

ERSA Race Meeting 01/02/2015 10-12

At Hardwick Arms, Arrington

Attending: Bernard Wright (BW), Janet Jenkins (JJ), Tania Barton (TB), Ryan Grewcock (RG), Steve Lambert (SL), Andrew Upton (AU), Chris Shelley (CS), Michelle Royal (MR), Ian Mawon (IM), Nicola Elphick (NE), John Childs (JC)

Apologies: Clive King (CK), Jenny Payne (JP), Nancy Louth (NL)

1. Previous minutes
2. 2015 Race Format
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7. Ryan update, grants, coaching etc
8. Officials
9. AOB
 - Equipment transport
 - Treasurer

Item	Action
1	Previous Minutes
	All happy with the previous minutes. Currently published on the ERSA website http://www.ersa.co.uk/ersa_committee#2013_2014 .
2	2015 Race Format
	<p>Age Categories will remain the same as 2014 the majority of feedback from racers and parents was positive and it did create more competitive races.</p> <p>Individuals Format Outdoor – no changes to the format U12 races will be best 2 times (out of 3 runs) U14 and above is best of first two runs plus time for 3rd run. The majority of feedback was very positive and we only received one complaint about having to have the third run count, in the same was as a club national. This was further discussed with clubs before this meeting and was agreed the 3rd run should count. Indoor – 2 runs on the same course best to count. No change.</p> <p>Team Format We will award 2nd place medals in the Stampede this year as well as 1st place. To qualify for an end of season medal, racers need 4 races if there are 8 races in the season, 5 if there are 9. This is already reflected in the rules. The Champs races will both count towards the Summer League rankings this year for clubs and individuals.</p> <p>The Team Evolution Top 32 and Top 16 racers will continue this season. A false start in this event will be a disqualification.</p> <p>This year for the main club team events we are changing the format to try and make them more competitive and challenging. Open C team will be dropped. There will be Children, Open A and Open B only. Each club can enter up to two teams in each group, this means a club can now enter up to 6 teams for the club events instead of the previous 4. Each race will continue to be relay. If a club has two teams they will be in the same half of the draw. Club points will be awarded for just one club which is the best placed.</p> <p>In the unlikely event there are more than 8 teams in a category, there will be a draw for a ski-off with the</p>

	<p>winning team qualifying.</p> <p>We will know the night before how many teams there are likely to be but clubs do need to confirm what teams they will be entering at the Race Managers meeting in the morning. The names will still be needed by the end of the second run. The draw will take place on the morning of the race. The bye races will be kept.</p> <p>We will evaluate how the races have gone after the first two events, the intention is to leave them for the season but in the event of major issues the format may be revisited.</p> <p>All team events remain full poles. U12 can also enter the team events.</p> <p>Indoor Races: No team events but will run a GS and T32 and T16</p> <p>BW and CS write up summary to send to the region.</p>	
3	Practicalities on Race Day	
	<p>Slalom will remain as in 2014 and where possible we will setup two courses, stubbies and full poles, such as Welwyn. Other places such as Ipswich and Norfolk we will swap the poles out as per normal.</p> <p>Team events we need more people at the top to help out. We need a minimum of 8 people and it will help the race to run more smoothly.</p> <p>We also need more people to help setup the dual timing after the slalom event. Clubs to ask people to assist, the sooner it is setup the sooner we can restart the racing.</p>	All
4	Confirmation of Calendar	
	<p>Calendar is posted on ERSA website http://www.ersa.co.uk/ersa_race_calendar.</p> <p>No Bassingbourn race this and no race at Milton Keynes. Milton Keynes is down to cost and we are still trying to see if we can get something there, but it is not looking good.</p> <p>Flyer needed for the club nationals in the region. Need someone to volunteer for this, BW talk to people.</p> <p>We have the Hemel slope booked for Monday 15th June all day. We ideally would like to run a schools race but at the same time not impact the London Schools race the day before. SL discuss with Dominic. If we run the event it will be open nationally. Further discussion needed on this.</p> <p>Schools trophies. AU and CS hook up with what is required for the race. MR asked if there could also be an overall girls award as well as overall boys.</p> <p>JJ will talk to Norfolk to see if the Club National race can start a little earlier than the current 2pm.</p> <p>Race invite templates need updating.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>SL</p> <p>AU/CS</p> <p>JJ</p> <p>JJ</p>
5	Schools Race	
	This is taking place on Sunday 26 th April and organisation is well under way.	CS
6	Rules Update	
	These will be updated over the coming weeks to reflect changes in the team events.	SL
7	Ryan SSE	
	<p>Ryan works for SSE and covers a large areas of the country supporting clubs, facilities and regions.</p> <p>He discussed various options that exist for funding over various events and the different options to acquiring those funds. Ryan has a wealth of experience in this areas and the best way forward is for people to contact him direct and he can point people in the right direction, ryan.grewcock@snowsportengland.org.uk.</p> <p>Ryan also specialises in supporting coaches and instructors and again there is a wealth of opportunities out there for funding.</p> <p>First aid courses are another area where funding is available for courses and again Ryan can assist.</p> <p>Lots of options available. Need to look at next year for the grants.</p> <p>Talk to Paul again about the coaches / parents event CPD (small grants)</p> <p>First Aid courses and options there.</p> <p>Could do one at Norfolk/Vikings and Hemel.</p> <p>BW talk to Ryan about getting Coaching newsletter.</p>	RG

	Thank you to Ryan for coming to the meeting.	
8	Officials	
	<p>We still need more people to assist on the day and before hand. CS has agreed to help and mentor people on the day, other committee members will also assist. If clubs have parents are willing to help but are nervous to step forward please put them in contact with Chris.</p> <p>Also looking at what else can be done in the region to help with officials BW and CS discuss further.</p> <p>We need a race secretary for the ERSA club National at Welwyn. If anyone is interested in learning please contact Bernie chair@ersa.co.uk.</p>	<p>CS</p> <p>BW/CS</p>
9	AOB – Equipment	
	Each club needs to provide help for getting the equipment to their slope from the previous race.	
9	AOB – Treasurer	
	Can clubs please speak to their members about taking over from JJ as treasurer at the AGM this year. Starting now will be a good chance to work together and handover. This needs sorting well before the AGM so please help.	All

Thank you to everyone for attending today.