



MINUTES OF THE Eastern Region Ski Association Race Managers meeting 2010 Hardwick Arms (Arrington) – 14th February, Time 10:30am

Present:

Bernard Wright	Chairman ERSA Vikings	Steven Lambert	Regional Race Manager ERSA Hemel
Ian Mawson	Chairman ERSA RTP Welwyn	John Curtis	Vice Chair ERSA Brentwood
Jo Parker	Race Manager Norfolk	Lesley Yeung	Race Manager Vikings/Suffolk
Andrew Upton	Race Manager Welwyn	Doug Cooper	Race Manager Brentwood
Jenny Payne	Race Manager Bassingbourn	Cathy Bierrum	Race Manager Hemel
Hillary Whipp	Bassingbourn	Piet Van Kempen	ERSA RTP Bassingbourn

Apologies:

	No apologies received
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Meeting commenced at 1030 after coffee.

	MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS	
	<i>Minutes of last Race Managers meeting 2009</i> http://www.ersa.co.uk/Com/RaceMan/2009/RaceMeeting2009Minutes.pdf <i>The Minutes of the last meeting 2009 were acknowledged as a true representation.</i>	
01.00.10	Race Calendar (http://www.ersa.co.uk/Cal/cal10.htm)	ALL
	<i>After discussion the Summer Race Calendar 2010 was finalised, the ERSA Championships will be held at Norfolk on Sun 17th 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 16th October at BWP or, more details when available. Various National races will take place throughout the region.</i>	
02.00.10	Race Format, Changes and Information 2010	ALL
PLEASE NOTE	<i>Discussion took place re the composition and order of races. It was decided the race format would remain as per 2009, 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, females always first followed by the males. Runs 1, 2 and 3 start order based on ERSA points with the top 15 lowest pointed racers being drawn at random and the rest in seedpoint order, unseeded racers also being drawn and racing after the seeded racers. Females and males separately. The Entry criteria has been changed for 2010. (Not discussed at Race Managers meeting but ratified at last full ERSA committee meeting, ERSA will now accept entries into the Summer League series from athletes whose second named club is an ERSA club, however if races are over subscribed these athletes will be excluded first, they will compete for their named ERSA club and if two ERSA clubs will compete for their first club). The start time for Summer league has been amended with open practice starting at 0815h (not indoor snow) with the aim of starting the first run by 1000h. Pre registration 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. For indoor Snow races this will be 9 days before the event on the Friday evening. This enables ERSA to organise the entry and apply a "cut" should it be needed. Entries after this time up until the race office closes at 0900h on race day will be accepted at an increased fee of + £6.00 on published entry fee. 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 on Sunday morning. However the race office for registration WILL close at 0900h, after this time the race will be closed. For indoor Snow races it was decided that once entry was received 9 days before the event no refund would be given and if an individual withdrew from the event after this date the fee would still be payable by the club concerned.</i>	
02.02.10	<i>Fee to remain at £9.00 with £6.00 going to the centres, £3.00 to ERSA. Family discount will apply apart from indoor snow races where full entry fee is payable. The cost for indoor snow races: because of the increased fee for slope hire a maximum of £18.00 was agreed to be set by the snow clubs. The majority, if not all, of the entry fee being paid to the Ski Centre. (NB. Currently Hemel will charge £15.00 and in the absence of any MK representative and as it was an "unknown" quantity it was agreed that MK could charge a maximum of £18.00 but cover any shortfall, note £1.00 of that £18.00 fee to ERSA to cover their costs for the race.)</i>	
02.03.10	<i>Course Inspection, the actual method and time 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>	

02.04.10	<i>Discussions took place about the indoor snow races to be held at Hemel and MK. The entry to these races will be controlled and a "cut" may need to be made after full entry from interested parties is received. Indoor races will count towards the overall Summer League series and will be seeded (ERSA points). If the entry needs to be "cut" it was agreed by all present that the cut would start from the older age groups working up, ie MA3 first followed by MA2 etc until the appropriate numbers were reached. If the cut fell half way through an age group then a random draw would be made of that group to decide those accepted, if not accepted a full refund would be made. The cut would not be dependant on ERSA points. The start order for indoor snow would be in age groups with the younger age groups always racing first. The second run would be the reverse of the age groups with the younger groups still competing first. The start draw would be done at random in 3 groups, MIN, BG1+ BG2 in one group, CH1+ CH2 in another group and SEN, MA1, MA2 + MA3 in a 3rd group.</i>	
02.05.10	<i>Three clubs showed an interest in holding the Championships, BWP, BAS and NOR. After a vote by the clubs present (4 to 2) the ERSA Championships will be held at Norwich Ski Centre in 2010. Entry criteria will be the same as the ERSA Summer League races. A seed point cut of may be applied to ensure suitability of racers to compete and ERSA will monitor entries to ensure the standard of the race is maintained. The entry fee will the same as the Summer League.</i>	
02.06.10	<i>SSE have agreed the use of single pole courses with various restrictions, however it was felt, apart from indoor snow, that ERSA will continue to set double poles for the series. As ERSA is a learning ground for novice racers it was felt beneficial to give novice racers the chance of experiencing double pole, this would help them when entering races of a higher standard.</i>	
02.07.10	<i>Helmets, protective equipment. It was reminded that Helmets are compulsory for ALL ERSA events, including practice and course inspection. A standard for Helmets is recommended but the actual choice remains with the racer or parent taking into account the suitability for the task.</i>	
02.08.10	<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>	
02.09.10	<i>Special rules for indoor snow races will apply, to be published with the invite by clubs concerned.</i>	
02.10.10	<i>An SSE "emergency form must be submitted to ERSA before the event or on the day. A sample form can be found at http://www.ersa.co.uk/racing/Medical_Asses_Form.pdf</i>	
03.00.10	Review of Issues from 2009 Season	ALL
03.02.10	<i>No outstanding issues were reported. The series was less attended than the previous year but was felt to be successful.</i>	
04.00.10	Summer League Dual Slalom Team Events	ALL
04.02.02	<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>	
04.03.10	<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>	
04.04.10	<i>The draw for the Summer League team events was made, published shortly, the draw is made so that ideally the same club does not meet each other in the first round but this is not always possible.</i>	
05.00.10	Race Rules 2010	ALL
05.02.10	<i>• For comprehensive rules see: http://www.ersa.co.uk/Rules/SL_Rules_2010.pdf</i>	
06.00.10	ERSA Trophies	ALL
06.02.10	<i>It was requested that ERSA Summer League and Championship trophies be returned as from the first Summer League race with the intentions of all trophies being returned by the Norfolk Summer League in July. This was to enable the repair and collating of all trophies in good time for presentation 2010. It was requested that trophies are either handed to the clubs race manager or to Lesley Yeung.</i>	
07.00.10	ERSA Squads 2010	SL/BW
	<i>The ERSA Squad for 2010 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>	
08.00.10	Tri Regional Event	RTP
	<i>SRSA will organise the event this year, October 16th at Brentwood, more details to follow.</i>	
09.00.10	Regions National Races	NOR/HEM/VIK
	<i>There would be 4 National races in the region, Club National and Grand Prix at Norfolk and Hemel, CN at Suffolk and an indoor CN at MK. ERSA have responsibility for the GPs and as such should be consulted during each stage of the organisation.</i>	
10.00.10	AOB	ALL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>PVK offered to organise an "unofficial" Level 1 Race Officials course for clubs interested.</i> <i>A Level 2 course will be requested for the region for early 2011</i> <i>Volunteers to take over and administer the website are requested. (See race manager)</i> <i>A treasurer for ERSA was still required although Lesley would stand in until a permanent person could be found.</i> 	
	NEXT MEETING	ALL
	<i>Being no further business the meeting closed at 1300h. Ian thanked all for attending. The next meeting will be at the 1st Summer League race.</i>	