanctions - Inter-Regional Event - Once the matter has been brought to conclusion details will be published. IR
- 6.0 **ROTP Report**
- 6.1 Inter-Regional Event - DP reported that 13 teams competed and that racers had enjoyed the head to head format. The question of seeding the event had been raised and DP was awaiting recommendations.
- 6.2 PSV 2006 - DP reported that new snow canons were in the later stages of being installed. PSV was being used as an Olympic training venue and the safety netting would remain in place from training sessions. DP will issue the invitation bulletin for the Alpine Champs before Xmas. DP
- 6.3 Dry Slope Calendar 2006 - Dates have been organised for the GP's and CN's. DP will send copy of provisional calendar to GH, IR and HB in order to progress allocation of officials. DP
- 6.4 Documentation - DM has made appropriate changes to Race Manual
- 6.5 Equipment - Race Bibs - Present bibs too small, PVK awaiting size comparison samples from supplier.
- 6.6 Back up Timing units - Plastic covers are required for the units. DM looking into transfer of backup times into Softski programme.
- 6.7 Radios - It was recommended to hire radios for snow use rather than purchase. Dry Slope - it was felt that this equipment was too expensive to buy and clubs should continue hire or use regional equipment.
- 6.8 Race Entry Fees - HSBC is now processing the on-line entries, TB to find out transaction costs in order to set/assess impact on 2006 race entry fees. TB
- 7.0 **ASMC Report**
- 7.1 MR presented this report. There are 8 males and 1 female on the full-time Development Team, with 7 females and 10 males on the part-time England Team. Team catsuits would be provided for 16 'A' status members.
- 7.2 Assistant Coach - Due to work commitments, Dave Durgan is not able to work with the athletes this season and we thank him for his contribution and support. Mike Barker has taken over this position.
- 7.3 Training & Fitness Camps - Summer camps were held in Les Deux Alpes and Saas Fee, with the October camp also being held in Saas Fee. There will be a Speed Camp in Pitztal during November. There have been 2 fitness camps and a fitness testing session, however we have not been able to hold further sessions at Milton Keynes - TF is to have meeting with management at MK. TF
- 7.4 Mini-Bus - A six-month lease with appropriate insurance has been taken out for transporting the athletes and equipment. The eligibility of drivers and their licences was discussed, TB advised that she had clarified the matter with the DVLA.
- 7.5 Development Plan - As identified in our Development Plan we are looking

at ways to help athletes spend more time on snow during winter months and feel that at present the expense of full time provision is not feasible, but we will look at the future feasibility of collaborating with existing providers of skiing/education packages.

7.6 TASS 2012 Funding - TB reported that 4 athletes have been approved for funding.

7.7 Discussion took place regarding the proposals of SSGB to run a British Youth Team and the profound effects that this could have on the SSE England Alpine Team. As yet no discussions have taken place with SSE.

8.0 ESSkiA Report

8.1 GG presented this report to the meeting. Regional races had taken place in September with the English final taking place at Hemel on 9th October. British finals will take place on 19th Nov at Hillend, Scotland.

8.2 TB reported that she had been asked questions regarding criteria for selection - GG replied that all information was published in ESSkiA handbook and website. All events, including the ISF championships, were for teams only and this was outlined in the handbook and website.

9.0 Any Other Business

9.1 All England Champs - SL requested discussion on All England Champs, Norwich.

Minis Race - A discussion was held regarding the timetabling of this event and DP would take comments to ROTP meeting for discussion.

DP

9.2 Portable Ski Tow - TB informed meeting that Northern Ireland have a ski tow for sale.

Elan Skis - Elan are putting together a deal for SSE for 2006 - details will be announced in due course.

TB

Modernisation - TB invited ARC key committee members to attend as observers, the meeting on 3 Dec 05.

Helmets - SSE are currently preparing a guidance document on safety equipment that includes helmets. TB will copy ARC with final document.

TB

10. Date of Next Meeting

10.1 Dates of meetings for 2006: - Venues to be confirmed.

GH

Sunday 22nd January 06 - 10.00am

Sunday 30th April 06

Sunday 6th August 06

Sunday 3rd December 06

Post Meeting Note: Venue confirmed as Tamworth Snowdome for all ARC meetings in 2006