

ERSA AGM minutes

Venue: Gosling Sports Centre, Welwyn

Time: 12.30pm Date 28/09/2013 – held before the team event

Present

Bernie Wright, Ian Mawson, Janet Jenkins, Steve Lambert, Andrew Upton, Tania Barton, Tim Bingham, Chris Shelley. Many members from different clubs were in attendance.

Apologies

Don Daley, Gillian Poth, Tania Barton, Paul Telling.

Introduction

Chair thanked everyone for turning up at the lunchtime break, was very encouraging to see so many there.

Chairs report

The chairs report is published on the ERSA website. Points to note are that Don Daley is standing down as ERSA Secretary and Ian Mawson as chair of Race Technical Panel. The chair thanked them both for their support over the years. Ian will still be around next year but he is not able to dedicate sufficient time to the role. The chair asked for someone to volunteer for the role but no one did. This does create a problem for the organisation of the races and the region does need someone to step forward. The chair asked that if anyone was interested and wanted to know more then to contact him afterwards.

It was highlighted that while the region have been able to keep the costs at the same level for several years in 2014 it is very likely the prices will have to increase slightly. Slope prices have increased as well as the medals, even though we continue to drive a hard bargain. The champs weekend will lose money as a result.

Feedback is an important part for the future development of the region is it was requested from all those present covering anything related to the region.

The chair also raised the issue of continued support from helpers throughout the season on race day and before. It was also mentioned that without additional help the schools race will not be taking place in 2014. The chair thanked all our sponsors as they provide valuable support, publicity and prizes. In 2013 they included Team Evolution, Ski Bartlett's and Racer Ready.

Treasurers Report

Balance £10,900 still to pay for £1,000

Income £18,111

Out goings £17,256. (See treasurers report at ERSA website for breakdown of figures)

Summer league report

It has been another very busy summer with races across the region at all venues. The schools race at the start was very successful with over 260 racers taking part. The summer league series still continues to be popular and we are now receiving a lot of requests from racers outside the region to take part.

The introduction of stubbies for U10 has worked very well and it has been obvious the improvement which has been seen throughout. This is something we will be looking at over the winter.

The coaching day early in the season was very well received at Norfolk and we had excellent participation from all those present and is something we will look at doing again in 2014.

At the recent British Champs at Norfolk the region ran the race and also introduced a U12/U10 event which included stubbies and a combi course. It was extremely well received and just went to show what can be done at a race.

As a region we will continue to develop and improve and work with the clubs and coaches to ensure we move in the right direction.

Election of officers

Tania Barton was elected Regional Secretary. Chris Shelley and Jenny Payne were coopted onto the committee. All other officers remain *in situ*.

AOB

Stuart Payne gave an update of Bassingbourn slope and they still continue to work with the landlord to gain to access. Members are now training at Welwyn. Other options are being investigated but are more long term such as a new slope at Barrington.

More information was requested about the type of help required and how better the clubs can help. This is something that will be worked on over the winter so that we are in a better position in 214.

Meeting was concluded 1.00 pm