



Minutes of the ERSA Committee held on December 13 2008.

Present: Andrea Grant (Hemel), Lloyd Jenkins (Norfolk), Steve Lambert (Hemel), Ian Mawson (Welwyn), Piet Van Kempen, Nick Warmington (Hemel), Bernie Wright (Vikings), Hilary Whipp (Bassingbourn), Judith Brotherton (Welwyn).

Apologies: John Curtis

1. **Current Financial position.** ([Details](#))

AG confirmed that ERSA's financial position was very healthy with a balance of £10,000 at the end of the season. This was in part due to a two year membership re imbursement from Snowsport England. The financial year had been adjusted to reflect the main summer race season, and from now on monitoring would be more up to date. In view of the healthy position there was an opportunity to spend some money on upgrading timing equipment.

2. **Budget for 2009**

Race Entry Fees.

SL went through the attendance at each summer league race in 2008, which ranged from 160 -225. In terms of budget assumptions for 2009 though, it was agreed to assume that there would be an average of 150 racers at each race. A decision had been taken at the AGM that entry fees should not change for 2009.

Trophies and Medals

Trophies and medals are highly valued at races, and a suggestion was made that we could afford slightly better quality medals. **Action: AG/JB to discuss with Lesley Yeung.**

Timing Equipment - Priorities for expenditure

- Dual Timing box. Agreement that this was a priority . PVK had spoken to Doug who would look at the existing box and provide a quote (likely to be around £300.00). LJ would talk to Tony Williams and come up with spec for a new box which could be built.
- SL raised the possibility of purchasing a new TAG timing box to replace the existing one. This would not require a dongle and therefore would be more flexible however the cost would be around £1100. We would need new dongles as serial ports are no longer supported on laptops.
- Lap Top. Current lap top is fairly old and essential. Agreed that this was a priority.
- Cabling.

Timing Equipment – Further items to consider for replacement

- Flash Units. These could cost £700.00 or £800.00. Agreed that we should price them and consider, allowing £300.00 per box.

3. Snow Races at Hemel.

3.1 May 31st Fun Race

SL outlined that Hemel hoped to hold a number of races on snow next season including potentially an ERSA league race, as well as a dry slope ERSA league race. In discussion it was felt that Hemel couldn't really hold two league races and that a solution for the snow race which would be on May 31st, would be to hold this as a fun race.

3.2 Entry Fees

Entry fees would be higher as it would cost the club more to hire the slope and hold the race. £15.00 was agreed as an entry fee.

3.3 Number of entries per club.

The maximum number of racers would be 150 and therefore there would have to be a restricted entry. Hemel had wanted to fund an equitable approach to this and SL proposed that each club had an allocated number of places that reflected their percentage attendance at ERSA races in 2008. After consideration this was agreed. Clubs would therefore have the following number of places at the Hemel ERSA snow race.

Bassingbourn	2
Hemel	35
Brentwood	23
Norfolk	36
Vikings	26
Welwyn	19
Xscape	9

3.4 Entry Criteria

There was a lengthy discussion about whether entry should be targeted at the better skiers, or left as an opportunity for skiers with higher seed points. Hemel were aware that there would be interest amongst more able skiers to race on snow, and that it would attract people who had not participated in ERSA dry slope summer league for some time.

The proposal finally was that the race would be open to people who:

- Had taken part in one of the 6 ERSA summer league races or ERSA Champs in 2008 **or**
- Took part in the first (or second) ERSA dry slope race in 2009
- **And**
- Are the skiers in that club with the highest (below 999) ERSA seed points. Race managers would allocate on this basis up to the allocated number.

This was agreed by vote. SL registered his disagreement.

4. ERSA Champs

ERSA Champs could be held on snow if Hemel could secure the slope, but this looked unlikely. Potential dates were October 4th or 18th.

5. Meeting Dates

Race Managers Meeting: February 8th Hardwick Arms

ERSA Committee: March 21st Hardwick Arms