

ERSA Committee Meeting 02/12/2012 10-12.30

At Hardwick Arms, Arrington

Attending: Bernard Wright (BW), Steve Lambert (SL), Janet Jenkins (JJ), Jenny Payne (JP), Ian Mawson (IM), Sarah Allen (SA), Tania Barton (TB), Tim Bingham (TB)

Apologies: Don Daley (DD), Andrew Upton (AU), Susie Moore (SM)

1. Finances 2012 and Budget 2013
2. Update on Bassingbourn
3. Sponsorship
4. Feedback from SSE ROTP/ASC meetings
5. Regional Calendar
6. 2013 Race Format
7. Parent and officials development
8. Dual Slalom Equipment
9. Next meetings
10. AOB
 - Photos
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 - CNs and GS

Item	Action
1	Finances - 2012
BW presented summary of the 2012 finances. Good year and as planned we spent more money than we had come in, this was due to the fact we have built up reserves. Means we have been able to replenish some of the timing gear, more of the perpetual trophies and the CWO Course cost more than expected. JJ will publish the final summary to publish on the Website	JJ
2	Finances – Budget 2013
BW presented the proposed budget for 2013 and this was accepted. Based on the figures from 2012 and the items discussed were passed. Accepted that for 2013 we will need a new laptop and SL to arrange in the new year. We do need to keep better control over the spend on the trophies to ensure we get best value. 2013 Michaela will not be able to look after them so we will need a new person. TB asked for details about what we need as she has been able to get a good source in the past. BW get TB the details. JJ has approached SSE for some funding towards the schools race for 2013, Tim Fawkes has said it is not known what if anything will be available. JJ to follow up in March.	SL BW JJ
3	Bassingbourn Update
Bassingbourn slope is still under threat and discussions continue with the MOD. Proposals have been presented but nothing accepted yet. It is still hoped that a resolution can be found soon. Chances are that for 2013 there will be no race at Bassingbourn but hopefully the year after. However if there is no race at Bassingbourn then the club may well hold their BAS ERSAs at another slope. This to be confirmed. There is an EGM on the 14 th December to discuss the future. Thanks for JP and SB for the update.	JP
4	Sponsorship
BW would like to thank all the sponsors for 2012 for their support. The support from Team Evolution and Ski Bartlett's and their partners was excellent and very much appreciated. The arrangement will continue into 2013 and during the winter month BW will work with TE to agree what happens for each race. BW discuss with TE the options for the Schools race and the champs.	BW BW
5	Feedback from SSE ASC/ROTP meetings
SSE meetings took place on the 25 th November and in short the summary is; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All CNs in the region approved - GBR and Anglo Welsh at SMK - British Champs and Inter Regional at Norfolk (BW will be CoR) - Stubbies for U12 at ALL national races - No seed points for U12 	BW / SL

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommended price increase £20 (outdoor) £25 (indoor). SSE races will be charged at these maximum amounts regardless of the slope price. 	
6	Calendar	
	<p>Ran through the suggested dates for 2013. Most dates are now confirmed will the follow still outstanding;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schools race confirmed but slope hire at WGC to TBC. IM - Hold ERSA at TAL, IM to confirm 14th July with the slope. - ERSA champs will be run over two days again, numbers were up this year. Currently HEM is booked but TB will get a quote from SMK. - IM waiting on confirmation from WGC regarding the Saturday. <p>TB raised concern that people enter the Saturday solely to get a good position on the indoor Sunday race. This has happened on a few occasions and we will look at updating the rules to try and avoid this happening. BW publish on the ERSA website.</p> <p>JJ will not be Race Secretary for the ERSA champs this year so we will need someone else. Committee thanks Janet for covering the role over the past few years.</p>	IM IM TB IM BW
7	2013 Race Format	
	<p>Lots of discussion about what format the races will take in 2013. The National races will be using stubbies for all U12 and not publishing any seed points. The aim of the changes is to help improve the development of the racers. Not going into depth here about the pros/cons as this has been covered outside of this meeting. Unfortunately no discussion has taken place with the regions before imposing the changes. SRSA will just be going with U10 and LSERSA likely to do the same.</p> <p>The following will be written up in greater detail over the coming weeks.</p> <p>2012 we tried a few small changes and they worked well. Whatever we do for 2013 we need to remember that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Racers still need to have FUN - Changes need to be easy to implement for organisers - Important that the information is communicated to the clubs, racers and parents in plenty of time in readiness for the season start <p>Timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - December. Agree format - January. Write up rules and prepare communication for the region - February and March. Communicate information to the region. Need to have rules written up but also a simple straight forward one pager summarising the changes and why - April. Run a trial race <p>Outcome after discussions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change the age categories from CH1, CH2 ... to U8, U10 etc - U12 stubbies - Keep seed points for U12 - Where possible have two courses, full and stubbie course <p>Indoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 * slalom (U12 stubbies, U14+ full) - 2 * GS - Overall age category winners will be the best run from slalom and best run from GS to count - Dual H-2-H Team Evolution top 32 U14+ only (this is subject to timing and snow conditions) <p>Outdoor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 * slalom (U12 stubbies, U14+ full) - 2 * GS - Overall age category winners will be the best run from slalom and best run from GS to count - Team Events full gates - Stampede full gates - Dual H-2-H Team Evolution top 32 U14+ only) <p>ERSA Schools race – ESSKIA will be continuing to use full poles for races. As the aim of the schools race is to encourage people to participate not only in the region but also ESSKIA races we will stick with the same for</p>	

	<p>now.</p> <p>We will review the races during the year on an ongoing basis but the intention is to stick to the format throughout the whole season unless there are valid reasons for changing. Everything will be reviewed at the end of the season and updates made for 2014.</p> <p>We need to improve the organisation and discipline at the top of the slope around the start area for 2013. There were too many problems during 2012 with a variety of issues. Indoor slopes we are not allowed to have anyone at the top apart from racers and officials and it works fine, we need to look at doing the same for the outdoor races.</p>	
8	Officials and Parents	
	<p>We need more parents from the region to become involved in the running of the races, before, during and after. Need to provide more overview of what happens at races.</p> <p>BW talk to Paul Rolf about video for race days covering different aspects. Also need to consider what else we can do to encourage other people to help.</p>	BW
9	Dual Timing Equipment	
	<p>Old box had a couple of issues this season when setting up. IM investigating.</p> <p>New box worked very well.</p> <p>Now have enough equipment to build a third box and add a 3 second delay. Agreed this should be added to the new box and a few other improvements to be made. IM meeting Don to run through soon.</p> <p>Also working on the traffic lights.</p> <p>Several regional clubs have asked if they can have a copy of the timing box. This is fine and if a club would like one and provide funds for the parts we can create one as seen. BW inform those who have expressed an interest.</p> <p>TJ Baldwin race in December – Andrew has asked if he can borrow the equipment. No one available to work it that weekend, BW let Andrew know.</p>	IM IM BW BW
10	AOB – Photos	
	<p>Racer Ready has asked if he can attend various races in the region in 2013, BW confirm which ones.</p> <p>Wilf from SMK has been asked to cover the SMK and HEM races. TB confirm with Will.</p>	BW TB
11	AOB – CNs in the Region	
	<p>Confirmed clubs happy to host the GS event again in the same way we did for 2012 as this was very successful.</p> <p>Clubs are looking to hold the entry fees at the same price as this year, this to be confirmed shortly.</p>	
12	AOB – Landgraff Camps	
	<p>TB asked if the region had considered organising training camps to Landgraff. After some discussion about the past experiences, the bottom line is that we need someone to organise the event. TB to think about what could be done.</p>	TB
13	AOB – Regional Training Day	
	<p>BW has been talking to Team Evolution about organising a regional training day. This will run for several hours during the day where different training will be covered. It will also be a chance for parents to meet members of the committee and discuss the future. We should also consider running a Level 1 course on the same day.</p> <p>The intention is to arrange this for the 5th May. BW following up with TE.</p>	BW
14	Future Meetings	
	<p>Race Manager meeting – 20th Jan</p> <p>Committee meeting – 3rd March</p>	