

**Eastern Region Ski Association
Annual General Meeting
Welwyn Ski Centre on 7th October 2007.**

1. Present (Names written legibly on the circulated sheet)

Lloyd Jenkins (NOR) Piet Van Kempen (BAS) Gillian Poth (HEM)
Euan Luce-Smith (BAS) John Williams (NOR) Lesley Yeung (VIK)
Ruth Wailes (VIK) Sheila Driscoll (HEM) John Curtis (BWP/SC)
Bernie Wright (VIK) Steve Saunders (WEL) Judith Brotherton (WEL)
Tony Williams (NOR) Dan Curtis(BWP) Alex Green (BWP)
Ryan Rose(BWP) Peter Thompson(BAS) Paul Bowling (VIK)
Andrea Grant (HEM) Martin Hommel (HEM) Nick Worthington (HEM)

No apologies were received prior to the meeting.

2. Minutes of 2006 AGM

The Minutes of the 2006 AGM meeting which had been available on the website were approved.

3. Election of Officials

Lloyd Jenkins – Chairman
Alan Holly –Vice Chairman (Standing down)
Gillian Poth -Secretary (Standing down)
Andrea Grant - Treasurer
Bernie Wright- Chair RTP

The following were elected to stand at the meeting:

Judith Brotherton –Secretary
Nick Warmington –Vice Chairman

4. Chairman's Report

ERSA has had a very busy summer season. All the races have been very well attended with an average of over 180 racers a race, which is the highest ever. This region is one of the most successful in running a summer league and is the envy of other clubs around the country who don't have an active. Thanks to everyone's support.

Thanks must go to all those helpers who organised the various race events and other ERSA business during the year.

The ERSA Squad took part in the Snowsport England Inter-Regional race at Rossendale and had put in a good show. They finished 2nd at the end of the

league stage and unfortunately were beaten by North West A in the knockout stage. Many thanks those who took represented ERSA in the team: Daniel Curtis, Jayme Baggio, Matthew Watkins, Tom Brotherton, Caroline Powell, Craig Wright and Gerard Flahive

ERSA racers teams faired well at the All England with 3 trophy winners from the Region in the Womens race and 4 from the Region in the Mens race. ERSA Clubs also did well in the team dual slalom event with Hemel A and Norfolk A and B teams proceeding from the League to the Knockout stages. Norfolk A got through to the final and were narrowly beaten in the end by Pendle A.

In the British Championships slalom at Norfolk 3 weeks ago, ERSA racers claimed 3 trophy winners in the Womens race and also in the Mens race, with similar success in the English Open slalom. ERSA once again demonstrated that we can successfully hold big race events in the Region.

ERSA also managed to get some additional revenue from hiring out ERSA timing equipment to Snowsport England (with officials) for the dual slalom events at the Inter Regional, All England and British Championships.

The Tri Region Event originally organised by ERSA took place again this year and was hosted by SRSA yesterday at Bromley. ERSA were once again heavily involved in the organisation providing timing equipment and officials. 8 teams were entered by ERSA and once again the Region's skiers gelled together and performed exceptionally. Of the 8 teams ERSA entered 6 made it through to the knockout stages of the main and plate competitions, which was a tremendous achievement..

ERSA A, ERSA B and ERSA C progressed to the knockout stages of the main trophy competition. ERSA progressed through to the final beating LSERSA B and SRSA A in the process. ERSA B beat the fancies LSERSA A and LSERSA D to get the final ERSA A went on to win the trophy narrowly beating ERSA B in an exciting final. A superb performance.

ERSA D, E and F teams progressed through to the knockout stages of the Plate competition and ERSA E finished in as runners-up. ERSA D were beaten at the semi-final stage, finishing as 4th. The Tri-Region Event was once again a great event for both racers and spectators and we all hope for further ERSA success when we host the event in 2008.

This summer has been the last for Hemel as an artificial slope as work is planned to start early next year to develop the centre into an indoor snow slope. As suggested last year, Hemel intend to continue taking part in the Summer League on plastic. As for the future when the new indoor slope opens we will have to look at the introduction of indoor races into the Summer League

The other major indoor project in the region, the Snoasis project has had some delays in obtaining planning consent. The public inquiry was completed earlier this year and it was expected that the Secretary of State would have announced his decision in September. This has now been deferred to January 2008. We may have another potential indoor race venue within the region

There will be a full ERSA season in 2008 however, with ERSA supported Club National races at Norfolk and Suffolk and Welwyn (Hemel) and SSE GP's at

Norfolk and hopefully Suffolk. Norfolk also intends to put in a bid to host the All England in 2008.

It is intended to hold an ERSA course setter's course in the Region before the end of the year, probably early December. Anyone interested should contact either Lloyd Jenkins or Bernie Wright.

ERSA also intend to organise an SSE Level 1 Race Officials course during the winter season at Norfolk, probably during January/February. Further details are to come – watch this space.

As the summer season of 2007 draws to a close, ERSA should be able to look forward to another successful year in 2008.

5. Votes of Thanks

Vote of Thanks went to the following:

- Bernie Wright the Chairman of RTP.
- Lesley Yeung for looking after the SL and Champs Trophies.
- Steve Lambert for giving his time supporting events and acting as ERSA Rep
- John Curtis for his work in preparing for the Tri-Regional race event
- Gareth Watkins as the ERSA Squad Manager.
- Dermot Flahive & Piet Van Kempen for representing the ERSA outside the region and race officials duties.

6. Treasurers Report.

The updated accounts had not been prepared for the AGM meeting.

The ERSA account has £5500.00. It was proposed to self insure the Timing equipment for the following year again and consideration is to be given as to whether it will be necessary to increase the cost of the race entry from £9.00 to £10.00. This was discussed and LJ agreed that the matter would be reviewed and a proposal put forward at a future meeting if it was felt that an increase would be justified.

7. Summer League.

The Rainbow event would not change format but a discussion took place regarding the dual slalom races becoming a relay. Members were asked to place their views and opinions on the ERSA forum and speak to their Race Managers.

8. ERSA Summer Camp 2008.

A discussion took place as to whether there was a demand to organise a camp for next year. There was no ERSA Summer Camp during 2007 due to several camps being organised by individual member clubs.

BWP , BAS and WEL expressed an interest in a camp for 2008 but agreed that someone needs to organise it! John Curtis offered to gather further information

and feed back at the next committee meeting that would be held before the end of the 2007 calendar year.

9. AOB

Only one ERSA meeting was held last year and John Curtis requested that the region should hold more. Lloyd Jenkins responded by stating that meetings would be held if necessary.

The meeting ended and the ERSA Championship racing continued.