Snowsport England
ROTP
Minutes of meeting held at Swadlincote Ski Centre
14th May 2006

2006 2.1a **Present**
David Pyle (DP), Alan West (AW), Piet Van Kempen (PVK), Tony Archbold (TA), Mike Frith (MF), Trish Chalk (TC), Gill Hall (GH)

2.1b **Apologies**
David Manns (DM), Mandy Orrell (MO), Dermot Flahive (DF)

2.1c Gill Todd has stepped down in her Roles on ROTP and the Alpine Organising Committee. ROTP would like to thank her for her work over the last 10 years.

2.2 **Minutes of Last Meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record. The matters arising are covered within the agenda.

2.3 **Feedback from ARC**
2.3a ARC have recommended, subject to board approval, that the fees for the 2007 season are as follows:
i) Club National fee to increase from £300 to £325
ii) Race Entry fee to increase from £15.50 to £16.00

2.3b All bulletins and results **must** contain the sponsor's logo. Ideally the results require a cover page, as per the Norwich Grand Prix this year. This will be incorporated within the standard bulletins/results pack being produced (see X.XX)

2.3c Alpine and All England Bank Accounts. These are to be transferred to HSBC accounts and the signatories will be:
i) Ian Holloway (SSE Office)
ii) Gill Hall (ARC)
iii) David Pyle (ROTP)
They will be used as 'expense' accounts to cover payments that need to be made that cannot be covered from the office. Once the new accounts are set up the existing balances will be transferred to SSE.

2.4 **Alpine Championships debrief**
2.4a DP reported that the races held in PSV went well with all races completed. Positive feedback has been received from the coaches, including the suitability of the slopes for the standard of the races. Once again the resort were very helpful both on and off the hill.

2.4b Some points to work on for next year have been identified by the officials working this year. These are:
i) The Office procedure needs to reviewed, particularly access to the office and roles within the office.
ii) Prize giving needs to be reviewed, particularly the result preparation.
iii) The Commentary and Provisional Times Board need to be improved, especially the link between the timing and commentator.

2.4c Currently the plans for next year are that we are to return to PSV either the week 1st to 6th April or 8th to 13th April subject to when the British Championships are held. In order to ensure the best possible location chosen however, DP to contact Val Thorens to see what they can offer.

2.5 **All England Championships**

2.5a PVK/TC to check the contract before being sent to Hemel, ideally on or before the forthcoming meeting.

2.5b PVK and DF have a meeting with Snow and Rock in two weeks time to discuss sponsorship of the event.

2.5c The Chiefs of Race have been agreed as Dermot Flahive, Alan Holly and Lloyd Jenkins

2.5d It was hoped that a meeting of the organizing committee can be held during the Hemel race weekend

2.5e The Ladies Ski Club have asked if they can hold their second hand sales at the event. A decision will be made following the meeting with Snow and Rock.

2.6 **Feedback from the SSGB TD Forum**

2.6a **Children's Race Format -** It has been decided that the trial format used at snow races this year will be used for the 2006/2007 season

2.6b **Entry to British FIS races –** A system for entering all British racers into British races will be defined. This is likely to involve sending a list to the SSGB office by a pre-determined date/time. The office will respond either with either all racers ok, or list any racers who will be denied a start. The main reasons for this are
A) to comply with FIS regulations and
B) to ensure no sanctioned racers are allowed a start.

2.6c **Coaches Accreditation –** The coaches have asked if they can have some form of accreditation that will last the season. They are investigating this.

2.6d **Child Welfare –** It is highly probable that at all British events a child welfare officer will be required to be present. More information below.

2.6e **British Rules –** The draft snow rules are to be published in June for comment and be ratified at the November forum. The artificial rules are to be effective as of now.

2.6f **Prize Giving –** it had been noted that some skiers are taking their skis onto the podium at prize giving. This is to stop and a note needs to go into the race bulletin to this effect. Photographs may be taken on the podium after the event.

2.6g **Minis Catsuits –** A total ban on minis using catsuits is to be introduced this year. This replaces the existing phasing out agreement that had a further year to run.

2.6h **Funding of Race Officials –** TC is to investigate the funding of race officials development particularly the development of our younger race officials to British and hopefully FIS

2.7 **Race Calendar**

2.7a The agreed fees for the slope hire at this year's events have been passed to the office.

2.7b The Club calendar fee (£300) and the £1.50 per racer levy will be deducted from the on line entry fees collected before payment to the clubs. P. Heath to monitor.

2.7c A contract/fee is to be agreed with Gloucester to hold the Inter Regional race.

2.7d The European Championships are to be held in Scotland on 5th November

2.7e Problems with obtaining course setters have been experienced. The office, in conjunction with STP, is producing a list of A, B and C setters, which will be available this week.

2.7f The Grand Prix dates for 2007 have been agreed as 6th May, 20th May, 3rd June, 17th June and 1st July
The All England has been agreed on 1st/2nd September
The British on 15th/16th September

2.8 **British Championships**

2.8a Ian Roberts has agreed to be Chief of Championships, replacing Gill Todd.

2.8b The appointed TD is Richard Dawe.

2.8c The entry fee has been agreed subject to ratification by the organizing committee.

2.9 **Documentation**

2.9a The British Championships need to be added to the online race entry system.

2.9b DM is continuing with his work with standard race bulletin formats. This should be available for next season.

2.9c MF is to take over from Gill Todd in the maintenance of the Secretaries Booklet and race pack documentation.

2.9d The new SSE web site is nearly up and running. Once complete, all existing race documentation will be transferred to the site.

2.9e Alpine Race Bulletin to be sent to all racers

2.10 **Training Courses/Accreditation**

2.10a Level 1 courses – Currently, interest has been shown by the following regions/clubs: ERSA, Southampton, Gloucester, and Castleford. One course has already been set up by WMSA and is scheduled to be run at Telford on 21st May.

2.10b Level 2 course - This year's Level 2 course will be again held at Stoke Rochford on the 18th/9th November. £57.50 for SSE registered officials (subject to agreement by ARC) & £97.50 for non registered officials. This will cover the accommodation and meals.

2.10c There was some confusion on who required accreditation on dry slopes. This was covered in the Occasional Race Bulletin, which was published and is being sent to all racers.

2.10d A new home for the Race Officials Database is required as its current home, which has kindly been provided free of charge for the last 3 years, is by Tristan Cole and is due to close at the end of the year.

2.10e The official accreditation questions are to be re-sent to all ROTP members to allow them to assess officials this year.

2.11 **Equipment (Bibs/Timing Units)**

2.11a The equipment transfer document is to be updated to cover the new equipment (timing unites banners etc)

2.11b Following the successful use of the Thomson sponsored bibs at this year's Alpine Championships they **must be used** at all the Grand Prix, the All England and the British races this year.

2.11c The faulty charger for the timing units is to be sent to Alge for repair/replacement.

2.11d The boards are to be checked and the damaged ones replaced.

2.11e Existing equipment that is no longer used is to be sold on. The dongle (currently for version 7) is to be sold to ERSA. The Crown bibs are to be sold in two sets at £1 per bib.

2.12 **Child Welfare Officers**
A child welfare officer will need to be present at all SSE events in 2007. They will be appointed at the same time as the Chief of Race and Secretary and need to be added to the Calendar. Besides their duties as welfare officer, they will be responsible for ensuring that all officials, including ones found on race day, are either SSE accredited (CRB checked) or have signed the Self Declaration document

2.13 **Any Other Business**

2.13a A new member to ROTP is required following the retirement of Gill Todd. Gill Hall to approach a suitable identified replacement.

2.13b A race is to be held at Bracknell on the snowflex. With SRSA's approval, ROTP will send an observer to see how the gates and the matting perform in a race environment. STP to be notified in case they want to send an observer.

2.13c Rossendale may be looking for re-homologation. Rossendale slope need to contact STP.

2.13d There is to be a re-alignment of the regions within SSE during this year to take effect from 2007.

2.13e A request for a calcs course had been received. Currently there is a proposal to develop a self teach course but no time scale has been set. It was not felt that there was sufficient demand to run a course.

2.13f A note must be added to the Snow Race Bulletin that all racers must have full medical insurance as well as race insurance and this may be inspected prior to the race.

2.13g Format of Club National races. A request to change the format from 3 runs down one course to two runs down 1 course and a third run down a new reset course had been received. ROTP saw no problems with the logistics of this, but were to seek the advice of STP and Coaches prior to putting to ARC. If all agree then this would be introduced for the 2007 season.

2.14 **Date of next meeting**
The next meeting will be held at Swadlincote on Sunday 20th August 2006 at 10am