

ERSA Committee Meeting
10.00am Sunday 22nd November
Hemel Ski Centre

Attending at 10.00 am: Bernie Wright (Chair), Steve Lambert, Ian Mawson, Lesley Yeung, Andrew Upton, Bill Parsey, Martin Hommel, John Curtis

Attending at 11.00 am: Jo Parker, Lloyd Jenkins

Apologies received: Bassingbourne, Piet Van Kempen, Andrea Grant

1. Matters Arising

It was noted that Lesley Yeung has accepted the role of Treasurer for the 2009/10 period, replacing the previously noted Iain Clayton. However ERSAs must find a new Treasurer for the following season.

2. Accounts Review 2009

Bernie Wright (BW) presented the ERSAs accounts on behalf of Andrea Grant as circulated. He confirmed that the 2008 accounts covered an 18 month period whilst the 2009 accounts had reverted to a 12 month period ending 30.11.09.

BW made the following points in reference to the accounts:

- Additional income had been derived from the Summer League Fun Race and had been non-profit making.
- The entry in the accounts referring to the 'Alan Humphrey Trust' would be removed
- The Affiliation Fees for 2009 are due in but have been delayed as the accounts for 2009 have just been submitted now that it is end of year. (2008 - £2,903.44)
- Insurance – John Curtis is sending through an example policy for consideration by the committee. The equipment insurance values were estimated at £3,000 current value and £8,000 new-for-old replacement value
- £600 had been spent on T-Shirts for the Tri-Region Slalom, and as with previous years the t-shirts were distributed FOC.
- General Admin Expenses includes income of £60 from the sale of ERSAs Champs photos, a cheque for £60 will be written to the adaptive skiers for that amount.
- BW reported a closing balance of £7,958.41 in the Accounts (2008 – £8,522.55)

3. Budget for 2010 (attached)

BW proposed and it was agreed to transfer £1,000 from Racing Account # 1 to Racing Account # 2 (Savings).

BW made the following points in reference to the Budget for 2010:

- ERSAs Champs – all clubs are to be contacted to see if they want to host the Champs and, if so, provide their costs

- Courses – Piet Van Kempen is providing the Officials Level 2 Course costs which is to be met by ERSA should the committee agree, for intra-regional members , extra regional attendees to pay for themselves
- Radios – to replace the current radios may cost up to £1,300. BW is awaiting a quote.
- Ski Pro Dongle – ERSA to purchase its own Ski Pro+ dongle (as opposed to the Ski Pro dongle) as this will allow race data to be transmitted to wired-in monitors.
- Trophies – these must be returned ideally at the first race of the season to allow collation and repair. Any engraving costs incurred to bring the trophies up to date will be invoiced to the relevant club
- Dual Timing box – Douglas Daley (Bassingbourn) is building one. The software programme has been backed up. Andrew Upton will liaise with Douglas to bring this project to a conclusion by March 2010.

ERSA Database

The database was originally developed by Thomas Paxton and now needs rewriting. He has quoted £800-£900 to upgrade it, but there are very likely to be additional costs involved beyond that. BW and Ian Mawson believe that they can improve the flexibility of the database, removing this cost.

4. 2010 Calendar

The SSE calendar is expected to be published sometime during December 2009.

The Grand Prix series is proposed as follows:

Outdoor Events:	Norfolk, Sunderland, Pendle
Indoor Events:	Hemel, Manchester, Milton Keynes (tbc)

Martin Hommel noted that the Milton Keynes costs will be higher than Hemel's. Steve Lambert noted that Hemel charges £2,500/day for a session starting 06.30 and ending 14.00. If half of the slope is returned at 11.00, the price is reduced.

Ideally, Milton Keynes should be part of the Summer League.

The Summer League should be run as normal and, if required, adjustment to the number of entries should take place when all of the entries have been received. However, the option to adjust the number of entries should be included on the published criteria for entry.

Entry Criteria

Martin Hommel noted that Milton Keynes have felt that they have been unable to join in the ERSA races even though they have paid their fees, as they do not race on plastic. This was discussed and it was concluded that this issue should self-resolve if a race takes place at Hemel and possibly Milton Keynes. Martin Hommel suggested that Milton Keynes could host a Summer League event and will feed back on this idea.

The committee agreed that a racer, must be registered with an ERSA club to enter ERSA races and that can be as first or second named club. If it is an inter-regional event, the racer MUST race for his/her first named club.

5. Communication

It was acknowledged that the erskia.co.uk and ersa.co.uk websites could benefit from updating and redesigning. This would assist in better communication of information, with an emphasis on racing details and results along with clearer links to clubs' own sites. However

for this to happen it would require additional help from other members of the region and to date no one has volunteered to help.

6. Regional Name Change

It was resolved by the Management Committee to change the name of the Eastern Region Ski Association to the Easter Region Snowsports Association. The committee acknowledged that this was a change to the ERSA Constitution and referred to section 10.1. It was agreed that to change the name required an EGM but the suggestion was to email everyone in the region and if no objections to move ahead with the change.

The committee agreed to enquire whether any club or member had any objection to the name change and, if unopposed, the name change would take effect from 01.01.2010.

The meeting ended at 12.04pm.