



Eastern Region Ski Association

Minutes of the ERSA Committee meeting held on December 1st 2007

Present:

Lloyd Jenkins
Bernie Wright
Andrea Grant
Nick Warmington
Tony Williams
Lesley Yeung
Piet Van Kempen
John Curtis
Judith Brotherton

Apologies

Steve Lambert
Kevin Driscoll

1. Minutes of the meeting held on March 21st

These minutes were approved. (Available at http://www.ersa.co.uk/Com/21_03_07/Minutes.pdf)

2. ERSA Accounts

AG presented the accounts for the year ending October 31 2007.
The closing balance was £5,798.62.

2.1 Income 2007

- The main account was a community account and as such attracted no interest. There was discussion about transferring at least a proportion of money into a savings account. **Action: AG**
- Income. Income for the year totalled 4900.87. This was slightly above expectation particularly as income for summer league races had been based on an assumption of an average of 120 racers, and the average during the 2007 season had more like 140.
- There was discussion about the loan of the ERSA timing equipment to other regions and SSE, and whether ERSA charged sufficiently. It was agreed that the dual slalom equipment should be charged at a rates of £100.00 per day including payment for any damages caused by the hirer. The radios should be hired out at a cost of £5.00 per handset per day. A more formal agreement should be drawn up. **Action: LJ.** ERSA clubs are able to borrow free of charge

Expenditure 2007

- ERSA Squad training. There has been two training sessions held at Welwyn, which had been very successful, and very good value for those who attended. The charge had been very low at £5.00 per racer and it was proposed to raise this slightly to £10.00 or £15.00.

- Inter regional tri regional tops: two sets of tops purchased this year; the second set purchased by BW had been cheaper and successful and agreed to use this supplier for 2008.

3. Major Purchases required in 2008

- A list of must do purchases and desirable purchases had been prepared by Steve Lambert. The must do list were agreed, and included replacing the TDC, buying a new printer, a new storage stick for results, batteries for the radios, and earphones and microphones for the radios. The start gate and finish beam were agreed to be replaced although repairing both would be investigated first. An estimate assuming all had to be replaced was £1,600.
- Dual slalom kit. A major issue is planning the replacement of the dual slalom kit which is unique, but needs copying. It] was agreed to look at the costs of making a copy.
Action: PVK + TW. Likely expenditure on the dual slalom estimated at £1,000, and this would make a combined estimate of £2,700.

4. Fees for the 2008 summer league

There had been a suggestion that the entry fee for summer league races should be raised to £10.00 or higher. This would be on the basis that ERSA is going to have to fund more expensive kit replacement in the next couple of years, that the fee was relatively low for a days racing, and also reflected pressure from some slope owners for more income from races.

However, after discussion about the projected expenditure for 2008, there will still be £2,000 in the account, and the majority of those present agreed that there was no justification for raising the entry fee, which would therefore remain at £9.00. The reduced rate for families for 3 or more racers would remain.

One of the pressures for a couple of clubs related to a request from slope owners for a higher level of income from ERSA and national races, and certainly over a £1,000, which would only be possible if the entry was raised. This led to discussion about the fact that income from races is usually paid directly to the slopes and could be paid via the clubs. This is something for clubs to consider, and the whole entry fee issue would be discussed again in a year's time.

5. ERSA Summer Camp

JC and PVK reported that as yet no volunteer had emerged to organise a summer camp, but that efforts would continue.

6. Snow sport England committee Meeting

PVK noted that he would be attending a snow sport England committee meeting the following week, in his capacity as ERSA rep/ LJ would also attend as chair of ERSA.

Date of next meeting

LJ confirmed that a further committee meeting would be held at the end of March, following the race managers meeting