

Snowsport England
ROTP
Minutes of Meeting held at Stoke Rochford Hall
Sunday 20th November 2005

Absence and Apologies

4.1 Present:

David Pyle (DP), Gillian Todd (GT), Mandy Orrell (MO), Alan West (AW), David Manns (DM), Tony Archbald (TA), Piet Van Kempen (PVK), Dermot Flahive (DF)

4.1.2 Apologies

Mike Frith (MF)

4.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes approved as a true record

4.3 Race Calendar

4.3.1

A general discussion took place over the 2006 draft calendar. DF informed the committee that Norwich, Hemel, Arrows, Pendle, Stoke, Wycombe & Sunderland have all bid to hold a Grand Prix. Provisionally we have allocated the five places to Norwich, Hemel, Arrows (to be held ?) Pendle & Stoke.

4.3.2

The Irish Championships will not to clash with ESSKIA Finals next year. It was confirmed that the Irish will be held on the 7/8th Oct and ESSKIA (Stoke) on the 14/15th October.

4.3.3

DF to circulate calendar once confirmed.

4.3.4

PVK informed the committee that ERSA are hoping to host an Open Race in late April on behalf of Alan Humphries. All monies will be presented to the Alan Humphries Fund.

4.4 The All England Championships

4.4.1

To be held at Wycombe.

4.4.2

The dual slalom ramps need rebuilding, PVK to send a letter to Wycombe to confirm they will do this for next year.

4.4.3

Discussion on format and timing of Minis race but no change envisaged for 2006. Two options were considered, the first that we revert to the old system of including Minis in the AE but this restricts the numbers of non-mini entries and also must result in a less challenging course being set. The second option was to run the Mini event after the AE slalom but the increased time needed to run a slalom of 250 at Wycombe would result in the start time for the Mini event likely to be late afternoon, resulting in officials and parents being on the slope for over 12 hours.

4.4.4

PVK to be Chief of Champs for 2006. All agreed.

4.5 British Championships

4.5.1

To be held at Sunderland

4.5.2

In view of length of slope, there will not be a GS race; a second slalom will be held.

4.5.3

The second slalom may be named the English Cup. To be discussed at next meeting.

4.5.4

Gillian Todd to be Chief of Champs - All agreed, as she lives in the area.

CoR's to be MO & DP. MO as Ref for DP and TA as Ref for MO.

4.4.5

MO to speak to Cel Elliott if interested in the Secretary position.

4.6 Alpine Championships 2006

4.6.1

DP provided an update on the 2006 championships. Everything going to plan once again with great cooperation from all at PSV.

4.6.2

PSV providing Gatejudges for the FIS races.

4.6.3

DP presented to the committee an update on the race programme.

4.6.4

Children racers can use GS skis for SG as agreed by SSGB.

4.6.5

All Clubs/Coaches should contact the resort to arrange training pistes.

4.6.6

Any coach wishing to enter the race area will need accreditation. Forms will be available from the race secretary and only those with appropriate identification will be able to enter the race area.

4.7 Documentation

4.7.1

Proposed all Plastic Race Entries may be made online. Feedback from Clubs was positive. Committee agreed for 2006.

4.7.2

Online entry will not be available for Alpine Championships 2006, as some racers will be receiving refunds from 2005. It is hoped that this will be in place for 2007.

4.7.3

Entry fee to rise to £15.50. This will cover the cost to the clubs for the fee they will pay by using the online system. The racers will save money by not having to pay postage.

4.7.4

All other documents in hand with DM.

4.8 Training Courses

4.8.1

PVK confirmed that he had hosted numerous Level 1 courses, at venues: Bromley, Folkestone and has one arranged in Ipswich on the 10th December. DP/GT Level 1 in Sunderland. DP also informed us that he had been approached to host one at Castleford. DM will host a Level 1 in Gloucester on the 5th December. A has taken a BUSC course also.

4.8.2

Training costs for the courses will put into a 2 tier system. For SSE Clubs = £25 plus expenses plus £5 for each person attending & BUSC = £50 + expenses. This is to cover the costs of Trainers attending the courses.

4.8.3

There has been a lot of interest in a course for the Softski programme to train race secretaries how to use the on line registration system. It was agreed to advertise for responses from Clubs and other interested groups. Interest in hosting 2 courses. One in the North & one in the South. GT/TA to look into venue for the North and PVK/DF for the South. Also agreed to approach Steve Lambert & David Manns to help with course.

4.9 Equipment

4.9.1

PVK approach TA, to request help on a cover for the Timing Units.

4.9.2

Radios - Received quotes from PVK's sources and also from Dick Dawe. £2000+ for 8 radios. It was agreed not to take this forward. AW to hire radios for PSV.

4.9.3

2006 races criteria - This year we have unfortunately had a lot interference with radios. Clubs must have Vox connection from the Starter to Timing.

4.9.4

All Clubs must have sufficient amount of race poles.

4.9.5

CoR job to find a Course Setter. SSE need to find more A/B List Course Setters, as this year, Race Organisers have had trouble finding these, due to some Course Setters wanting to race instead.

4.9.6

TA asked the committee if we could send a letter to Time Fawke, re Course Setters course. Committee all agreed.

4.9.7

Clubs can quote a cost to SSE for the presence of First Aid and also hire of Radios.

4.10 Masters categories

4.10.1

A letter was sent to all Masters, asking them to indicate which option they would prefer, relating to only having one age group for this category. 87 Masters were contacted with a request to reply by post or email. We received 17, leaving the result as: - Increase number of categories and show winners in results, but only issue medals to top three overall masters. The committee agreed that in 2006 medals would be issued to overall masters winners but the winners of the 3 age categories would be announced at prize giving.

4.11 AOB

4.11.1

PVK reminded the committee that bibs must be worn for inspection/races at all times. DP to speak to ARC.

4.11.2

PVK recommended protest fee for team events be increased to £50. To be discussed at next meeting.

4.11.3

DP passed round a presentation from Oppdal (Norway)

4.11.4

PVK suggested we purchase larger shields for the All England, as space is limited for individuals/teams to put their names on. To be considered at next meeting.

4.12 Date of next meeting

4.12.1

Not decided, will email committee for dates of convenience.

4.12.2

Meeting closed at 15.30pm