



Eastern Region Ski Association

ROTP Committee

(Race Organisation and Technical Panel)
Hemel – 19th January 2008, time 10.00am

Thank you to Hemel ski centre for providing the meeting room. Meeting started 10.20am and finished 12.10pm.

Present: Bernard Wright (Ipswich), Tony Williams (Norfolk), Kevin Driscoll (Hemel), Steve Lambert (Hemel), Piet van Kempen (Bassingbourn)

Some of the items discussed will be provided to the Race Managers at their meeting in March for agreement or amendment there.

	Actions
1) Apologies	
John Curtis (Brentwood), currently no one from Welwyn is available for RTP.	
2) Adopt minutes of last meeting	
Adopted no actions	
3) RTP members, responsibility etc	
Current members of ROTP are all those who were present at the meeting, including John Curtis. Currently there is no representative from Welwyn, this is currently being looked at, in the meantime information will be sent to Judith Brotherton.	
RTP will run the ERSA champs but it is the responsibility of the clubs to run the SL races. RTP will produce the results, start sheets and assist.	
4) ERSA Champs	
Last year there were a few racers who should not have been taking part in the Champs. This year in the invite we need to make sure that there is a sufficient points cut off. As it is quite difficult to set a cut off before the season we will monitor the points during the season and inform the Race Managers before the invite goes out.	BW present to RM
5) Summer League, team events, format	
After a lot of discussion over the past few months with Race Managers and other members the recommendation is to have the Open as a relay. The suggestion is to drop the Open B and have just one Open team and then in the relay increase the number to 6 racers. The rest of the team events would remain head to head. As for the timing gear setup, this can be set in relay mode for all the races and when a head to head takes place the radio communication can be stopped.	BW present to RM
The intention would be to try this for the first 2 races and review it with the Race Managers.	
There have been suggestions about running the Rainbow event before the team event, the argument been that many of the small ones have a long time to wait after the individual event before doing any more racing. Also it may prevent the issue of several rainbows leaving before the event itself. There is a concern that we may lose a lot of people after the rainbow event but this is something we will have to see. This will mean it is even more	

<p>important to have the names in by the start of the 3rd run at the latest.</p> <p>The intention would be to try this for the first 2 races and review it with the Race Managers.</p>	
<p>6) Timing and transfer of gear from slope to slope</p> <p>Need to remind the clubs that it is their responsibility to transport the equipment from one race to the next. Also the hosting club needs to help with the laying of the cables and equipment and also removing the cables at the end. Need to re-iterate that care needs to be taken with the cables as last season we had several breakages which caused delays.</p>	
<p>7) Rules and any changes required</p> <p>There is a new 4 page rule summary which has been published by SSE which we should adopt. http://www.ersa.co.uk/Rules/SSE_Guide_To_Race_Rules_2007.pdf</p> <p>The pre entries worked very well last year and we will continue with that this season. One slight change is that the race office will close at 9am and therefore any day entries must be in by that time. This will help speed up the day a little more.</p>	<p>Inform RM and racers</p>
<p>8) Equipment rules</p> <p>Same as SSE nothing special</p>	
<p>9) Allocation of 'referee' for SL and jury members</p> <p>At the moment the CoR is from the hosting club, and the other two members made up from RTP and other experienced people in ERSA. There was a suggestion that all those on the Jury should be level 2 accredited but this is not practical and doesn't then provide the ability to bring new people through. Ideally we should aim to have a level 2 official as the referee, as that is the role that is representing the racers interests. This allows us to encourage less experienced people to start helping. Also all three members should be from different clubs and this normally happens.</p> <p>The jury make up is something that BW aims to have arranged the week before the race.</p>	<p>BW to ensure the make up is correct throughout the season.</p>
<p>10) Course Setters</p> <p>Due to SSE rulings we still need to have qualified people settings courses. The current ERSA list needs updating and we should avoid having a course setter that is racing on the day and in a competitive group. We do want to encourage new people to start setting courses and this will be under supervision of experienced individuals.</p> <p>The forerunners worked well this season and we will continue to do this again this season. Initially will use those racers from the Masters 3 group and as these are small groups then we can have each one forerunning.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we consider looking at asking racers to sign a similar declaration to the SSE one about responsibility. Something to consider for the future.</p>	<p>BW present to RM</p>

11) Tri – Regional	
This is ERSA to arrange this year. Options for locations are really Welwyn or Brentwood. BW will approach Welwyn and see if they are happy to hold another race this season. The suggestion would be to hold it the day before the ERSA champs again.	BW to follow up
12) Budget Items	
Steve wanted confirmation that he can go ahead to purchase the items discussed at the ERSA committee meeting in December.	Lloyd send email to Steve with confirmation
13) ERSA Squad and Manager	
Thank you for Gareth Watkins for looking after the team for the past couple of years. We are looking for a new squad manager so the initial approach will be via an email to the region for a volunteer. It was also discussed about re-creating the official ERSA Squad in the way it had worked in the previous years, rather than the current approach we have taken. This requires someone to manage the selection first.	SL to send out an email to the region.
14) Rainbow event	
Last season there were a couple of races where a few racers had to be dropped as there were too many, the biggest problem was Brentwood. A few suggestions have been received as to how we could change it but so far nothing that would work as well or guarantee full participation. Will monitor this season how it goes.	
15) AOB – ERSA Badges. Was suggested that we provide small badges for all those taking part in ERSA races which could be sewn onto the club tops as recognition of taking part. KD to investigate cost from the Hemel supplier and see if this is something worth doing.	KD to look at cost. BW present at RM
15) AOB – Deaf racers and dual starts. To confirm if a deaf racer is taking part in the team or rainbow event then the way to indicate to the racer when to go is that a helper places a hand on the racers shoulder and when the beep goes they remove the hand.	BW to inform RM
15) AOB – Dual Timing box. This is still the one weak point in the whole setup. PVK is speaking to someone about the possibility of getting a clone. If this fails then we will supply the spec to TW who has contacts who would be able to make a new box.	PVK to progress
15) AOB – Course Inspection. The suggestion is to swap the course inspection for the age groups. The JN1 and above first and then CH2 and below 2 nd . This means that most of the small racers will already be on the slope and can go straight back to the top of the slope ready for the start while the course is still fresh in their minds. Again review this after the first 2 races and see if it is working.	BW present to RM