

## ERSA Race Meeting 24/02/2013 10-12

### At Hardwick Arms, Arrington

Attending: Bernard Wright (BW), Janet Jenkins (JJ), Jenny Payne (JP), Andrew Upton (AU), Ian Mawson (IM), Steve Lambert (SL), Tim Bingham (TB), Clive King (CK), James Wilson (JW)

Apologies: Tania Barton (TB), Lisa Barder (LB), Don Daley (DD)

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	Item	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Previous Minutes</b>	
	Everyone happy with the previous minutes.	
<b>2</b>	<b>2013 Race Format</b>	
	<p>Since the 2012 season there have been discussions about the format for 2013 and the suggestions that U12 now race through stubbie poles. In December a proposal was made and posted on the ERSA website and feedback received from many people. There have been many different views about the use of stubbie poles and this has been both positive and negative.</p> <p>As a result of the feedback from racers, parents and coaches it has been agreed that for 2013 for ERSA regional races U10 will go through stubbies and U12 and above through full poles. The aim is to phase in the introduction of U12 through poles and this will be left to a future season. The key issue is to ensure that we have everyone on board with the changes and that from an organisational point of view we have an efficient operation in place. Same course and the poles just changed by the gate judges.</p> <p><b>Indoor Format</b>            2 * Slalom runs            2 * GS runs (2<sup>nd</sup> run dependant on conditions)            Team Evolution top 32 head-to-head (dependant on conditions)            Limit to 200 racers, waiting list applied. All based on the online entry.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Format</b>            3 * Slalom runs            Dual Slalom team event            Dual Slalom Stampede event            Team Evolution top 32 head-to-head</p> <p><b>Team Event</b>            Keep teams same as 2012 A,B,C and Children's all through full poles no restriction on age.</p> <p><b>Stampede</b>            Same as 2012 through full poles.</p> <p><b>Team Evolution</b></p>	

	<p>Same as 2012 but restricted to U12 and above.</p> <p>In Summary U10 stubbies, U12+ full poles. Applies to Indoors and Outdoors. Dual slalom, including Stampede, any age but full poles. Team Evolution top 32 U12+ only and full poles.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Practicalities on Race Day</b>	
	<p><b>Indoor Races</b> The timing and order of course inspection and order of runs will be posted prior to the event but will be similar to 2012.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Races</b> Course Inspection – everyone through <b>full poles</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Run</b> U12+ only Rabbit run for new racers U12+ race through full poles Change poles to stubbies U10 Rabbit run for all U10 U10 race through stubbies and U10 go immediately back to the top ready for 2<sup>nd</sup> run</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Run</b> U10 race through stubbies Change to full poles U12+ race through full poles</p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Run</b> U12+ race through full poles Change to stubbies U10 race through stubbies</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Confirmation of Calendar</b>	
	<p>Dates are as per website. TAL confirmed for the 14<sup>th</sup> July. WGC and NOR CN will start at 9.30am same as 2012. Question raised as to whether it possible to have a back to back race with BWP on the Tri Regions weekend. ie Tri Regions on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October followed by BWP ERSA on the Sunday. TB to see if the date is available. Has been suggested that BAS still hold a race and maybe on the 8<sup>th</sup> September at either BWP or WGC. JP to discuss with BAS team.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>JP</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Bassingbourn Update</b>	
	<p>Discussions continuing, verbally have been told there maybe an extension but waiting on written confirmation of what the plans are now. Continue to watch the website for further updates.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Schools Race</b>	
	<p>Entries are now being taken and coming in online, so far we have 11 teams and a few individuals. Same format as 2012.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Regional Training Day</b>	
	<p>Team Evolution day taking place on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Similar to the Masters training last year</li> <li>- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10-4 at Norfolk</li> <li>- £10 per person</li> <li>- Open to all in the region</li> <li>- Team Evolution will be providing coaches and format for the day</li> <li>- More details available soon</li> <li>- Entry will be online</li> </ul>	

	BW post online when full details available.	BW
<b>8</b>	<b>Rules Updates</b>	
	SL will update the rules to reflect the changes for this year.	SL
<b>9</b>	<b>AOB – Champs paperwork</b>	
	Traditionally for the Champs we use officials paperwork and protocol for the races instead of the flags. This no longer provides any benefit and with the double header weekend it is a lot of additional work. 2013 will just be flags.	
<b>10</b>	<b>AOB – Helpers</b>	
	A plea for help from all clubs for helpers especially on race days. We do need more parents to help setup and take things down. We also need help from people to organise the trophies for the summer league and champs. We also need some help in the background organisation. The core team who currently organise and run the races include five people who no longer have children taking part and we need to be conscious of this in the future. Last season we did get additional helpers involved but we do need more.	ALL
<b>11</b>	<b>AOB – Start Area</b>	
	Last season we had a few problems with too many people in the start area and causing problems for racers and officials. Indoor races it is already the case whereby no parents and coaches are allowed at the top in the start area and racers have to be ready and prepared with skis on for the start. Outdoor races we have been more flexible but it has been causing problems So for 2013; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any lubricants and sprays MUST to applied outside of the main start area, away from other racers and officials. They can NOT be applied in the start gate.</li> <li>- We will aim to have marked out start areas at each outdoor club where possible</li> <li>- Only the racer who is due to go should be in the start area. No parents, coaches or other racers putting the racer into the start gate. Racer MUST get themselves into the start gate.</li> <li>- Racers must ensure they check they have poles, boots and helmet done up correctly.</li> <li>- Racers should be ready to start immediately the preceding racers has gone through the finish.</li> </ul>	
<b>12</b>	<b>AOB – Closing Dates</b>	
	All entries online on the ERSA Website this has worked incredibly well for the past two seasons and makes the organisation much easier. Official closing date for races will be Wednesday and Friday evenings will close online payments.	
<b>13</b>	<b>AOB – U10 Seed Points</b>	
	As part of the feedback we have received we will ensure we continue a set of seed points for U10 as a way of comparing previous races. For 2013 seed points will be the current one for existing racers and 999.99 for new racers. When moving up to the next age category, U12, points will go back to 999.99 for the first race (after the first couple of races these should be down to where they should be).	SL
<b>14</b>	<b>AOB – Filing and Photos</b>	
	Need to make it very clear that there is an Opt Out for any filming and photos as we will be doing more this season.	

**Thank you to everyone for attending today.**