



MINUTES OF THE
Eastern Region Ski Association
Race Managers meeting 2004
Hardwick Arms (Arrington) – 7th February 2004,
Time 10:00am

Present:

Piet van Kempen	Chairman ROTP Bassingborn	Steven Lambert	Regional Race Manager Hemel
Barand Ter-Haar	Asst Regional Race Manager Bassingbourn (pp Race Manager)	Thomas Paxton	Asst Regional Race Manager Hemel
John Curtis	ERSA Vice Chairman Race Manager Snow Club	Kevin Driscoll	Race Manager Hemel
Doug Cooper	Race Manager Brentwood	Dee Ayling	Race Manager Vikings/Suffolk
John Williams	Race Manager Norfolk	Jonathan Serdet	Race Manager Welwyn

Apologies

Nikki T/Jackson	Race Manager Bassingbourn	James Thompson	Race Manager Xscape
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Meeting commenced at 1015 after coffee.

	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	
	<i>Minutes of last Race Managers meeting 2003 not available</i>	
07.02.01	Race Calendar (Click for actual calendar)	ALL
	<i>After discussion the Summer Race Calendar 2004 was decided, ERSa dual slalom event to be held at Norfolk and the ERSa Championships at either BWP or WGC depending on availability. If both available BWP preferred choice as Welwyn held the champs 2 years ago. Bassingbourn still provisional. It was agreed to stay away from the Irish weekend as this would probably be the last race there due organisation difficulties. It was felt many ERSa racers s well as parents would attend.</i>	
07.02.02	Race Format	ALL
	<i>The actual race format would stay the same with 2 runs to count out of 3. However there would be a GS race at one of the longer slopes instead of the normal slalom, it was decided to be Suffolk.</i>	
	<i>As a trial at the first race at Hemel ERSa Seedpoints would be used to compile the start as per SSE rules. However the girls and boys would still be drawn together as one race. If successful this may be carried on at other races. The unseeded races would race first with the lowest bib number. It was pointed out that the computer must be used for the start order and at present there are only a few people in the region familiar with the softski programme.</i>	
07.02.03	Summer League Dual Slalom Team Events	ALL
	<i>The main team event to run unchanged. The draw to be followed for the whole season was made. Teams will be entered into the race computer that would then sort out race orders, the idea being that no team should meet the same team twice during the season in the first round only. It was also decided that the draw would be followed regardless of number of teams entered. Only one bye per team may be skied. Awards to be given to the winning team only, to be decided if individual medals or team plaque.</i>	
	<i>The scratch event to be renamed the FUN RAINBOW EVENT. It was decided important to continue the event to enable as many racers as possible to compete in a dual slalom competition. The event will take place after the main team event. No club teams to be entered. By the requested time race managers will pass the names and dates of birth of ALL racers not selected for their main club teams who wish to take part in the "Rainbow" event to the appointed person. A random selection of teams will then be made and each team allocated a colour. Teams will be of 7 racers from any age group and sex. Apart from team composition rules will be the same as for the main event. All racers will race in date of birth order i.e. youngest first. This event will be a competition in its own right on the day and will not count towards any club Summer League overall points. Byes will not be skied. Awards will be given to the first team only. Volunteers would be approached to run this event but if no volunteers were forthcoming the actual event may be in jeopardy of being cancelled as the ERSa officials on the day do not have enough time to organise this event as well. It was felt that 8 teams of 7 (56) should cover the number of racers wishing to race but if more then a qualifying race would be held to get the number of teams down to 8. Medals to be awarded to the winners only. At the end of last season Gillian Poth and Nikki Thomas offered their help. SL to contact them by email.</i>	

07.02.04	Race Rules 2004	SL
	<p>ERSA age groups to remain the same although SSE would change to only one master's category in both CN and GP races.</p> <p>PVK reminded those present about the need to look after trophies. ERSAs have spent a lot of last years income in getting the trophies correct. In the future clubs and racers would be held responsible if not returned and invoiced £50.00 to cover replacement.</p> <p>Changes in the rules agreed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aiders to be visible immediately available should they be needed. • BG to get immediate rerun should mishap occur before the first gate. Other age groups at ERSAs official discretion. • Change in Scratch Event. • To compete in ERSAs champs racers MUST have competed in at least 2 ERSAs Summer League events. <p>http://erskia.co.uk/Rules/SL2004.htm Full ERSAs Summer League rules.</p> <p>SL informed equipment rules for dry slope remain unchanged. Reminded that if competing on snow the FIS rules must be followed.</p>	
07.02.05	ERSAs Squads 2004	SL
	<p>SL informed that a number of racers had accepted their invite to join the squad. Training days would be organized shortly by the race trainers, Kirk Durham and Paul Fraylich.</p>	
07.02.06	Items requested for purchase.	PVK/SL
	<p>Race managers were asked of any items that could be purchased to enable the Summer League to run more smoothly. Items suggested were (all costing approx.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra Radios to bring the ERSAs tally to 8. (GBP 800) • Megaphone – for use at start. (GBP 40) • Fluorescent bibs for race officials, (Jerry Ayling Bate to arrange) • Soft Ski Programme, up to now ERSAs have always used Hemel's programme but it was felt that ERSAs should own their own to stand alone, Hemel's would still be available if required. (GBP 250) • Adaptor for the new ERSAs timing board. (EUR 30) • SSE Official Course Setters course at no charge to ERSAs members. • Trainers/Instructors Coaches workshop. 	
07.02.07	Snozone Races and ERSAs involvement	ALL
	<p>At present SSE is in consultation with Graham Beck without much success about the format of the Summers Snozone races. After much debate it was felt that ERSAs would only support these races if they were recognised by Snowsport England. If not sanctioned then no information about the races would be forthcoming from ERSAs. However it was pointed out that over 130 ERSAs racers took part last year and all found the series "Fun". ERSAs would not discourage racers from taking part should they wish but this would be on an individual arrangement.</p>	
	<p>Snozone Races. This item would be discussed more fully when the actual format is known.</p>	
07.02.08	Regions National Races	NOR/HEM
	<p>There would be four National races in the region, Club National and Grand Prix at both Norfolk and Hemel. Help would be requested from the region. A SSE officials course was held at Hemel on 7th Feb, 15 people attended and it is hoped all will help at least one of the races.</p>	
07.02.09	AOB	
	<p>John Curtis advised of a race being held at Chatham on Saturday 20th March, more details to follow. There being no other business Piet thanked all for coming and the meeting closed at 13:10hrs.</p>	
	NEXT MEETING	
	<p>The next meeting will be at the 1st Summer League race at Hemel on 25th April.</p>	