



MINUTES OF THE
 Eastern Region Ski Association
 Race Managers meeting 2008
 Hardwick Arms (Arrington) – 9th March,
 Time 10:00am

Present:

Bernard Wright	Chairman ROTP Vikings	Steven Lambert	Regional Race Manager Hemel
John Curtis	Brentwood	Andrea Grant	Race Manager Hemel
Lloyd Jenkins	Norfolk	Lesley Yeung	Race Manager Vikings/Suffolk
Piet Van Kempen	Bassingbourn	Judith Brotherton	Race Manager Welwyn

Apologies:

Doug Cooper	Brentwood Park Race Manager
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Meeting commenced at 1000 after coffee.

	MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS	
	<i>Minutes of last Race Managers meeting 2007</i> http://www.ersa.co.uk/Com/RaceMan/2007/RaceMeeting2007Minutes.pdf <i>The Minutes of the last meeting 2007 were acknowledged as a true representation.</i>	
01.00.08	Race Calendar (http://www.ersa.co.uk/Cal/cal08.htm)	ALL
	<i>After discussion the Summer Race Calendar 2008 was finalised, the ERSA Championships will be held at WGC on Sun 5th Oct. ERSA RTP to organise helped by clubs. There have been a number of clashes and by tradition these are mainly with the Celtic Cups. The Tri Regions event, this year organised by ERSA will be held on Saturday 4th October at BWP, ERSA to provide medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the team and plate event.</i>	
02.00.08	Race Format, Changes and Information	ALL
	<i>The actual race format would stay the same with 2 runs to count out of 3. Start order as previous years using ERSA points. Entry criteria as previous years. Pre registration has worked well and will continue in the same format. This will make it easier for the organisers on Sunday morning. Any late entries after 1200h on the Saturday before the race will be given the highest bib numbers and race first regardless of seed points. Entries will still be accepted Sunday morning. However the race office for registration WILL close at 0900h (30 minutes earlier than 2007), after this time the race will be closed. Slight variation in the timetable affecting open practice (close at 0915h) and course setting, see invites for details. The idea being behind these changes is to try and speed up the day.</i> <i>For the 1st race (Hemel SL at Welwyn) it was requested that names be given by 1200h on the Friday before the event. This is because of the Hemel CN being held on the Saturday.</i>	
	PLEASE NOTE	
02.02.08	<i>Fee to remain at £9.00 with £6.00 going to the centres, £3.00 to ERSA. Family discount applies.</i>	
02.03.08	<i>Course Inspection, the actual method of course inspection will be decided by the jury on the day The order of course inspection will change with JN2 and older going first followed by CH2 and below. It was felt this would make the inspection and racing easier for the less experienced younger racers.</i>	
02.04.08	<i>Championships, same entry criteria as 2007, however a seed point cut of may be applied to ensure suitability of racers to compete. This will be investigated towards the championship date.</i>	
02.05.08	<i>A reminder was given that it is the responsibility of the next club in the Summer season to arrange transfer of the timing equipment to their slope. Any breakages should be reported so repairs can be carried out.</i>	
02.06.08	<i>Course setters, it was agreed to try and use various course setters from within the region, however those people racing in "competitive" groups would not be used unless other setters were not available. The list will be updated and a request was made that if members wish to appear on the list they should contact RTP.</i>	
02.07.08	<i>Request that race managers remind their club members of the need to wear helmets for all stages of the competition incl practice, course inspection and racing. Poles to have bungs, many racers from snow so timely reminder may be appropriate.</i>	
03.00.08	Summer League Dual Slalom Team Events	ALL
03.02.08	<i>It was felt that the ERSA racers were being disadvantaged when it came to National Relay events or the Tri Regions. It was decided to make the OPEN A category a relay event, all other categories remaining as head to head. Discussion took place if an OPEN B category should be run, it was decided to continue with the B team but to ensure that B teams were filled before the Rainbows. If a club only enters one OPEN team they will be in A. This arrangement will be reviewed after the 2nd race (Welwyn).</i>	

03.03.08	<i>The RAINBOW EVENT to continue in present format except that the event will be held before the main team event. 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.</i>	
04.00.08	Race Rules 2008	ALL
04.02.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Change of format for course inspection.</i> • <i>Change of team event to indicate a relay event for Open A.</i> 	
05.00.08	ERSA Squads 2008	SL/BW
	<i>A Squad Manager for 2008 is being sought by ERSA. Any people within the region please contact their race manager if interested. In the interim team selection for national and tri regions will be handled by RTP. Racing shirts will be provided to those that compete in the above events. It was discussed about the possibility of purchasing "ERSA Badges" to be sewn on club sweatshirts, still on going but due cost most unlikely.</i>	
06.00.08	Items requested for purchase.	SL
	<i>Items already agreed by the ERSA committee will be purchased,</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ALGE Timy Timer</i> • <i>Finish Gate (broken at Welwyn) incl Tripods</i> • <i>USB Ski Pro Dongle</i> • <i>All in one copy, prin,t scan printer.</i> 	
07.00.08	Tri Regional Event	RTP
	<i>ERSA will organise the event this year, October 4th at Brentwood, more details to follow.</i>	
08.00.08	Regions National Races	NOR/HEM/VIK
	<i>There would be six National races in the region, Club National and Grand Prix at both Norfolk and Suffolk and a club national at Hemel (Welwyn) and Xscape. Norfolk have also been awarded the "All England" championships. 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.</i>	
09.00.08	Child Protection Act	
	<i>Daphne Van Kempen has agreed to be the ERSA CWO. However each club will need to appoint a "Child Welfare Officer" for their individual races, these names must be notified to ERSA. From start of season 2008 all volunteers/officials must be CRB checked or signed a "self Declaration" form.</i>	
10.00.08	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It was decided NOT to issue certificates to winning team in the "Team" events.</i> • <i>An accredited photographer would be invited to ERSA events with a small percentage of sales going to ERSA, an opt form will need to be produced by clubs forv use on the day.</i> • <i>SL pointed out that to race in the Summer League and be covered by insurance you must be a member of an ERSA club and your name passed to SSE, checks will be made.</i> • <i>A request was made for "Club Secretaries" email addresses to be passed to Steve for communication purposes.</i> • <i>Ian Mawson from Welwyn was invited to join ERSA RTP.</i> • <i>A new Dual box needs to be manufactured, PVK has a source and SL will pass a specification to Norfolk (Lloyd) for them also to look into the feasibility of the task.</i> 	
	NEXT MEETING	
	<i>Being no further business the meeting closed at 1145h. Bernie thanked all for attending. The next meeting will be at the 1st Summer League race at Welwyn on 20th April.</i>	