

ERSA – EASTERN REGION SNOWSPORTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

30th November 2014

Bernie Wright

2014



<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
Bernie Wright	Steve Metherington
Chris Shelley	Andrew Upton
Janet Jenkins	
Tim Bingham	
Steve Lambert	
Tania Barton	
Clive King	
John Louth	
Ian Mawson	
Jenny Payne	

Minutes from last meeting

Previous minutes are on the ERSA website http://www.ersa.co.uk/ersa_committee, December 2013. All agreed

SSE AGM

Bernie gave the following summary;

The SnowSport England AGM took place on Saturday 1st November. The following is a brief summary of the meeting and I have posted more information online <http://bit.ly/1uW2RWs>.

- Governance review been taking place for the past 18 months
- Several recommendations were made especially around the corporate structure of SSE
- Recommendations were accepted and changes are starting to take place.
- Main impact on ERSA is the structure which will be put about the key Alpine committees, ARC and ROTP.
- Have been told that ROTP will be disbanded and ARC restructured. Hopefully more information will be made available in the next few weeks.
- It is still not clear what the structure and meaning is for the Delivery Partners will be in the future and the impact on the region. This is something SSE will be developing over the next year.
- SSE are looking for more Directors to join the board, if anyone is interested they should contact the chair Jeremy Eaton.

Finance

All races broke even with the exception of the champs which lost in the region of £600-£700 . The amount of trophies handed out incurred more cost than usual for this race.

The only items which we need to consider for purchasing on the timing gear for 2015 are a new set of timing radios and a budget of £2000 set aside for this. Also going to discuss with Norfolk whether their radios will be suitable.

As a result of higher costs of medals and trophies and the desire to add additional medals for Stampede second place it has been agreed for 2015 the race ensure fee will increase by £1.00 indoor and outdoor. The current prices have remained in place for many years.

Janet Jenkins is still stepping down as treasurer but we still have not had anyone come forward to help learn the role. It is not onerous and it has been very disappointing that no one from the region has come forward. All clubs were asked to speak to their members again.

Sponsorship

Team Evolution and Ski Bartlett have confirmed they are happy to sponsor the region again in 2015, Bernie would like to thank them for their support in 2014 and 2015. Team Evolution is also sponsored by Rossignal and they will likely want to do more at the races in 2015, details to follow.

Feedback from 2014

Generally good feedback about the races in 2014. Mix of feedback about the U14+ having to complete the third run, some like it some don't. Only other feedback is the structure of the team events. There have been some comments about 2nd and potentially 3rd placed teams receiving medals, the obvious impact is cost. Agreed to leave the third run to count as this gives a better idea of the club nationals. Also agreed that we will now present medals for stamped 2nd place.

Last year some feedback was that people wanted medals for each age category position for the GS runs. We did this at Hemel and SMK and then the most common feedback was it took too long to present! Agreed to leave it with medals for 1,2,3.

The new Senior and Master categories worked very well and I only received one complaint throughout the season. This worked and was fine.

Other feedback good about top 16.

Race Calendar 2015

Medals to be given to the second place team in the stamped

Dates are now in place for most races throughout the season and post this meeting will be published on the ERSA website.

SnoZone want too much money and too many conditions this year to make the race feasible. At this stage it is unlikely there will be any races there this coming season, SnoZone are clearly not serious about races despite what they claim to say.

Hemel is starting at 2pm due to the cost of the slope. We can have it for the same price as 2014 if starting at this time otherwise to start at 7am it will be much more.

Norfolk will start at 2pm due to availability of the slope in the morning.

No Bassingbourn race this year.

Tallington – the slope have asked if a race for fathers should take place as it is fathers day but this was not taken up.

Finals weekend to be renamed back to Championships (this was a test to see if the numbers increased and there was no difference). The Champs will become part of the summer league with regards to overall summer league and club results, more details to follow.

Race Format 2015

Top 32 and Top 16 to continue.

There was a lengthy discussion about the team events as they do not work in the current format. Stats for 2014 are

Race	CH	OA	OB	OC	ST
BAS	4	4	3	3	8
ESX	4	4	4	3	8
VIK	4	2	2	2	8
NOR	4	3	3	3	8
WGC	3	4	4	2	8

At each event and for each category there can be up to 8 teams but as shown there was a maximum of 4 and only 2 on some. The team events need to be far more competitive. Several options were discussed and over the time the follow was agreed to be a trail for 2015. Full details to follow;

Team events are all relay .

Categories will be

Children – 2 teams per club maximum

Open A – 2 teams per club maximum

Open B + Open C call the new Open B – 2 teams per club maximum

Stampede will remain head to head

Indoor races will have the top 32 / 16 and a GS

AOB

TB summarised the proposed changes SSE are looking to make

We need to plan an ERSA training day for 2015 – suggested on a Saturday maybe PM