

ESC ROTP MINUTES
Held at 115 Melton Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6ET
Sunday 23rd January 2000, 10.30am

2000 1.1 **PRESENT** HP, AW, GC, GT, DP, TA
apologies DM, NG

HP had received an email from Norman Gill, resigning from ROTP. Copy was sent to DM. HP to reply with a letter of thanks.

00 1.2 **MATTERS ARISING** from previous minutes, unless covered elsewhere. Minutes
99 4 were approved as a true record of last meeting held at Great Wyrley High School on 17//10/99,
HP signed copy and to send to ESC.

1.2a GC had the following points from ARC with regard to:

99 4.4b ARC on 22/1/00 expressed similar concerns re suitability of Wycombe slope for a GS
race. ROTP reiterated that it would be a 'GS-type' race and the organising committee and jury
on the day would make appropriate decisions.

99 4.4e ARC confirmed best result to count at each slope, and best of two results at different
slopes.

99 4.5a ARC had decided on Club National race to replace title Qualifying race.

99 4.5b ARC hoped to buy a new dongle to run the SoftSki programme and to upgrade an
existing one.

00 1.3 **CALENDAR** AW confirmed that the 2000 calendar had been ready since
1/1/2000 and that it had been available on PH's web site. Distribution had to await the next general
mailing because of postage costs. This was well in advance of previous years.

1.3a There was a general discussion on finding a chair of the organising committee for the All
England. It needed to be someone close to Rossendale Ski slope, and HP agreed to ask Jean Lonsdale.
Traditionally this role included making some sort of speech at prize giving, but DP volunteered to do
this instead. (Jean Lonsdale has since agreed to do it)

1.3b Club National race at Wellyn slope would be subject to homologation.

ARC at their meeting at Swadlincote on 22/1/00 had expressed concern at the lack of
protection for pylons and lift area at Swadlincote, and IR as chair of STP was writing to the slope to
ask them to consider these safety issues.

1.3c Llandudno was confirmed as the venue for the 2000 European Champs.

1.3d ESC office had written to slopes and clubs confirming dates and prices, and all
cheques received from the clubs. It was much better to have the money for the Club National races up
front.

1.3e Chiefs of race at Grand Prix need to check number and quality of poles, (normally
during course inspection,) in order to record both before and after the race. Any breakages need to be
reported to the TD and confirmed in writing by him/her on the day. Only those so confirmed will be
eligible for reimbursement.

1.3f All Club National races will include a Masters race in 2000. Prizes will be given for
the 1st in each masters category.

Sen 19 – 29

Masters 30 – 39

40 – 49

over 50

00 1.4 **REVIEW OF COURSE** All agreed that it had been very successful with a lot of
very good feedback. We agreed to have another one:
Sat/Sun Nov 18th and 19th 2000, at Great Wyrley High School

00 1.4a We will try to improve food arrangements, and possibly have Sat evening meal at
Travel Inn.

1.4b Try and have a resource pack to hand out.

1.4c To use BCR rules and TA to work on an appendix for artificial slope races for Nov
2000. With new FIS rules out during 2000, aim to consolidate new manual for 2001.

1.4d Statement of accounts for the course agreed and approved as a true record. Balance of £170-26 left with the school as a deposit for the Nov 2000 course. TA to send a copy of the accounts to DM.

1.4e HP and TA agreed to come to Sunderland weekend in June to try to put together a training video.

00 1.5 **ITEMS FOR CURRENT RACE BOOKLETS, OR NEXT OCCASIONAL RACE BULLETIN** AW brought most items from last TD forum

1.5a Seedlists to be used by race organisers, eg for entry or working out results can be accessed from the web, as these are diligently updated by Peter Heath and not dependent on ESC mailings.

1.5b Ian Roberts as chair of STP was the person to approve course setters, and to give the list to GT for inclusion in the race booklet. AW to remind him.

1.5c ESC recommend that race organising committees, especially for Championships and Grand Prix, make radios available for use.

1.5d SoftSki programme to be used at all Grand Prix, with appropriate dongle.

1.5e see minute 00 1.3e above. Re-iterated need for chief of race to monitor poles at beginning and end of Championship/Grand Prix races. Broken poles need to be reported to the TD and to be included in official written report.

1.5f Rules for Inter-Club race had been revised, and would be available for ORB in April.

1.5g A working party consisting of TA, AW, SMO, CMO, PW was revising the rules for the Inter-Regional event, which would be ready for the first bulletin.

1.5h Ski pole tip protectors will be **compulsory** at all ESC events from April 2000. They are available from ESC office very cheaply. It will be the responsibility of the competitors, coaches and start referee to implement it.

1.5i ARC is currently undertaking a risk assessment with the Health and Safety executive, on the compulsory wearing of helmets. The present position is that ESC **strongly recommend** the wearing of a safety helmet for all race training and competitions. It is likely to be compulsorily implemented for the beginning of the season 2001.

1.5j From April 2000, international FIS forms will be used for:
referee's report (protocol)
protest forms
jury minutes

These will be available in the race packs.

1.5k There would be **random** checks by the TD on binding heights (current FIS rules) at every race in 2000.

1.5l Boys and Girls could do a maximum of 3 English Club National races, as well as the All England Champs. They would only be allowed in the All England event, if they had completed one such Club National race.

Items 1.5f, 1.5g, 1.5h, 1.5i, 1.5k, 1.5l would be in the next Occasional Racing Bulletin, in April.

00 1.6 **RACE BOOKLETS 2000** GT went through the changes needed for this season, and they were approved. TA would collect the Race Packs from the office, and they would be available for collection at the Chatham Grand Prix.

1.6a TA and GT would liaise over the medals for the 2000 Grand Prix series and try and get a better deal.

1.6b ROTP recommended after discussion, that St John ambulance, or the slope first aiders, were always clearly visible ½way up the slope, throughout the duration of the race, in order to be able to respond quickly to calls for help, and to be able to give assistance without being completely out of breath themselves.

1.6c ESC office to be asked to include a current list of registered race officials in each race pack.

00 1.7 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** It was brought to the attention of ROTP that Grand Prix prize winners did not receive their prizes if they were unable to attend the Swadlincote evening organised last autumn, even though they sent their apologies and other representatives to collect them on their behalf. Furthermore, one person who should have received a special award, was not informed beforehand, neither was his parents, or his club, and so he did not attend, or receive his

prize. ROTP felt that this was rather harsh and not in the interests of sportsmanship. There were always going to be limits to the numbers that could travel 100+ miles to an evening event. GC was requested to discuss this with ARC, and to find out what had happened to the T shirts and prizes.

1.7a The names for the organising committee of the British Championships were discussed, and some put forward. HP to discuss with DM. First meeting for this committee likely to be May 2000.

1.7b HP to contact ESC office to:
ask them to produce registration for the day slips, about 10 – 15 per Club National race pack.

check how the slips, fee, and insurance cover had worked out last season.

ask office for a current list of registered race officials.

ask them to provide a list of attendees of all recent training courses, and in particular who had registered since the course at Great Wryley High School.

this to be an agenda item for next meeting as ROTP need to revalidate all level 1 and level 2 officials and encourage with a mail shot, attendance at our next course in Nov 2000.

1.7c ARC had requested monthly income and expenditure monitoring from ROTP. DP agreed to do this. He was also delegated to co-ordinate all committee expenses. It was once again stated that while most committee members never asked for any expenses at all, it was very important that they were written down and then donated back to ESC, so that proper records were kept. Also members individual circumstances might change, and new members might not be in the same position.

1.7d One day beginner's course at Chatham, for one Sat in Mar, had been requested by Sally Woods. HP had been trying to find a tutor. Mike Creasor has since agreed to do it. After discussion the recommended fee was £10 per person, with a minimum of £150 for the day.

1.7e Following resignation of NG, AW had agreed for the time being to look after the bibs and boards.

1.7f There was a discussion on possible new members for ROTP. It was agreed to approach David Manns from SWSA, AW to do. Also to try and find a representative from Y & HSF, so that all regions were represented.

00 1.8 **NEXT MEETING SAT JUNE 17th, SUNDERLAND SKI SLOPE, after RACE TRAVEL INN 0191 548 9384**