

ERSA – EASTERN REGION SNOWSPORTS ASSOCIATION

# MINUTES

1ST DECEMBER 2013

Bernie Wright

2013



<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Bernie Wright	Ian Mawson
Steve Lambert	Andrew Upton
Janet Jenkins	Ian Poynton
Tim Bingham	
Martin Dade	
Jenny Payne	
Clive King	
Chris Shelley	
Mike Danbury	
Tania Barton	

### **Minutes from last meeting**

All agreed except (*action*) BW to remove TB from both attended and apologies

### **Finance**

The grant from the English ski council has been increased by approx £300.00

Monies gained have been invested in equipment

Increased cost in races incurred due to increased costs for trophies and some increases in slopes, also had more teams enter into the Inter Regional and entry costs and t-shirts were higher

Cost of indoor races will increase to £20.00 as a result of increased costs of running the indoor races.

Outdoor races will remain at £10.00 but with a view of an increase for 2015 racing as costs have not increased for several years despite slope fees increasing

Family discount to remain as is for outdoor races.

### **ROTP position**

Ian Mawson was thanked (although absent) for all his hard work whilst in this role . The position is now vacant . BW (*action*) to draft a job description in order for clubs to start looking for a replacement .

### **Sponsorship**

Team Evolution and Ski Bartlett happy to continue sponsorship through 2014

Paul Telling will look at holding another masters day early in the 2014 season date to be confirmed.

### **Plans and Format**

Under 12's will race on stubbies for main races. If they wish to enter stampede or club event this will be on full gates

The format of Excel races has now changed again, it is unlikely the region will now hold one

The Ersa champs will now become a seeded Ersa race and will count towards the summer league trophies

Master 3 are to fore run Ersa races with a maximum of 2 runs each. This needs to be controlled by a marshall at the top of the hill

Age changes for 2014 will be :

Master 1 and 2 combined to one category called masters 1

Master 3 to remain as is and called masters 2 as everyone agreed veteran sounded too old !

#### Race format change

Under 14 and above outdoor – fastest of the first 2 runs plus the last one, this to align more closely with club nationals

Under 12 and below – formats suggested were – leave as is , one run out of 3 or 2 out of 3 to count . This will be decided at the race managers meeting after feedback from people in the region.

The Top 32 race will continue but will not include under 12's

#### Team Events

The childrens team will remain as it is with each club selecting 5 children racers

Open A,B and C will be replaced by one category called open. Each club can enter a maximum of 3 teams into the open race . The entries can be any combination of athletes i.e all girls, all boys, etc

A maximum of 16 teams will race against each other in a knock out relay slalom event.

If the event is over subscribed i.e more than 16 teams, there will be a random knock out pre race event which will decide who the 16 teams will be. Rule details to be confirmed.

#### Trophies and medals

During 2013 we were unable to present the winners with the perpetual trophies for the champs as many weren't returned and some that were are in dreadful condition. Due to the huge cost of replacement and repair it was decided that perpetual trophies would not be given out for the Champs race.

#### Club Nationals

Confirmation still needed on some dates and pricing for club nationals –

SMK quote received but more clarification needed on the extra costs. Even without the extra costs the rate is still very high . SL asked to look at an extra event in Hemel which will simply be called an ERSA summer league race

#### AOB

SL to look at the possibility and cost of starting a race at Hemel at 2pm on a Saturday

MD to liase with Welwyn re a variety of dates for a variety of races

BW once info received from clubs BW to finalise the calendar

A new name is to be given to the champs as it was felt the title was off putting to newer racers

Action for everyone – come up with some new names and email to Bernie by the end of December

Ideas need to be thought about for a different format for the Ersa Champs – one suggestion is 3 runs for Welwyn – more thought needs to be given and discussed further in order to maintain the importance of the event.