



MINUTES OF THE
 Eastern Region Ski Association
 Race Managers meeting 2007
 Hardwick Arms (Arrington) – 21st January,
 Time 10:00am

Present:

Bernard Wright	Chairman ROTP Vikings	Steven Lambert	Regional Race Manager Hemel
John Curtis	Snow Club	Andrea Grant	Race Manager Hemel
Martin Thyng	Asst Race Manager Brentwood	Lesley Yeung	Race Manager Vikings/Suffolk
Lynn Ritsema	Race Manager Bassingbourn	Judith Brotherton	Race Manager Welwyn
Garath Watkins	Regional Squad Manager	John Williams	Race Manager Norfolk

Meeting commenced at 1000 after coffee.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS		
	<i>Minutes of last Race Managers meeting 2006</i> http://www.ersa.co.uk/Com/RaceMan/2006/RaceMeeting2006Minutes.pdf <i>The Minutes of the last meeting 2006 were acknowledged as a true representation.</i>	
01.01.07	Race Calendar (http://www.ersa.co.uk/Cal/cal07.htm)	ALL
	<i>After discussion the Summer Race Calendar 2007 was decided, It was decided that the ERSA dual slalom/gs event would not be held this year due calendar congestion, the ERSA Championships will be held at WGC on Sun 7 Oct. ERSA RTP to organise helped by clubs. There have been a number of clashes and by tradition these are mainly with the Celtic Cups. BAS race will clash with the Sunderland race weekend.</i>	
02.01.07	Race Format	ALL
	<i>The actual race format would stay the same with 2 runs to count out of 3. Start order as previous years using ERSA points. Entry criteria as previous years. However as the pre registration has worked well for this year rather than an acceptance list being published a start list would be drawn. This will make it easier for the organisers on Sunday morning. Any late entries after 1300h on the Saturday before the race will be given the highest bib numbers and race first regardless of seed points. Entries will still be accepted Sunday morning as has always been the case. Normal registration rules will apply on Sunday but with payment of the entry fee a bib will be issued.</i>	
02.02.07	<i>Fee to remain at £9.00 with £6.00 going to the centres, £3.00 to ERSA.</i>	
02.03.07	<i>Course Inspection, the actual method of course inspection will be decided by the jury on the day. Entry to the start area may be allowed provided the timing has been set up and an official is present at the start to maintain the area.</i>	
03.01.07	Summer League Dual Slalom Team Events	ALL
03.02.07	<i>It was felt that the "Junior" only category was not giving most benefit to the majority of the racers with the open and Junior sections splitting the number of teams. It was also felt that the Junior age group were penalised as they could only be selected for the "Open" age group whereas all others were eligible for at least 2 categories and that a second "open" age group be entered instead of the "junior" age group This will be named OPEN A and OPEN B with the best club open teams being in A and the other teams in B. If a club only enters one OPEN team they will be in A. The draw to be followed for the whole season was made using the ERSA computer after the meeting. Teams are entered into the race computer that would then sort out race orders, the idea being that no team should meet the same team twice during the season in the first round only. It was also decided that the draw would be followed regardless of number of teams entered. Only one bye per team may be skied.</i>	
03.03.07	<i>The RAINBOW EVENT to continue in present format. By the end of the second run race managers will pass the names of ALL racers that wish to take part in the "Rainbow" event.</i>	
03.04.07	<i>Team event starting procedures, it was felt to try and gain a consistent view to the start procedure that only a few people would be used in this task. Steve Lambert to brief those concerned. The start procedure will be as for SSE races, the command "Ready" is a question. It is the responsibility of the racer to state loudly and clearly if s/he is not ready by saying 'No'. If the starter hears nothing s/he will assume the racer is ready. The situation will be continued to be monitored through out the season.</i>	
03.05.07	<i>It was discussed whether the format needed to be changed to a "relay" race to try and gain experience necessary for national races. However it was felt that this did not agree with the ERSA ethos of everyone being given an equal chance in the sense that a team with only a few good racers could win over a less able all round team whereas being a head to head would give all teams and racers a more equal chance.</i>	
04.01.07	Race Rules 2007	ALL

04.02.07	<p>ERSA age groups to remain the same. Changes in the rules agreed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee £9.00 for all ERSAs events • The banning of certain types of lubricant must be notified in the Race Invite. • Entry criteria to ERSAs champs copied in full below • The ERSAs 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 ERSAs club as a second club. THE START LIST WILL BE COMPILED USING ERSAs SEEDPOINTS. The RTP and the race managers will consider individuals who do not comply with this criterion but wish to compete in ERSAs events. To maintain the standard of the competition, if required, an ERSAs seedpoint cut off will be applied as agreed by the regions club race managers. • Jury to comprise of Home Chief of Race or nominated person from Home Club, Senior RTP member another member from another club. No more than 1 member from the same club. • No fee required for protest at ERSAs champs. • Full ERSAs rules at http://www.erskia.co.uk/Rules/SL_Rules_2007.mht 	
05.01.07	<p>ERSAs Squads 2007</p> <p>Squad Manager for 2007 to be Gareth Watkins. Squad invites will be sent out. Training days would then be organized by the squad manager and the trainers.</p>	BW
06.01.07	<p>Items requested for purchase.</p> <p>Race managers were asked of any items that could be purchased to enable the Summer League to run more smoothly. Items suggested were (all costing approx.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALGE Flash to run with the ERSAs dual timing gear so as to have the opportunity of "beep" and/or "flash" to indicate a start. (Cost about £600) 	SL
07.01.07	<p>Tri Regional Event</p> <p>ERSAs wish to organize the successful event again this year, probably in October/November, more details when known but may be down at Christchurch.</p>	ALL
08.01.07	<p>Regions National Races</p> <p>There would be six National races in the region, Club National and Grand Prix at both Norfolk and Hemel and a club national at Vikings. Norfolk have also been awarded the "British" championships. Help would be requested from the region. ERSAs have responsibility for the GPs and as such should be consulted during each stage of the organisation.</p>	NOR/HEM/VIK
09.01.07	<p>Child Protection Act</p> <p>As more information is needed from SSE re the CRB checks and Child protection act it was felt that no real progress could be made as yet. However each club will need to appoint a "Child Welfare Officer". It was also noted that as from start of season 2008 all volunteers/officials must be CRB checked or signed a "self Declaration" form.</p>	
10.01.07	<p>AOB</p> <p>More of an ERSAs committee matter but it was noted that Andrea Grant who agreed to stand as treasurer for 2007 will stand down at the AGM and clubs were requested to ask around for a replacement volunteer.</p>	
	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Being no further business the meeting closed at 1200h. Bernie thanked all for attending. The next meeting will be at the 1st Summer League race at Hemel on 22nd April.</p>	