



Eastern Region Ski Association ROTOP Committee (RTP Minutes)

Hemel – 15th January 2006, Time 10:30am

Present:

Bernard Wright (BW)	Chairman ROTP Vikings	Steven Lambert (SL)	Regional Race Manager Hemel
John Curtis (JC)	ERSA Vice Chairman Brentwood + Snow Club	Piet van Kempen (PVK)	Asst Regional Race Manager Bassingbourn
		Barand Ter-Haar (BTH)	Asst Regional Race Manager Bassingbourn

Apologies:

Alan Holly (Hemel), Gareth Watkins (Welwyn), Kevin Driscoll (Hemel).

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

	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	ACTION
	<u>Minutes of last ROTOP meeting 4th January 2004 (Details)</u> – No meeting 2005 <i>The minutes of the 2004 were agreed.</i>	
06.01.01	Items arising from 2004.	ALL
	<i>The minutes were agreed, questions were asked re some budgetary expenses and had equipment been purchased.</i>	
06.01.02	RTP – Members, responsibilities and communications.	ALL
	<i>Members of the ERSA RTP can be found on the ERSA website at http://www.erskia.co.uk/Contact/ERSA_RTP.htm</i>	
	<i>The actual responsibilities of ERSA RTP were discussed, ERSA RTP remit is to help organise the Summer League Race Series, see that the rules of ERSA and SSE are applied where appropriate, ensure fairness is shown to all and to maintain safety standards. ERSA RTP also take responsibility for running and organising the ERSA Champs and any event where ERSA Teams compete. ERSA RTP also management the ERSA Squad and assist in selection. ERSA RTP members were requested to submit a "job description" for the tasks they undertake and passed to SL.</i>	ALL
	<i>In the event that any discussions or decisions being taken they will be sent to all members of RTP via email at the earliest possible time and if anyone has any comments they must respond.</i>	ALL
	<i>A new post of Equipment Manager/coordinator was required because of the accountabilities of individuals in relation to the upkeep and whereabouts of the ERSA Timing/Computers etc. PVK volunteered for this job. It was proposed that the movement of equipment for Summer League would follow the same procedure as last year, ie after a Summer League race passed on to the next club.</i>	PVK
	<i>RTP will approach Kirk Durham again to be the squad trainer for 2006, further enquiries will be made to find the Squad Manager and another coach to assist Kirk.</i>	BW
	<i>ERSA RTP will compile a "flyer" to be handed out at the Summer League races providing useful information. Also email addresses will be requested from the individual members as the primary means of contact.</i>	SL
06.01.03	Trophies	ALL
	<i>Daphne Van Kempen will be asked again to act as collector/coordinator of the Summer League and Championship trophies.</i>	
06.01.04	Summer League Race Events	ALL/Race Managers
Entry Fee	<i>As agreed at the ERSA AGM unless ski centres require a greater payment this year £1.00 of all entries, from the ERSA income, will go to the Alan Humphrey Fund. At present fee to enter Summer League remains unchanged at £9.00. BW to check the ski centres to ensure still acceptable.</i>	BW
Course Setters	<i>The course will be set by an ERSA approved course setter and inspected by the jury before racing takes place. It was pointed out that standard of Summer League is for the grass routes level and as such an appropriate course should be set. BTH to coordinate the setters for each individual race. To be an ERSA course setter for the Summer League you must have attended an approved course and sanctioned by ERSA RTP. SL to compile list of known /approved setters.</i>	BTH SL
Summer League Races	<i>SUMMER LEAGUE -It was decided subject to the race managers that the Summer League races would follow the same format as previous years. The jury for each event would comprise of the "Clubs Chief of Race", "A RTP appointed Chairman" and "A RTP Appointed member". To ensure impartiality all members to come from different clubs.</i>	
ERSA Champs	<i>ERSA CHAMPS – After a discussion it was proposed to change the entry criteria for the Championships. "THE ERSA CHAMPS IS OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A CLUB WITHIN THE EASTERN REGION SKI ASSOCIATION REGISTERED WITH SNOWSPORT ENGLAND AND TO INDIVIDUALS IF REGISTERED WITH SNOWSPORT ENGLAND WHOSE ARTIFICIAL NOMINATED CLUB IS AN EASTERN REGION CLUB WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF AN ERSA CLUB AS A SECOND CLUB. THE START LIST WILL BE COMPILED USING ERSA SEEDPOINTS. THE RTP AND THE RACE MANAGERS WILL CONSIDER INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS CRITERION BUT WISH TO COMPETE IN ERSA EVENTS. <u>TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARD OF THE COMPETITION, IF REQUIRED, AN ERSA SEEDPOINT CUT OFF WILL BE APPLIED.</u></i> <i>This means that if racers do not have any ERSA Seedpoints they will be excluded unless an appeal is made. This amendment is subject to agreement at the annual Race Managers meeting. Even though racers may not appear on the current seedpoint list, if raced at an ERSA event within the last four years their information is maintained. The 2006 rules will be amended as appropriate.</i>	

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Equipment	<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". A reminder was asked to be issued that this is for ERSA events only, rules for other races may be different.</i>	
Members	<i>For insurance purposes racers must be a member of a regions club and their name must have been passed to SSE. This may be checked but RTP initially rely on clubs to be self checking.</i>	
	Team Events/Scratch Teams	ALL/Race Managers
	<i>No change was suggested in the actual team event.. 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>The Rainbow teams to be picked by computer based on ERSA Seedpoints. Race Managers to give names to the appointed person as soon as possible after the Individual event has started. Medals to be given to winning team only at each event. RTP will actively seek a volunteer or volunteers to run and organize the administration of this event as ERSA 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 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. Because of the event format 8 teams of any number would be comprised. However this meant that some racers were excluded, if so it would noted and tried to be avoided for that racer again during the season.</i>	
GS/ Team event	<i>If the calendar permits a GS and team event is hoped to be held this year, this may depend on the "Tri Regions" event, unsure at the moment if this is to be annual or bi-annual.</i>	
	<i>Discussion on events being held at the same slope and should the points from that event count. It was proposed to leave these items open to the race managers meeting.</i>	
06.01.05	ERSA Squad	
	<i>Due to work commitments PVK reluctantly has had to stand down as "ERSA Squad Manager". An approach will be made to a number of people asking if they would be interested in taking over the task. RTP would also welcome any volunteers. Kirk will be asked to be the "Regions Race Trainer" for 2006 and in agreement with the Squad Manager would select the ERSA squad. RTP will also seek a helper/assistant to help Kirk run training sessions.</i>	SL BW
	Budget	ERSA Com.
	<i>Items that ROTOP would like to see budgeted for are :</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megaphone for use at races especially for the start marshals use.. • 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. • The renewal of the Soft Ski key updated to the latest version. • Paper Rolls and timing wands for the timing equipment. <i>It will also be requested from the ERSA Committee that a budget be set for RTP to use as appropriate e.g. printer cartridges, postage etc. Also the treasure will be asked if possible to add another signatory to the ERSA account, at present only SL and PVK</i>	
06.01.06	ERSA Age Groups	SL
	<i>Will remain as SSE</i>	
06.01.06	AOB	
01	<i>Bids will be required for the ERSA Champs at the Race Managers meeting.</i>	All Clubs
02	<i>It was felt that the method of calculating the Summer League overall Club favoured the larger clubs, various formats were discussed. SL had looked into a number of different methods and applied it to last years results. Apart from one race the results would have been the same in all cases including the Overall Champions Club. It was felt that maybe 2 or 3 systems could be run in conjunction with each other and maybe the system changed for next year</i>	
03	<i>JC requested the rules be simplified/reduced. It was pointed out that the rules had changed over the years to try and cover most eventualities and as such were rather bulky. No change anticipated.</i>	
04	<i>JC requested that the website has an "updates" page so that any changes amendments are easily noted and found. SL will try and organise.</i>	SL
05	<i>There will be 5 National races in the Region this year, RTP will request from Norfolk and Hemel their nominations for CoR and Race Secretaries for both GP's. RTP have also agreed to provide help and assistance to the regions Club National races. Timing equipment for the GP's will be ERSA, if the clubs wish to use it for the CN then they must request from PVK, there will be no charge.</i>	BW Nor / Hem
06	<i>A course setter's course to be arranged. Either for course setters or just interested parties. If SSE or local race official courses required PVK agreed to organise.</i>	PVK
	<i>There being no AOB BW thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 13:00. 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.</i>	
06.01.07	NEXT MEETING	
	<i>The next meeting will be the Pre Season Race Managers meeting to be held on Sunday 26th February at the Arrington Arms, Bassingbourn starting at 10:00 am. BW invited all to attend,</i>	