



**MINUTES OF THE**  
 Eastern Region Ski Association  
 Race Managers meeting 2006  
 Hardwick Arms (Arrington) – 26<sup>th</sup> February,  
 Time 10:00am

**Present:**

Bernard Wright	Chairman ROTP Vikings	Steven Lambert	Regional Race Manager/ROTP Hemel
Barand Ter-Haar	ROTP Bassingbourn	Kevin Driscoll	ROTP Hemel
John Curtis	ERSA Vice Chairman	Andrea Grant	Race Manager Hemel
Doug Cooper	Race Manager Brentwood	Lesley Yeung	Race Manager Vikings/Suffolk
Lynn Ritsema	Race Manager Bassingbourn	Garath Watkins	Race Manager Welwyn

**Apologies**

Jerry Ayling	Chairman ERSAs	Nigel Riches	ROTP Norfolk
Piet Van Kempen	Regional Equipment Manager Bassingbourn	John Williams	Race Manager Norfolk

Meeting commenced at 1030 after coffee.

	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS</b>	
	<a href="#">Minutes of last Race Managers meeting 2005 Click for details</a>	
	<i>Minutes of RTP meeting in January held at Hemel discussed, budget item - a request will be made for a "Megaphone" although some felt not required. Minutes available at <a href="http://www.erskia.co.uk/Com/ROTOP/15_01_06.mht">http://www.erskia.co.uk/Com/ROTOP/15_01_06.mht</a></i>	
<b>01.02.06</b>	<b>Race Calendar (<a href="#">Click for actual calendar</a>)</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<i>After discussion the Summer Race Calendar 2006 was decided, ERSAs dual slalom/gs event to be held hopefully on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, venue to be decided and the ERSAs Championships at WGC on Sun 1 Oct. ERSAs RTP to organise helped by clubs. There have been a number of clashes and by tradition these are mainly the Celtic Cups. However Norfolk SL clashes with SOU CN and also when the VIK are away on snow camp. This may impinge on numbers. It was felt many ERSAs racers as well as parents would attend the SOU CN.</i>	
<b>02.02.06</b>	<b>Race Format</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<i>The actual race format would stay the same with 2 runs to count out of 3. Start order as previous years using ERSAs points. Entry criteria as previous years. Fee to remain at £9.00 with £6.00 going to the centres, £3.00 to ERSAs who will donate £1.00 for every racer to the AH fund. The responsibility of RTP was discussed, it was considered by all present that the current status quo works very well and should be continued. On race day the appointed jury shall have control of the race and any problems/protests that may arise. Course Inspection, it was noted that many Juniors were helping the younger members with their course inspection. This was considered to give no real advantage to normally experienced racers being on the slope for longer than others. Organisers to be aware of the Juniors apparently on the slope when not their "time".</i>	
<b>03.02.06</b>	<b>Summer League Dual Slalom Team Events</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<i>The main team event to now include an extra category of "Junior" made up of only Juniors. It was felt that this age group were penalised as they could only be selected for the "Open" age group whereas all others were eligible for at least 2 categories. 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. It was decided to follow the SSE Rule about "7 minutes from time of last racer completing the previous run". This would enable the event to run more smoothly. Kevin Driscoll has agreed to be coordinator for this event and will collect all team names, ensure the timing is set and generally make sure the event runs smoothly.</i>	

	<i>The RAINBOW EVENT to continue in present format. By the end of the second run race managers will pass the names of ALL racers that wish to take part in the "Rainbow" event. After this time the teams will be selected and no further names will be accepted for the event. A computer selection of teams will be made using ERSA Seedpoints and each allocated a "animal colour". 8 teams will be selected and will comprise of racers from any age group and sex. Apart from team composition rules will be the same as for the main event. Racers will race as according to the computer lists, this tries to match up racers of equal ability. 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 and second teams. Bernie Wright has offered to act as the coordinator of this event but any assistance would be most welcome..</i>	
<b>03.02.06</b>	<b>Race Rules 2006</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<p><i>ERSA age groups to remain the same. Changes in the rules agreed were:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fee £9.00</i></li> <li>• <i>BG to get immediate rerun should mishap occur before the first gate. Other age groups at ERSA race official discretion.</i></li> <li>• <i>Course setter ideally to be appointed before the event but on the day if not possible.</i></li> <li>• <i>The banning of certain types of lubricant must be notified in the Race Invite.</i></li> <li>• <i>Clarification of number of events to qualify for SL Award.</i></li> <li>• <i>SSE 7 minute rule in connection with dual slalom.</i></li> <li>• <i>Rule regarding time for notification of names for "Rainbow" event</i></li> <li>• <i>Entry criteria to ERSA champs copied in full below(voted 5-0, Nor not in attendance)</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>THE ERSA CHAMPS IS OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A CLUB WITHIN THE EASTERN REGION SKI ASSOCIATION REGISTERED WITH SNOWSPORT ENGLAND AND TO INDIVIDUALS IF REGISTERED WITH SNOWSPORT ENGLAND WHOSE ARTIFICIAL NOMINATED CLUB IS AN EASTERN REGION CLUB WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF AN ERSA CLUB AS A SECOND CLUB. THE START LIST WILL BE COMPILED USING ERSA SEEDPOINTS. THE RTP AND THE RACE MANAGERS WILL CONSIDER INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS CRITERION BUT WISH TO COMPETE IN ERSA EVENTS. <u>TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARD OF THE COMPETITION, IF REQUIRED, AN ERSA SEEDPOINT CUT OFF WILL BE APPLIED AS AGREED BY THE REGIONS CLUB RACE MANAGERS.</u></u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jury to comprise of Home Chief of Race, Senior RTP member and RTP member from another club. No more than 1 member from the same club.</i></li> <li>• <i>Full ERSA rules at <a href="http://www.erskia.co.uk/Rules/SL_Rules_2006.mht">http://www.erskia.co.uk/Rules/SL_Rules_2006.mht</a></i></li> </ul>	
<b>03.02.06</b>	<b>ERSA Squads 2004</b>	<b>BW</b>
	<i>Squad Manager to be approached and when finalised squad invites will be sent out. Training days would then be organized by the squad manager and the trainers..</i>	
<b>03.02.06</b>	<b>Items requested for purchase.</b>	<b>SL</b>
	<p><i>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.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Megaphone – for use at start. (GBP 40)</i></li> <li>• <i>SSE Official Course Setters course at no charge to ERSA members. SL to email.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>03.02.06</b>	<b>Tri Regional Event</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<i>LSERSA wish to organise the successful event again this year, probably in November, more details when known.</i>	
	<i>Snozone Races. Will continue arranged by Graham Beck.</i>	
<b>03.02.06</b>	<b>Regions National Races</b>	<b>NOR/HEM/VIK</b>
	<i>There would be six National races in the region, Club National and Grand Prix at both Norfolk and Hemel and a club national at Vikings for the first time. Help would be requested from the region. ERSA have responsibility for the GPs and as such should be consulted during each stage of the organisation. The ALL ENGLAND will be held at Hemel due to the unavailability of Wycombe.</i>	
<b>03.02.06</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<i>John Curtis advised of the passing of BWP racer, Ron Ballard, our thoughts go to his family at this sad time for them</i>	
	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<i>Being no further business the meeting closed at 1250h. Bernie thanked all for attending. The next meeting will be at the 1<sup>st</sup> Summer League race at Hemel on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.</i>	