

ESC ROTP
Minutes of Meeting Held at Xscape Milton Keynes
Sunday 3rd November 2002 at 13.30

- 2002 4.1.a **Present**
- Alan West (AW), David Pyle (DP), Gordon Cole (GC), David Manns (DM), Peter Heath (PH), Tina Fairweather (TF), Gillian Todd (GT), Carl McGregor-Ogden (CMO), Tony Archbold (TA), Paul Hothersall (PH2), Graham Beck (GB, part)
- 2002 4.1.b **Apologies**
- None
- 2002 4.2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- 4.2.a The minutes of the previous meeting 2002.3 were approved as a true record.
- 4.2.b **Matters Arising**
- All matters arising will be covered within the agenda.
- 2002 4.3 **Report From ARC**
- 4.3.a Budgets - AW reported that work on budgets was on-going; specific budget for training had been requested.
- 4.3.b Trophies - AW reported that GB had found a potential alternative source for race trophies at a lower cost than presently used by TA.
- 4.3.c ESC News - AW reported that two articles submitted for publication (publicising the Level 2 training course and the Alpine Champs) were not actually included in the latest issue. GB reported that the publisher had until now had editorial control, and that ESC were in the process of changing publisher and re-gaining control.
- 4.3.d Qualifications - AW reported that GC had now qualified as an ESC TD.
- 4.3.e Slopes - AW reported that all slopes were to be re-homologated before the start of the next dry slope season, with the exception of slopes such as Stoke that already had up-to-date homologation documentation.
- 4.3.f Sponsorship - AW reported that discussions with Thomson about sponsoring next season's Grand Prix Series were well under way; sponsorship was likely to include some cash input as well as substantial bursaries for training with the British Ski Academy.
- 4.3.g Rules - AW reported that (as with Wycombe this year) helmets will be mandatory for races at Hemel next season. CMO requested clarification of what constitutes an acceptable helmet; after some discussion it was agreed that the issue be resolved by the forthcoming TD forum. This should include the production of suitable wording for insertion in the next ORB.

- 2002 4.4 **Race Officials Training**
- 4.4.a.1 Sandown – GC/AW reported that the course went well, although was only attended by 6 people. The level 1 syllabus was followed, with the "Understanding Courses" module being largely omitted in favour of discussion about protests.
- 4.4.a.2 Gloucester - DM reported that this course also went well. Again only attended by 6 people, including active racers and the club's head coach. First module on jobs and responsibilities actually took most of the morning session. The "on-hill" module deferred until a later date due to lack of time and foul weather.
- 4.4.b.1 Level 1 Syllabus – GC, AW and DM all agreed that course content was good, although DM commented that it would benefit from being brought up-to-date and made more "self consistent" in presentation.
- 4.4.b.2 AW reported that Helen Parken had produced additional slides for a short section covering the additional level one roles (Start/Finish Marshall, Starter, Commentator and Provisional Times Board). ROTP would like to thank HP for doing this.
- 4.4.c Level 2 Syllabus - CMO reported that work on updating material was on-going, and that production of a CD-ROM version was planned for ease of distribution to tutors. TA reported that Alan Ashfield had requested that ESC Office be provided with an outline of course content to satisfy enquiries about course provision.
- 4.4.d Level 2 Course – AW reported that 14 attendees were expected, and additional rooms had been booked to meet the increased numbers (6 rooms Friday, 19 Saturday, all singles bar one). CMO reported that although he may not be available to tutor as planned, Sue would take his place if necessary.
- 4.4.e Course for Coaches – AW reported that a separate race officials' course for coaches was required to form part of the coaching accreditation scheme. It was agreed that the existing syllabus was not necessarily appropriate to coaches in its current 'mix', and that a blend of modules from level one and level two might be best.

- 2002 4.5 **2003 Race Calendar**
- 4.5.a World Championships – PH2 reported that the Board had instructed that the 'World Championships' were to be included in the race calendar for next year, to be run by ESC. It was agreed that inclusion of this event would require definition of a suitable title and/or agreement from 'parent' governing bodies (BSSF, FIS).
- 4.5.b Calendar - assignment of races to slopes was discussed at length, including equitable distribution of races across the country, allocation to slopes with or without sprinklers, etc. It was agreed that DP would take note of discussion, and circulate draft calendar to ROTP members for approval asap.
- 4.5.c Xscape - GB reported that Xscape had offered to host more races next year, possibly making slope available all day FOC for one or more events. Potential of single event vs. 'series' was discussed.

- 2002 4.6 **Alpine Race Series**
- 4.6.a GC reported that plans were progressing well. It was hoped that both SG pistes would be FIS homologated in time, and the prior (French?) event would ensure that at least one would be. A draft copy of the Bulletin was currently in circulation for approval by the organising committee. A "nocturnal" event had been offered by the resort, in which we could possibly include local competitors (PH2 offered to organise this). The issue of FIS status - and omission of events from FIS calendar - was raised. GC replied that it this was not a problem, as it had always been known that the initial calendar deadline would be missed. The calendar was updated on a regular basis and the English events would appear in due course.
- 2002 4.7 **Accreditation Scheme**
- 4.7.a Recording and promotion - AW reported that additional efforts would be made to increase the involvement of registered officials, and the continuance of their accreditation. It was agreed that it should be possible to be more pro-active in getting accreditation done, especially at Level One (only requires ROTP member, L2 requires TD) as many 'new' officials are unaware of how to proceed through the scheme.
- 4.7.b Database - information recorded on the 'race officials roles' database is proving to be useful. Use for CoR would be increased if telephone numbers were also available, to make it easier to contact potential officials when organising a race. This would require explicit permission of individuals before this info could be made "public". Access to database is protected by username and time-limited password, but specific permission still needs to be granted.
- 2002 4.8 **Budgets and Expenses**
- 4.8.a See 4.3.a. Budget request is part of overall submission for funding.
- 2002 4.9 **AOB**
- 4.9.a TA suggested - and it was agreed - that since ERSAs were not currently represented on ROTP, an invitation to join should be extended to Piet van Kempen.
- 2002 4.10 **Date of next meeting**
- The date of the next meeting will be Sunday 12th January at Swadlincote.
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 15.45.