

ESC ROTP MINUTES
Held at Great Wryley High School
Sunday 3rd Sept 2000 , 10.00am

- 2000 3.1 **PRESENT** TA, AW, DP, HP
apologies, DM, D Manns, GT, GC, CMO
invited but unable to attend, Ian Roberts, Peter Heath
- 2000 3.2 **MATTERS ARISING** from previous minutes unless covered elsewhere.
Minutes 2000.2 were approved as a true record of last meeting held at Sunderland Ski Slope 17/6/00. HP signed copy and to send to ESC office. Electronic circulation of minutes had worked well after last meeting and to continue.
- 2.2b DM and the 2000 All England organising committee had agreed that at the All England 2000 there would be one set of overall prizes and all others would be age category prizes, ie ch 1, ch 2, jun 1, jun 2, Sen, M1, M2, M3, - there would be no overall senior prizes.
- 2.2e ESC office now had a new database for list of registered race officials, including level of accreditation and slopes at which they were available to help.
- 2.3a AW had not yet bought the new dongle but money had been approved and it would be bought in the next month. There would be a training day in the new year in the use of it. HP to fix date up early with PH.
- 2.4d G Beck's information on the Sat evening do and Grand Prix prize giving had been received late, after the acceptance meeting, and therefore had not gone out with the second bulletin. It was available over the web, but may be too late for some people to make their plans.
- 2000 3.2 **ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR OF ROTP**
- AW had volunteered himself as the chair of ROTP in order to give new focus and direction to the panel. He was unanimously voted in by all present and by those absent who had responded to the proposal. Subject to ARC approval, AW is the new chairman.
- 3.2a **ALLOCATION OF ROLES FOR 2001**
- AW Chairman
Equipment
ARC rep when available
- HP had decided to retire from ROPT at end of 2000, she would continue to be available to help with level 1 and 2 training.
- TA development officer for race officials training and accreditation, including maintaining databases, communication, courses incl. soft ski training, and liaison with course setter's courses
GP medals
Distribution of race packs
Inter-regional event
- DP Calendar
Budgets
Monitoring and approval of ROTP expenses
- GT Production of race booklets
- GC ARC rep

CMO Training, especially advanced courses and candidate TD
Liason with TD forum and STP

D Manns rewrite of race manual and maintenance of it, with P Heath

2000 3.3 AW announced that new FIS publication was available from the web and that he had a copy. The implications of the data protection act were discussed. AW to formally request ARC to authorise ESC office to release data to ROTP members having reasonable grounds for doing so, e.g. access to database for registered officials

2000 3.4 **DISCUSSION OF MIKE CREASOR'S MEMOS** These had been circulated to all ROTP members after his comments following the Welwyn and Norfolk races. Those that replied respected his views and took note of his suggestions, but all wished to emphasise the positive achievements of the committee, and the excellent working relationships between members.

AW summarised the following points for discussion:

3.4a **MASTERS CATEGORIES** After looking at a breakdown of the numbers of masters entering each Club National race in 2000, it was decided to fall in line with FIS and adopt their masters categories for all Club National races from 2001.

2001	Masters A male	1971 – 1947	(ages 30 – 54yrs)
2001	Masters B male	1946 and earlier	(ages 55yrs and over)
2001	Masters C female	1971 and earlier	(ages 30yrs and over)

Seniors would therefore be a closed category:

2001	Seniors male and female	1981 –1972	(ages 20 – 29yrs)
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These would be published in the manual update, the race calendar, race booklets and occasional racing bulletin.

3.4ai) The Grand Prix would continue unchanged and there would be no separate masters categories for this series, which had seed point acceptance criteria.

For 2001 the Seniors category would remain open in the Grand Prix races only.

3.4b All acknowledged the need for more trained course setters. TA brought to the attention of ROTP the current hard work going on behind the scenes to improve the coaching structure. He recommended liaison with John Gledhill to run a joint training day, with coaches learning to set a course, alongside officials learning to read and inspect it.

3.4c TA had agreed to the role of training development officer for 2001. HP would be available to help. Communication between registered race officials, race officials course participants, and ROTP/ESC, to up-date and inform, was considered vital for recruitment and retention of officials. See 3.2a

3.4d ROTP would be pro-active for the publication of the next occasional racing bulletin. The publication deadline would be the same as the calendar, i.e. beg Jan 2001.

3.4e HP would send letter of thanks to Mike Creasor on behalf of ROTP.

2000 3.5 **ALL ENGLAND 2000**
AW reported that there had been some organisational problems this year. It was felt that for next year the venue should have a strong local club, from which a mainly local organising committee could be formed. The role and responsibilities of the Chief of Championships should be written into the race manual up-date.

- 2000 3.6 **BRITISH 2000**
 Due to the illness of GC and work commitments of DM, Peter Willis had stepped in to become the Chief of Championships. The British contingent of the organisers had voted to retain the GS-type race on the Sunday, and the TD was satisfied with the safety aspects. Similarly to 3.5 above, the venue next year should also have a strong local club, from which a local organising committee could be formed.
- 2000 3.7 **RACE MANUAL RE-WRITE**
 This was being done by Peter Heath and David Manns. PH had asked various others to work on different sections, and everyone had to do their bit in order to make the deadline of mid November, in time for the race officials course.
- 3.7a **The terms of reference of ROTP** were considered and following noted:
- Page 16-1, 1.2 Since DM became chair of ARC, current ROTP members had had very little input to snow development and structures.
- 1.6 No recommendations had been made to ARC regarding the Alpine Race Championships for the last 3 years or so.
- 1.7 ROTP had not received reports on the Alpine Race Champs, but would have liked to have read them.
- It was felt the other terms of reference were carried out reasonably closely. GC/AW to take these comments to the next ARC meeting, to ask do they wish to change our roles and responsibilities, particularly with regard to snow races?
- 3.7b TA led discussion on the pros and cons of seeding the special slalom race of the Inter-regional race. The decision was to recommend to ARC that it was not seeded.
- 3.7c Is there to be a change in the rules regarding naming of two Clubs for registration?
- 3.7d The current format of the Inter-regional event would continue.
- 3.7e HP led discussion on update of criteria for race officials accreditation. It was agreed that assistant chief gate judge should be removed from level 2 list, and be put on group A level 1 list.
- Also in order to achieve level 2 accreditation, officials should have attended an advanced race officials course. All the rest would stay the same as on the booklet written in 96/97, and updated by ROTP Nov 99.
- 3.7f AW led discussion on continuing the registration for one day only for Club National races. All agreed that they wanted to see them continued, as they benefited individual clubs when they held their own race. It was agreed to seek figures from ESC office to see if there was any evidence that they had led to less people taking out full registration for 2000, or if those that had one day registration went on to fully register the next year.
- 2000 3.8 **NATIONAL SKI COURSE 18/19 NOV 2000**
 HP reported that she had 9 participants so far, but was hopeful for possibly 20 in total. Everyone was asked to publicise it at the All England and British Champs. It was viable with those numbers but less tutors would be necessary.
- 3.8a TA reported the video was being created. TA, HP and possibly CMO would need to meet up beforehand specifically to view and finalise.
- 3.8b HP TA GT would be available to tutor development level. IR CMO/SMO would be asked to do advanced level. SMO to be asked to run the jury session as last year.

- 2000 3.9 **AOB**
DP brought to attention of ROTP that FIS had introduced new rules for 2000/01 season concerning minimum ski lengths for various age categories. STP/ARC would be likely to endorse them, and clubs and coaches needed to be aware of this before buying new skis. FIS ICR was available on the net.
- 3.9a DP discussed current state of ROTP budget. Figures for Swad GP had not been forwarded to office. HP to chase up Dave Hopper. So far it was running over target, final end of year figures were awaited.
- 3.9b DP had designed a new claim form which was approved with one modification.
- 3.9c D Manns had asked a written question about the difficulty of contacting the first aiders as soon as they were needed during a race, and asked whether there was a recognised hand signal for such. No one knew of one. ROTP had discussed the same point 2000 1.6b. It was to have been stated in the race booklets that St John Ambulance or 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 out of breath themselves. GT to reinforce in this year's booklets and to go in the race manual. CMO to take to TD Forum as TDs had responsibility for safety.
- 2000 3.10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Suggestion from AW that it is at Great Wryley High School/Travel Inn, Friday 17th Nov, around 8pm. Please let me know if you agree.