



MINUTES OF THE  
**Eastern Region Ski Association**  
 ROTOP Committee  
 (Race Organisation and Technical Panel)  
 Hemel – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2004, Time 10:30am

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ERSA thanks Hemel Ski Centre and Dave Surry for providing the room and refreshments free of charge to ERSAs.  
 Meeting commenced at 1035 after coffee.

**Present:**

Piet Van Kempen	Chairman ROTOP Bassingbourn	Steve Lambert	Regional Race Manager Hemel
Kevin Driscoll	Asst. Regional Race Manager Hemel	Thomas Paxton	Asst. Regional Race Manager Hemel
Barend ter Haar	Asst. Regional Race Manager Bassingbourn	John Curtis	ERSA Vice Chairman Brentwood + Snow Club
Paul Fraylich	Regional Race Trainer Hemel	Kirk Durham	Regional Race Trainer Bassingbourn

	<b>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>	
	<i>Minutes of last ROTOP meeting not available</i>	
<b>04.01.01</b>	<b>SQUAD Selection.</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<i>It was felt that the squad selection should be given to athletes who show commitment to the region. The criteria for selection would be Snowsport England seed points of 120 or less and Snowsport England registered. It would be requested that only those that would race on plastic accept their invite as then other athletes could be invited. The top 8 male and 8 Female racers would be invited into the ERSAs Squad, the remainder invited to join the development squad although both squads would train together. Invites to be sent out with return by 31<sup>st</sup> January.</i>	<b>SL</b>
<b>04.01.02</b>	<b>Squad training</b>	<b>PF/KiD</b>
	<i>It was felt that for squad training to be effective it should be arranged for at least once a month at different clubs, these could either be weekends or weekdays/evenings. Maybe ERSAs clubs could be approached to allow the squad to train on same days as their own club training.</i>	
	<i>Race trainers to decide on dates and publish on the website.</i>	<b>PF/KiD/SL</b>
<b>04.01.03</b>	<b>Other squad discussions</b>	<b>ALL</b>
	<i>It was discussed if ERSAs should start a "Mini" squad for the Boys and Girls age groups but it was felt at this time that more thought would need to be given to the idea in relation to trainers, selection criteria etc.</i>	
<b>04.01.04</b>	<b>Summer League Race Events</b>	<b>ALL/Race Managers</b>
	<i>A discussion took place about the format for the Summer League, it was suggested that maybe one of the races be 2 slalom runs and 1 GS, still 2 runs to count, another that we use one summer league as 3 GS runs with still 2 to count. The various options discussed will be put to the race managers at the meeting early February. NB A GS can only be done at certain clubs due nature of slope.</i>	
	<i>Clubs will be reminded that Summer League is the entry level into Ski racing and as such all members of clubs within in the region should be encouraged to attend. Likewise the courses set MUST be of such a standard as to encourage the less able racers.</i>	
	<b>Team Events/Scratch Teams</b>	<b>PVK</b>
	<i>No change was suggested in the actual team event except that the order of racing may change where the first round is completed of all ages and then the second etc. A race manager/person responsible for each team should be appointed and team names must be given by the end of the 3rd run, teams not complying may be refused entry into the competition.</i>	
	<i>The draw at the start of the year must be followed regardless of number of teams entered. Only one bye skied per competition per team.</i>	
	<i>It was felt by those present that the course should be set more on the fast easy side than technical to allow racers to "burn" of excess energy after a slalom event.</i>	
	<i>The scratch teams still to be picked by clubs and but it was suggested that to give more time for scratch team selection that this part of the event be held after the main team event. There should be 7 racers per team of any age or sex but all other rules apply as for the main team event. Medals to be given to winning team only at each event. ROTOP will actively seek a volunteer or volunteers to run and organize the administration of this event as ERSAs officials need to apply their time to the main events. Any volunteers would be most welcome. It was also felt that the event could be run more smoothly and</i>	

	everyone who wanted to race be able if the event was organized separate from the main team competition with the opportunity of clubs joining to form a team...	
<b>04.01.05</b>	<b>ERSA Championships</b>	
	<i>To be able to enter the Championships athletes MUST have competed in at least 2 Summer League events. This requirement would be considered by the race managers should there be exceptional circumstances. It was agreed that "Minis" would not be allowed to enter due nature of competition but would be welcome to fore run if required. No other comments were forthcoming.</i>	
<b>04.01.06</b>	<b>Equipment Rules</b>	
	<i>All rules regarding equipment regulations should be followed particularly in relation to binding height. These would be self enforced and only looked at should there be a "protest". We are still awaiting the rules regarding ski length for Snozone races but if intending to race in FIS races the rules will be strictly enforced...</i>	
	<i>Snozone Races. This item would be discussed more fully when the actual format is known.</i>	
<b>04.01.07</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>ERSA Com.</b>
	<i>Items that ROTOP would like to see budgeted for are :</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <i>Megaphone for use at races especially for the start marshals use.</i></li> <li>· <i>Fluorescent bibs for use by race officials to enable easy identification.</i></li> <li>· <i>To subsidise a SSE course setter's course for our region, also ask the nominated squad to attend for actual course setting practice by the course participants.</i></li> <li>• <i>Travelling expenses for the race trainers, 20p per mile and £5.00 for lunch.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>04.01.08</b>	<b>Snozone Races</b>	
	<i>As no definite decision on the format of this years Snozone races has been made then the matter of team selections for these events will be held over until further information is available. SL told that over 120 different ERSA racers took part last year.</i>	
<b>04.01.09</b>	<b>ERSA Age Groups</b>	
	<i>Even though Snowsport England have modified their CN and GP age groups it was decided to stay with our present age groups considering all trophies have been updated.</i>	
<b>04.01.10</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<i>There being no AOB Piet thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 13:05. <b>It was pointed out that all these discussions and decisions are provisional to being agreed by the Clubs Race Managers and finally the ERSA Committee.</b></i>	
<b>04.01.11</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	
	<i>The next meeting will be the Pre Season Race Managers meeting to be held on Sunday 8th February at the Arrington Arms, Bassingbourn starting at 10:00 am. Piet invited all to attend,</i>	