

Snowsport England
Race Organisation Technical Panel
Minutes of Meeting held at Swadlincote Ski Centre
Sunday 18th January 2004

- 2004 1.1a **Present**
Alan West (AW), David Pyle (DP), Gillian Todd (GT), Piet Van Kempen (PVK), ,
David Manns (DM), Gordon H Cole (GHC), Gill Hall (GH), Peter Heath (PH)
- 2004 1.1b **Apologies**
Tony Archbold (TA), Mandy Orrell (MO)
- 2004 1.2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- 1.2a The minutes of the previous meeting 2003.4 were approved as a true record.
- 2004 1.2b **Matters Arising**
- None.
- 2004 1.3 **Race Calendar**
- 1.3a A general discussion took place over the draft 2004 calendar. DP advised that some races still had no COR and/or Race Secretary appointed, but otherwise few problems. It was also generally agreed that progress was being made in growing the pool of people to act as COR.
- 1.3b A further discussion took place regarding the Snowzone Races. AW to discuss with Graham Beck.
- 1.3c AW advised that Snowsport GB have not approved the 'British' Indoor Champs. AW to inform Graham Beck.
- 1.3d Inter-Regional : AW advised that following the invitation for input from the regions, a mixed response had been received with no one preferred format. It was agreed that as no slopes have requested to host the event that no outdoor event would be included in the 2004 calendar. This would be reviewed following discussions with ARC and Graham Beck.
- 2004 1.4 **Alpine Championships**
- 1.4a GHC provided an update on the 2004 championships. Slightly larger team this time (19), with several younger members keen to take on responsible tasks on the hill.
- 1.4b Decision on whether or not to hold the Women's FIS Super-G could be made once the closing date had been reached. It was agreed that as the Men's event would take place anyway this would not yield a cost saving, but it was felt that it was also important to assert the need for field of reasonable quality.

1.4c GHC reported that Snowsport Scotland had still not reached a decision on whether or not to hold their races in Europe instead of Scotland.

1.4d Attendance of the various national squad / team members was discussed, and it was agreed that free entry would be granted to 'A' and 'B', HN Development, and British squad members.

2004 1.5 **Training Courses and Accreditation**

1.5a AW advised that a level one course was planned for Hemel on Feb 7th. GHC & PVK agreed to staff.

1.5b It was agreed that increased efforts should be made in the coming season to identify likely / potential candidates for accreditation at levels 1 and 2, from the information available on the officials database.

2004 1.6 **Documentation**

1.6a Several minor changes to Race Secretary booklet were agreed. GT to update ready for publishing.

1.6b Few significant rule changes requiring publication in the ORB were identified: start/finish communications; break-away timing finish posts; radios (6) recommended this season, compulsory next.

1.6c Race Manual to be updated to match. DM to contact Ian Roberts to identify any issues raised at SSE TD Forum.

2004 1.7 **Any Other Business**

1.7a Expenses : AW advised that all claims for expenses must be submitted within 3 months of incurring the expense.

1.7b Minis at All England Championships : the issue of numbers of Mini entries to the AEC was raised. PVK (as COC) advised that the present proposal (yet to be ratified by the ROC) was that the Minis competition be moved to Sunday to avoid the need to impose restrictions on entry numbers.

2004 1.8 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is to be held at Sunderland on Saturday June 5th at 17:00 (or as soon thereafter as the race permits).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:30.