



Eastern Region Ski Association

Committee Meeting - Thursday 14th April 2005

Bassingbourne Ski Centre

Apologies

Jerry Ayling-Bates (Chairman ERSA. NOR), Nigel Riches (NOR), Tom Paxton (HEM)

Present

Gillian Poth (ERSA. HEM), Kevin Driscoll (ERSA. HEM), Gareth Watkins (WGC), Alan Holly (HEM), Steve Lambert (ERSA. HEM), Dermot Flahive (HEM), Bernard Wright (VIK), Piet Van Kampen ERSA. BAS), Hilary Whipp (ERSA), John Curtis (ERSA. BWP)

The Meeting was chaired by John Curtis and started at 8.00pm.

2. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were not available so therefore have not been approved. [They are available on the ERSA website.](#)

3. ERSA Squad and Training [Click for details](#)

Piet Van Kempen has been offered the position as the ERSA squad manager. A budget will be set and the further action can be taken. As yet the squad has not been selected although a provisional list was given to Piet from Steve Lambert.

Three Inter - regional races are planned this season and ERSA will be taking part. It is also hoped to organise a friendly with L&SERSA.

(Editor Note Gloucester Inter-regional cancelled)

4. Financial review 2004-2005

ACCOUNTS (Year end 31st March 2005)

Bal Sheet - Budget 2004/05 - Assumptions 2004/05 - Revenue Acc

Budget 2005/06 - Assumptions 2005/06

Hilary Whipp presented the financial review 2004-2005 and this is posted on the ERSA website. (Link above). The accounts are very healthy with £5000.00 in the bank. It was decided that ERSA would in the future charge £75.00 for the hire of their Timing gear, batteries, breakages and paper would have to be paid for.

Sweatshirts will be bought for the ERSA squad and given to the selected racers.

5. ERSA Summer Camp 2005 [\(Details\)](#)

The organisers need to know numbers as soon as possible to book accommodation etc. The representatives at the meeting were asked to pass this information on to their respective clubs.

It was brought to the attention of the ERSA committee that Phil Brown (Snow Club) has offered the use of Slalom gates and various snow race equipment to the ERSA Summer Camp 2005, but is reluctant to offer the drill as it was returned to him damaged after last years Camp.

ERSA were sorry to hear this news and feel we should replace the damaged part. Piet will contact Phil to discuss the situation.

(Since meeting - Sue Ferguson has taken over from Ros Humphrey as ERSA contact)

6. ERSA Summer League Calendar 2005 [\(Details\)](#)

The ERSA race calendar is available on the website. The Dual Slalom and GS Race day will most probably be at Welwyn. The date is to be confirmed.

Steve Lambert reported that Tom Paxton had devised a computer programme for the Rainbow event that should be "idiot proof!". The Rainbow event will also have medals for 2nd place this year.

It was decided that ERSA would purchase a Lap top for use at Races as ERSA had been using Steve Lamberts own. It was thought that £600.00 would cover the cost. (Now bought and available for use)

7. AOB

Helmets - New wording agreed by Race Manager's

8. **HELMETS - ALL RACERS** (IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE OR ABILITY) MUST WEAR A CORRECTLY FITTED FULL HELMET, WHILST RACING, TRAINING (INCLUDING OPEN PRACTICE) AND COURSE INSPECTION IN ALL ERSA EVENTS. THERE IS A STANDARD ENTITLED "HELMETS FOR ALPINE SKIERS (EN 077/1996). BSSF RECOMMENDS THAT ATHLETES USE HELMETS THAT STATES THAT THEY CONFORM TO THIS STANDARD. HOWEVER, THE FINAL CHOICE OF HELMET RESTS WITH THE ATHLETES/PARENTS.
9. IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE RACE MANAGERS AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL SLOPE, HELMETS MAY NOT BE REQUIRED FOR COURSE INSPECTION ONLY. THIS DISPENSATION WILL BE AGREED AT THE RACE MANAGERS MEETING AND ANNOUNCED OVER THE PA SYSTEM.
4. IF A RACER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS RULE THEY WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SLOPE IMMEDIATELY BY THE SHORTEST ROUTE.

Yellow 77: Some slopes will ban the use of this substance.

The Race invite should state the ban if necessary.

Sportsmanship: It was strongly emphasised that unsporting behaviour would not be tolerated and if officials were "abused" the

strong action

would be taken. If a protest is to be made then the proper channels must be followed. The race jury would have the final say.

ERSA Champs: Racers, as last year must have taken part in two regional races to take part.

Snow zone races: 4 indoor snow races are taking place organised by Graham Beck.

Tom Paxton has informed ERSA that he has plans to move area during the summer making himself unavailable for the Eastern Region. He is hoping to be at the first 3 ERSA races and it was discussed that replacement should be sought to perhaps shadow the numerous jobs he takes on at a Race day. However ROTOP told the committee there wouldn't be a problem and thought perhaps Nigel Riches would be interested to be Tom's replacement. Until that time Piet will revert as Chairman ROTOP after Thomas moves.

Meeting ended at 10.10pm

Next meeting 7th July 2005 at Bassingbourn Ski Centre
