

Snowsports England
ROTP
Minutes of Meeting held at Stoke Rochford Hall
Sunday 21st November 2004

- 2004 4.1a **Present**
Alan West (AW), David Pyle (PD), Mandy Orrell (MO), Piet Van Kempen (PVK), Tony Archbold (TA), Gordon Cole (GHC), Derek Metters (DM)
- 4.1b **Apologies**
Gillian Todd (GT), and David Manns (DM)
- 4.2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting 2004.3 were approved as a true record.
- 4.3 **Matters Arising**
- 3.3a Insurance - It was confirmed that all officials, including volunteers are covered for 3rd Party Liability, however officials helping out at snow races need to check they are covered by their own insurance for accident/emergency cover.
- 3.3b Unregistered racers – It has been confirmed that unregistered racers are only allowed to take part in one competition per year. (AW) to liaise with Head Office how this is going to be managed. To give these competitors an incentive to register (AW) to check with ARC/Board if a discount (to the value of their one day registration) can be offered if they join within the year.
- 3.4b (DM) has started reviewing the level 2 accreditation questions with the aim of having them completed before the start of the season.
- 4.4 **Race Calendar**
- 4.4a DP advised that Chatham was not available for 2005 as it could not guarantee having dennis laid as the current proposal was to replace it with Permasnow. As a result Norwich are happy to host The All England as well as a CN & GP weekend. (DP) to collate the list of CoR's and secretaries for next years events. (DP) to circulate calendar once confirmed.
- 4.4b (DP) produced a list of dates for the proposed Snowzone Races from Graham Beck. As these clashed with SSE races ROTP was to confirm with ARC that it is ok not to advertise these events on the SSE calendar.
- 4.4c In response to Des Pirkhoffer's proposal for an inter regional race series a 3 race format was discussed and a proposal to be taken to ARC. Each race was on a separate day at a different event. While the format for the day would follow the existing Inter regional format the details for the series would be finalised if ARC agree to go ahead with the proposal.
- 4.4d (PVK) will again be Chief of Championship for the All England. Again we will look to the younger officials to be Chief of Races for the individual events
- 4.4e British Championships will be SSE's responsibility for 2006 and 2007. ROTP will start the planning for these early next year.
- 4.5 **Alpine Championships**
- 4.5a (GHC) provided an update on the 2005 championships. Everything going to plan with great feedback from PSV who, would like a 5 year deal. (AW) to propose to ARC. (GHC) has invited 4 new members onto the team. (DP) to send out invitations.

4.5b The Race entry fee is to be increased to £30 per race with the minis entry remaining at £15.00. The late entry charge is to increase to £20. Subject to cost each competitor will receive a free T-shirt.

4.5c (TA) and (AW) to investigate prices for medals and the new plates/trophies required.

4.6 **Training Courses/Accreditation**

4.6a (AW) advised that four Level 1 courses had taken place this year.

4.6b (TA) asked if it would be possible for the Level 1 & 2 courses to be advertised to all Clubs through the Piste magazine and on the web site. (TA) advised that in line with SSE policy that all new officials require a CRB check, people who attend a courses should bring 3 documents so the forms can be completed by the tutor. This would be looked into for next year's courses

4.7 **Equipment**

4.7a Little progress has been made on the purchase of new Bibs although (GC) said that PSV may be interested in supplying some.

4.7b (PVK) to price up Timing Units and order.

4.8 **A.O.B**

4.8a (TA) asked if any of the medals that are not used in the GP races, could be returned to him

4.8b (AW) had received several e-mails about changing the Masters Category. Following discussions it was agreed that on all results the Master would be categorized as Masters 1, 2 and 3 using the definitions previously used. However prizes would only be presented for the Masters Overall. This would be monitored and reviewed next year.

4.8c Following problems with photographer taking pictures of racers, on each race bulletin a note would be added asking racers, parents/guardians to let the organising committee know if they, or their children do not want to be photographed. Although it is too late for this year for future years (or if on line entry is introduced) an opting out clause will be added to the entry procedure.

4.8d The Committee received a letter from Nigel Riches, expressing views on behalf of the Race Secretaries. A letter is to be sent to Nigel thanking him for his comments, and that we will consider his points fully and appreciate the time he spent on this matter.

4.8e Race Fees – (AW) to confirm with ARC/board if there is to be any increase in the entry fee this year.

4.9 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting to be held at Swadlincote on 23rd January 2005 at 10.00am

There being no further business. The meeting closed at 2.30pm.