



MINUTES OF THE
 Eastern Region Ski Association
 Race Managers meeting 2009
 Hardwick Arms (Arrington) – 8th February,
 Time 10:00am

Present:

Bernard Wright	Chairman ROTP Vikings	Steven Lambert	Regional Race Manager Hemel
Doug Cooper	Race Manager Brentwood	John Curtis	Brentwood
Tony Williamson	Race Manager Norfolk	Lesley Yeung	Race Manager Vikings/Suffolk
Judith Brotherton	Race Manager Welwyn	Ian Mawson	Welwyn
Amanda Rolph	Race Manager Hemel	Andrea Grant	Hemel
Lorraine Upton	Bassingbourn		

Apologies:

Lloyd Jenkins	Chairman ERSA (Norfolk)
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Meeting commenced at 1000 after coffee.

	MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS	
	<i>Minutes of last Race Managers meeting 2008</i> http://www.ersa.co.uk/Com/RaceMan/2008/RaceMeeting2008Minutes.pdf <i>The Minutes of the last meeting 2008 were acknowledged as a true representation.</i>	
01.00.09	Race Calendar (http://www.ersa.co.uk/Cal/cal09.htm)	ALL
	<i>After discussion the Summer Race Calendar 2009 was finalised, the ERSA Championships will be held at Hemel Snow Centre on Sun 4th 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 SRSA will be held on Saturday 3rd (provisional) October at BWP or BRO, more details when available.</i>	
02.00.09	Race Format, Changes and Information 2009	ALL
PLEASE NOTE	<i>Discussion took place re the composition and order of races. It was decided the race format would change this year, 3 runs with still 2 to count. However the race would follow more of a national format with females and males racing in 2 separate groups, the order of which gender raced first would be varied throughout the year. Runs 1 and 2 start order based on ERSA points with the top 15 lowest pointed racers drawn and the rest in seedpoint order, unseeded racers also being drawn and racing after the seeded racers. Run 3 start order will be according to the best time of Run 1 or Run 2 with the fastest racer going last. Again females and males separately. This is to introduce ERSA members to the format for National Races. Entry criteria as previous years. Pre registration has worked well and will continue, however racers must have registered with their manager in time for him/her to forward to the ERSA race secretary the entries by the Wednesday evening before the event. Entries after this time up until the race office closes at 9.00pm on race day will be accepted at an increased fee of + £6.00, i.e. total entry fee £15.00. Once an entry is accepted into the race no refund will be given unless good reason is given. This will make it more efficient for the organisers on Sunday morning. Any late entries 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, after this time the race will be closed. The idea being behind these changes is to try and speed up the day and fall more in line with the national system..</i>	
02.02.09	<i>Fee to remain at £9.00 with £6.00 going to the centres, £3.00 to ERSA. Family discount applies. The cost for indoor snow races because of the increased fee for slope hire is £15.00. The majority of the entry fee being paid to the Ski Centre.</i>	
02.03.09	<i>Course Inspection, the actual method of course inspection will be decided by the jury on the day. Course inspection on snow will be done from the side of the slope, no racer is allowed to enter the race area or the race line, this is to protect the slope from unnecessary damage. Inspection must be carried out wearing skis or properly fitted and leashed snowblades. Coaches may accompany their racers but the same rules will apply.</i>	

02.04.09	<i>Discussions took place about the 1st indoor snow race to be held at Hemel on Sunday 31st May. This race will be aimed at those racers with the highest seed points. As indoor races are going to be a learning curve this race will be a fun race and not count towards the overall Summer League, however it will still be seeded (ERSA points). Entry criteria, each club will be allocated a number of entries according to the the proportion of club racers that took part in the 2008 Summer League and Championships. These currently are: BAS – 2, BWP – 23, HEM – 35, NOR – 36, VIK – 26, WGC – 19, XSC – 9. It was felt that the XSC entry be increased as ERSA wanted to encourage their participation in Summer League. It was stressed that the selected racers MUST be of the higher pointed racers, ERSA will have the right to veto entries should it be considered this requirement has not been complied with. To take part in this race ERSA members MUST have ERSA points and competed in either the Summer League 2008, the ERSA Champs 2008 or one of the first 2 Summer League Races 2009. The format of this race is still under consideration. Once the centre is open and the club (HSRC) have more information re snow conditions, course setting etc the format will be decided.</i>	
02.05.09	<i>The ERSA Championships will be held at Hemel Snow Centre in 2009. The entry at present shall be restricted to the top 150 ERSA seeded racers in the region. (Entry will be declined if no ERSA points. The female and male entry will be proportionate to the total ENTRY RECEIVED. There shall be no more than 20 Boys and Girls racers, again proportionally to the entry. A seed point cut of will be applied to ensure suitability of racers to compete.</i>	
03.05.09	Review of Issues from 2008 Season	ALL
03.02.09	<i>No issues were reported.</i>	
03.03.09	<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>	
03.04.08	<i>Poles to have bungs, does not apply to indoor snow.</i>	
04.06.09	Summer League Dual Slalom Team Events	ALL
04.02.09	<i>The ERSA team events will continue with the 4 categories, Children's, Open A and B and the Senior /Masters. The children's event and the open A event will be a relay whereas the Open B and Senior/Masters will be a head to head.</i>	
04.03.09	<i>The RAINBOW EVENT to continue in present form. By the end of the second run race managers will have ensured the names of ALL racers that wish to take part in the "Rainbow" event have been given to the organisers.</i>	
05.00.08	Race Rules 2009	ALL
05.02.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For comprehensive rules see: http://www.ersa.co.uk/Rules/SL_Rules_2009.pdf 	
06.00.08	ERSA Squads 2008	SL/BW
	<i>The ERSA Squad for 2009 has been selected using National Seedpoints and published on the ERSA website, if possible training days may be arranged but due to the fullness of the Summer Calendar this was unlikely. However it was felt that to be part of the "Squad" may be advantageous when applying to various sponsors, schools, colleges etc. Selection for national and tri regions will be handled by RTP but will not be limited to Squad members. Racing shirts will be provided to those that compete in the above events.</i>	
07.00.09	Items requested for purchase.	SL
	<i>Items already agreed by the ERSA committee will/may be purchased,</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USB Ski Pro Dongle (LJ to organise) • Alge Flash units to supplement the Dual timing. • New hill cable (PVK to arrange) 	
08.00.09	Tri Regional Event	RTP
	<i>SRSA will organise the event this year, October 3rd at either Bromley or Brentwood, more details to follow.</i>	
09.00.09	Regions National Races	NOR/HEM/VIK
	<i>There would be six National races in the region, Club National and Grand Prix at Norfolk, Suffolk and an indoor CN/GP weekend at XSC. There will be a club national at Hemel (Welwyn). A GP (indoor snow) 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>	
10.00.09	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Amanda Rolph asked if there was any way ERSA could encourage club members to support the Region. 	
	NEXT MEETING	
	<i>Being no further business the meeting closed at 1200h. Bernie thanked all for attending. The next meeting will be at the 1st Summer League race.</i>	