

# ERSA AGM minutes

*Venue:* Gosling Sports Centre, Welwyn

*Time:*3-00pm *Date* 29/09/2012

## **Present**

Bernie Wright, Ian Mawson, Janet Jenkins, Steve Lambert, Andrew Upton, Tania Barton, Don Daley, Tim Bingham.

## **Apologies**

John Curtis

## **Introduction**

Chair posed the question whether we should have the AGM at Lunchtime when more people are liable attend. This should be considered next year.

## **Chairs report**

The chairs report is published on the ERSA website. Point to note was that John Curtis is standing down as vice chair of ERSA. Bernie thanked John for his years support for the region and wished him well for the future. The chair thanked the committee for their support of the last year. The chair noted that the biggest issues going forward was the support (helpers) and we must actively get more people involved and trained in all aspects of running races. The chair thanked all our sponsors as they provide valuable support, publicity and prizes. In 2012 they included Evolution, Zaini Hats, Racer Ready and Ski Bartletts. (For more information go to the ERSA website)

## **Treasurers Report**

Balance £9,270

Income £18,100

Out goings £17,000. (See treasurers report at ERSA website for breakdown of figures)

## **Summer league report**

The summer season was very busy and not helped by the SSE race calendar and big brakes between the first few races. In general race numbers were good although SMK ERSA was a little lower this year. This was the first year of the schools race which can only be described as a great success, 50+ teams in fact entered and competed. We need to look into the organisation of the schools race to make it slicker next year. The club national regional GS was a great success and both as a race and more importantly as a fun race. The Hemel ERSA was the first time we tried all the different recommendations from BSS and produced a race with stubbies for the U10 and all the way through to a GS. ERSA has been seen to be at the forefront of change and will continue to.

## **Election of officers**

Tim Bingham was elected Vice Chairperson. Andrew Upton and Tania Barton were coopted onto the committee. All other officers remain *in situ*.

## **AOB**

The question of photo provision for the new season was raised and it was agreed that to increase the value for money for the competitors and the parents an accredited photographer would be at every race mainly for prize giving but if Racer Ready not available then we will need someone else. The provision of video would be continued and hopefully GoPro will bring the streaming service by the next season.

Again the question of the possibility of a summer league race being seeded was raised. It was suggested that the ERSA champs be seeded akin to the Excel races, although this is a challenge to raise with SSE.

Meeting was concluded 4-20 pm

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