

ESC Race Organisation Technical Panel
Minutes of Meeting held at Silksworth
Saturday 30th June 2001 15.30

- 2001 2.1 **Present**
Alan West (AW), Peter Heath (PH), Ian Roberts (IR), Gillian Todd (GT), David Pyle(DP), Carl McGregor-Ogden (CMO), Graham Pickles (GP), Gordon Cole (GHC)
- 2001 2.2 **Apologies**
David Manns (DM), Tony Archbold (TA)
- 2001 2.3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting 2001 1 were approved as a true record.
- 2001 2.4 **Matters Arising**
All matters arising will be covered within this meetings agenda.
- 2001 2.5 **ARC Report**
- 2.5.a Disabled Groups – Following discussion it was agreed that AW is to make contact with Cathy Hammond to establish their requirements.
- 2.5.b Masters Categories – It has been agreed that for Club National Races, Masters will be categorised for prizes. For Grand Prix Races and the All England Races Masters will again be categorised but prizes will be based on results as seniors.
- 2.5.c Equipment
- 2.5.c1 Timing – Due to the state of the current equipment, it was felt that it would be more beneficial to hire as necessary from clubs/slopes rather than purchasing and maintaining our own set.
- 2.5.c2 Poles – Again it was felt we should not maintain our own poles but hire as required from clubs/slopes. In this instance we would need to monitor closely any claims for breakages.
- 2.5.d Any items for publication in the next news letter which is due to be sent out in October need to be in by the end of September.
- 2.5.e The criteria for acceptance to the British Artificial Championships from 2002 onwards will be based on Plastic Points only. Snow Points may be considered if racer does not have any Plastic Points.
- 2.5.f Slope Misting Systems – Due to a number of complaints received from racers regarding burn out of their skis during races on slopes that did not have any form of misting system. It was agreed that for Grand Prix and All England races, priority may be given to slopes with misting systems and David was to highlight this in his letter to the slopes.
- 2.5.g Super G For Mini Racers – IR is undertaking a survey into the potential of a speed discipline race for mini's. ARC advised that a number of coaches have stated that they would prefer a GS race with less turns in preference to a long Super G.
- 2.5.h GB TD Forum – This is to be held over the weekend of the 3/4th November at RAF Henlow. The open day to include Race Organiser participation will take place on the Sunday.

- 2.5.i Equipment Regulations – PH advised that FIS Council have agreed new maximum boot, ski & bindings heights for children. PH to confirm details when July FIS Precisions are published.
- 2001 2.6 **Inter Regional Race Format** –
In January 2001, AW wrote to all regional coaches requesting their input to the format of this year's race. AW advised that he received only five replies, of which three were constructive. The format was changed with a view to accommodate all ideas. Following discussion, it was agreed that we should again write to the regional coaches who attended this year's event seeking their views on the new format. It was also agreed that we should write to the regions that did not attend requesting their reasons for non-participation.
AW, DP and GHC to liaise.
- 2001 2.7 **Training Courses**
- 2.7.a Soft Ski – The course took place on 18-3-2001. AW advised that 14 attended and it went well.
- 2.7.b Course Setters – The course took place on 10-6-2001 following some confusion over dates. 16 attended. AW advised that he has received mixed feedback. Following discussion it was agreed that AW should provide more information as to what we believe the content should be for future courses. There should be a proviso to enable candidates to be assessed to achieve the necessary standard to enable them to be placed on the "B" list.
- 2.7.c1 Annual Race Officials – AW advised that he had received a request to run a Level Two course from ERSAs region. Following lengthy discussion regarding the future of the event, it was agreed that AW should write to ERSAs with details of our requirements for a course to be held over the weekend 17/18th November. It was further agreed that if this proved successful then we should look to expand this to other regions but have a restriction so that venues must be within the circle of say Gloucester - Rossendale - Sheffield - Hemel Hempstead - Wycombe.
- 2.7.c2 It was agreed that AW write to Helen Parkin to seek her agreement to put together the format of the course.
- 2001 2.8 **Accreditation Scheme**
A lengthy discussion took place over the ways and means of expanding and developing our accreditation scheme. In the first instance it was felt that we should collate a list of all active race officials. This could be done via a request to all of this years race secretaries to send the names of all of the officials who participated in their races together with the tasks that they fulfilled. GHC to speak with Tristan Cole with a view for him to put together a computerised table with this information.
(GHC subsequently confirmed that Tristan is in agreement to this)
- 2001 2.9 **Any Other Business**
- 2.9.a DP has agreed to put together the 2002 race calendar.
- 2.9.b DP advised that to date we are running to budget regarding the races that have taken place. He further advised that the information from race secretaries was arriving back considerably quicker this season.

- 2.9.c Late Entries – AW advised that he had received a request from Ken Rolfe at Southampton Ski Club to allow him to make contact with all race secretaries to obtain their views on late entry fees. Ken would like to increase the penalty for late entries from £1.50 up to £20.00. It was agreed to allow Ken to proceed with his request. Once the information is to hand we will make the following decisions: - 1. Reducing the closing date. 2. Increasing late entry fee. 3. Publishing acceptance list on the net. 4. Not insisting on racers sending envelopes for information (they only get it if they send envelopes).
- 2.9.d It has been requested that we consider another way of getting racers to complete a commentary sheet other than on the day at bib collection. It was agreed that we will consider this item at the next meeting.
- 2.9.e Race maximum entry – Under regulation 813.2 it stipulates that the maximum number of racers should be 180 excluding mini's. It was felt that we may need to consider changing this for next year.
- 2.9.f Revision of race manual – DM has requested that details of any amendments should be sent to him. Following discussion, it was felt that there was not a need to update at present but we should consider this again early in 2002.
- 2.9.g English Alpine Championships
- 2.9.g1 GHC has agreed to shadow Derek Metters during the preparation and actual 2002 races with a view to taking over as chief of championships for the 2003 races.
- 2.9.g2 GT has agreed to be race secretary for 2002 and has requested that she is provided with all the necessary information to enable her to perform all required tasks. It was agreed that the championship committee would ensure GT had all relevant data.
- 2.9.g3 AW felt that the 2002 organising committee should be smaller than in previous years and put together with a view to location of membership so that time and expense for travelling to and from meetings could be cut to the minimum. It was agreed that the committee should consist of DM GHC GT DP IR with one other from AW CMO or Sue McGregor-Ogden.
(There has been subsequent correspondence from Carl and Sue requesting that they are not considered and have suggested AW should be part of the committee).
- 2.9.g4 Entry to the British Race Calendar with the paying of the fee needs to be arranged ASAP. AW is to liase with DM.
- 2.9.g5 Further contact needs to be made with Kaunertal ASAP. PH advised that DM had already written to Ros Humphries requesting that she attend to certain tasks. It was suggested that GHC make contact with DM to discuss current situation.
- 2.9.g6 AW advised that he had received a number of items of feedback regarding the last championships and will pass these on to DM in the very near future.
- 2.9.h English TD forum – IR advised that this year's forum will be held at RAF Innsworth, Gloucester on Sunday 9th December.

2001 2.10 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Sunday 7th October. The venue is to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.30.