

ERSA RM meeting 21/01/2012 10-00am

At The Hardwicke Arms Hotel, Arrington SG8 OAH

Attending: Bernard Wright (BW), Ian Mawson(IM), Andrew Upton(AU), Jo Parker(JP), Jenny Payne(JP), Steve Lambert(SL), Don Daley(DD), James Wilson (JW), Lisa Barder (LB), Yannick Green (YG), Dermot Flahive (DF), Tania Barton (TB), John Curtis(JC), Tim Bingham (TB)

Apologies:

Agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Calendar
3. Website online entry, feedback
4. Schools race
5. Live timing and live streaming
6. Age Category
7. Pro slalom suggestion TE
8. Formats indoor races and Norfolk
9. Stampede round 1 head to head and then relay
10. Rules Discussion to include Age Groups, Individual Rules, Dual Slalom Rules, Champs
11. Team Draw
12. AOB
 - a. Impulse minis suggestion
 - b. SMK training

Item	Action
1	Minutes of last Race Managers meeting
	Minutes agreed from last race mangers meeting and published on the ERSA website Everyone happy with previous minutes.
2	Calendar
	Club nationals at WGC and NOR likely to start slightly later in the day to avoid people having to stay the night before. We are hoping to do something similar for the SMK race as it is the same weekend as HEM ERSA. Tallington have spoken to IM about taking part in ERSA this year, IM continuing the discussions. The SMK ERSA is waiting on SnoZone to confirm 100% available. BWP ERSA will be the final race of the season the day after the Tri Regions on the 14 th October. This has had to change because SSE have moved the All England to the normal date in September which BWP normally has. BW to update the online calendar.
3	Website
	2011 the online entry went incredibly well and for 2012 we want to encourage everyone to use it. Family discount will still apply. Also discussed a discount for entry of all races but we shall see what this year is like on numbers as we do keep the costs right down to a minimum. DD has updated the old race results and these are available.
4	Schools Race
	New email drop in two weeks to the region and schools. Now have an entry form with more details and also an online entry form. BW to send out update. We will also provide a leaflet to give out at clubs as well. This is now confirmed for 22 nd April and will be supported by our sponsors Team Evolution and Bartletts.
5	Live streaming and timing
	DD has been working on this and is about 60% through. Needs trialling at WGC before using live.
6	Age Category
	Update is they are being discussed and waiting on agreement from the TDs for final agreement. What the

	region will probably do is keep the existing categories but change the years to match the SSE years.	
7	Pro Slalom suggestion TE	
	<p>Team Evolution have a proposal to run a Pro Slalom at some of the races. This will be the top 32 racers from the day based on their time in a head to head dual slalom race. The aim is to provide some additional racing at the end of the day while people are packing up and getting ready for prize giving, this will give the top racers for the day something else to aim for and over the races through the season points will be added together for the overall Pro Slalom winner. This will be run and organised by TE.</p> <p>This will happen at the end of the team events on the same course. Very quick.</p> <p>Everyone happy to try this at all the outdoor races, all 6 races.</p> <p>BW and IM to provide full details to the region. YG to confirm that all 6 races is fine.</p>	BW/IM YG
8	Format of Norfolk / Indoor races	
	<p>Indoor races – change the format with the aim to give more racers the chance to take part. The recommendation is to hold the normal two run slalom followed by a GS event. Other suggestions include holding just a GS day.</p> <p>IM to send out an email to RMs with options and RMs to talk to racers at the clubs for their feedback.</p> <p>Decision to be made by the ERSA committee meeting at the latest.</p> <p>Norfolk – Norfolk would like to run the team events as pro-slaloms. The rules and format of races are the same but the difference is the way the course is laid out. Trial at Norfolk and then go from there.</p>	IM
9	Stampede format	
	Are we happy with the format? One option is to try and encourage more relay racing. All agreed mixing too early could cause confusion but for the first race we will hold it as a Head to Head followed by the final being a Relay.	
10	Team Format and Draw	
	<p>Head to Head – any order and stick to it</p> <p>Illegal racer ie BAS have 5 boys. Illegal racer goes first and then the other team choose the opponent and the rest races race in the correct order. Rules to be updated by IM so that if there is ever the need for a H2H these are followed.</p> <p>This year there were mixed participation in the Open B and SEN/MAS. Rather than dropping any categories change to the following</p> <p>Childrens – same as normal, Relay.</p> <p>Open A – same as normal, Relay.</p> <p>Open B – Relay and can be ANY 5 racers as long as they are not in one of the other teams.</p> <p>Open C – Relay and can be ANY 5 racers as long as they are not in one of the other teams.</p> <p>Clubs must enter Open A first (assuming criteria can be met), Open B followed by Open C</p>	
11	SMK Training	
	Possibility of other region members to join SMK training. TB confirm the insurance issues.	TB
12	Impulse	
	<p>Phil Brown – has a suggestion about running minis through stubbies or GS.</p> <p>We need guidance from SSE and buy in from governing bodies not from the region. This also has to be driven from the coaches at each club before the region forces something onto each club which they are not familiar with. DF talk to Phil about progressing through the coaches forum.</p>	DF
13	Club Nationals	
	Looking to run at the same price as 2011 rather than just putting up the prices to cater for SSE being able to increase GBR prices. Details to be confirmed by the clubs in coming weeks.	

The meeting ended at 12-45.