ESC ROTP

Minutes of Meeting held at Swadlincote Sunday 12th January 2003

2003 1.1.a **Present**

Alan West (AW), David Pyle (DP), Gordon Cole (GC) David Manns (DM), Tina Fairweather (TF), Tony Archbold (TA), Piet VanKempen (PV) and Gillian Todd (GT)

2003 1.1.b **Apologies**

Carl McGregor-Ogden

2003 1.2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting 2002.4 were approved as a true record.

2003 1.3.a Race Calendar 2003

DP is still waiting for responses from some clubs, but it was proposed that the calendar is published by the end of January with missing names to be added when available.

- AW will contact Andrew Lockerbie with regard to the Wycombe International to confirm the entry fee and the racing format (as per the British Championships).
- Some of the dates for the Celtic Cup may be changed as there may be a "clash" with some 1.3.c of the races at the Snozone.
- Stoke will be offered the 14th or 15th June for their race as their original date clashes with a 1.3.d Celtic Cup race.
- 1.3.e There has been no progress on the European Champs. At the moment all that is known is that it is to be held in Holland.
- 1.3.f The Chief of Champs still has to be appointed for this years All England. DP to progress.
- Slopes, who require racers to wear helmets for insurance purposes, will be highlighted on 1.3.g the calendar and the race bulletins.
- 1.3.h AW will contact Graham Beck with regard to the format and rules of races held in the Snozone to ensure that clearly defined rules are published. ROTP wanted to ensure that the maximum number of English racers have the opportunity to race on snow. To this end ROTP's proposal for the events is:
 - a) The Championship race held on 26/27th April should consist of 2 x 1 run races on Saturday, Children and Juniors/Seniors with up to 120 racers in each race. The first 60 racers from each race would go on to compete the following day in a 2 run slalom final. Entry criteria to be based on seed points.
 - b) The other four races to be a series with different entry criteria for each race.

Race 1, 18^{th} May – Regional selection Race 2, $9/10^{th}$ Aug – Minis and non seeded racers

Race 3, 18/19th Oct – Racers with seed points >250

Race 4, 15/16th Nov – Regional selection

The events are to be team based with the first team receiving 15 points, the 2nd team receiving 12 pts, the 3rd team 10 points, the fourth team 8 points, the fifth team 6 points, the 6th team 5pts down to 1 point for the 10th team. The number of entries per region to be 10 racers. The best 7 counting towards the teams total.

ROTP considered a TD and Chief or Race need to be appointed for each race.

2003 1.4 **Changes for 2003**

- 1.4a David Mann had submitted a list of changes extracted from the TD's conference. These were discussed and to be included in the Race Manual and where appropriate the ORB.
- 1.4.b AW will ask STP to clarify when is it compulsory for helmets to be worn on race day, during practice, and inspection as well as the race?
- 1.4.c SCOW will be sending a Softski tip sheet to Peter Heath. Once this has been checked it will be included it the race pack.
- 1.4.d Minis can now be used as forerunners if they are of an adequate standard as agreed by the Jury.
- 1.4.e GT will contact ESC office to ask for information booklet to be posted to Chiefs of Race as well as race secretaries.
- 1.4.f AW will review contents of race packs

2003 1.5 Alpine Update

- 1.5.a Gordon will be visiting PSV later this month to discuss various items with the resorts organising team. He will also be checking the homologation. The resort is holding a Junior World Cup Race at the beginning of March and PSV have set up a team to cover both events.
- 1.5.b Ricky Berry will find out who the TD will be for the Alp. Champs will contact him/her.
- 1.5.c Ricky Berry has been appointed the TD for the Children's races in PSV.

2003 1.6 Training Update

- 1.6.a A training course is to be held at Norfolk as soon as possible and hopefully before Easter. PV volunteered to run it, with the help of Helen Parkin or TA. AW to contact Helen and liase with Norfolk.
- 1.6.b TA informed the committee about the handbook being produced by ESC containing information about all the courses run by the ESC. The format for the Race Officials courses was discussed, TA to take forward
- 1.6.c AW had prepared a letter, which will be sent out to all registered race officials. He asked the committee for their comments before posting.
- 1.6.d AW asked TA to discuss Course Setters courses and a Race Officials course for Coaches with the Coaching Committee
- 1.6.e AW asked all official's course organisers to follow up all participants to see if they have become registered with the ESC and to ask all future attendees to bring 2 photos to the official's course.

2003 1.7 **AOB**

1.7.a It was agreed that the bank account signatories for the All England Championships will be David Pyle, Alan West, and Denise Fletcher.

2003 1.8 **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Saturday 17th May at Milton Keynes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.00pm