



**Eastern Regional Ski Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 5 2008**

Present: Lloyd Jenkins, Piet van Kempen, Andrea Grant, John Curtis, Gillian Poth, Amanda Rolph, Steve Lambert, Steve Saunders, Lazlo Poth, Paul Rolph, Judith Brotherton.

Apologies: Bernie Wright, Nick Warmington, Peter Akister, Kevin Driscoll, Sheila Driscoll.

Lloyd Jenkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for staying after a long day to attend the meeting.

1. Minutes of the 2007 AGM ([Click for Details](#))

The minutes were accepted as a correct record. Proposed by Steve Lambert and seconded by Andrea Grant.

2. Election of Officials

The existing officials were all willing to stand again and all were accepted. The officials would therefore remain as:

Chair: Lloyd Jenkins
Vice chair, Nick Warmington
Treasurer, Andrea Grant
Secretary, Judith Brotherton
Chair RTP, Bernie Wright

3. Chairs Report

Lloyd Jenkins presented a brief summary of the year.

It had been another busy and successful season with over 170 racers attending each ERSA race. The region was one of the most successful in running a summer league, and the overall success owed much to the ERSA official and helpers at each race. Some Timing equipment during the year had been replaced and some additional equipment purchased, this was essential to enable the region to hold such large races and the equipment is heavily used.

There had been a slight reduction in ERSA racers competing at Club National and Grand Prix races, with the costs of travel and accommodation being a factor. Special mention should be made of Gerard Flahive who despite missing half the season due to injury, finished overall 1st in his category at the Scottish Champs, the All England the British Champs, and to Shaun Blyth on his selection to be part of the GB Childrens Squad.

ERSA entered 3 teams in the Snowsport England Inter-Regional race in July, and did well. Both ERSA A and ERSA B Teams reached the knock out stages, with ERSA B reaching the semi final.

ERSA teams did well at the All England with 3 trophy winners from the region in the Women's race and 4 from the region in the means race.

ERSA had also got some additional revenue from hiring out ERSA timing equipment to Snow Sport England (with officials) for the dual slalom events at the Inter regional and All England Championships.

The tri regional event held the previous day had also been an excellent event. ERSA were heavily involved in the organisation providing timing equipment and key officials. ERSA had fielded 8 teams, and all had got through the knock out stages and plate competitions.

2009 would bring some new development. Hemel ski club would be opening as a snow club, and Hemel's ERSA race would be held on snow. LJ felt that ERSA Champs next year should be held at the Hemel slope. There would need to be a higher entry fee for races held on snow and this would have to be discussed by race managers during the winter.

ERSA would also be holding a level 2 SSE Officials course during the winter, to enable appropriate training for chief of race and race secretary for clubs holding SSE races.

LJ extended thanks to Steve Lambert for another year as overall Race manager, to Dermot Flahive and Piet van kempen for representing ERSA at a national level, To Bernie Wright for his work as RTP chair and to Lesley Yeung for all the work she does to produce the medals and trophies.

4. Treasurers Report

Andrea Grant presented the annual accounts for the financial year to March 2008, and noted the following.

- Income had been higher in the year covered by this report
- ERSA were finally about to receive money back from Snowsport England as a percentage of fees paid by individual clubs. This would amount to £1,500 for 2008.
- The timing gear had been loaned outside the region on a number of occasions. It was always accompanied by someone from the region. The charge was £100.00 and she felt that this should be increased to £150.00. Following discussion this was agreed.
- The costs of entering and TRI regions and producing T shirts were borne by ERSA, with no entry fee for competitors.
- The financial year for the accounts was currently April to March and AG felt that should be changed to October to reflect the summer league.

5. Late Entry Fees

SL proposed that ERSA consider slightly different entry arrangements for ERSA races to make it easier to manage large entry numbers. This would be that club entries were in by the Wednesday or Thursday before the race, with a raised late entry fee of about £5.00 to try and persuade people to get their entries in.

6. First Aiders

A number of people raised the fact that at a number of recent races first aiders had taken too long to get to the slope, and that it must be re enforced that the nominated first aider must stay by the slope during all racing. This was unanimously agreed. An additional but linked issue was raised relating to children who are brought to a race by a club parent and who sustain an injury. Clubs should make sure that arrangements are in place so that a nominated adult has a parent's permission to accompany a child to hospital if necessary.

7. Male and Female races

LJ suggested that ERSA should consider for 2009 separating the males and females into separate groups, so that female skiers race against each other and are not hidden amongst the male racers.