

ERSA Committee Meeting 04/03/2012 10-12

At Hardwick Arms, Arrington

Attending: Bernard Wright (BW), Janet Jenkins (JJ), Jenny Payne (JP), Don Daley (DD), Andrew Upton (AU), Piet Van Kempen (PVK)

Apologies: Ian Mawson (IM), Debbie Groom (DG), Sarah Allen (SA), Tania Barton (TB), Jo Parker (JP), John Curtis (JC), Steve Lambert (SL), Bill Parsey (BP),

1. Previous minutes
2. Update from RM meeting
3. Age Categories
4. ERSAs regional CNs
5. Budget update
6. Schools update
7. AOB
 - Streaming
 - Funding email from DG

Item	Action
1	Previous Minutes
Everyone happy with the previous minutes and these are already published on the website.	
2	Race Manager Meeting
<p>Minutes of the RM meeting held on the 22nd Jan are on the website here http://www.ersa.co.uk/ersa_committee.</p> <p>Main changes were to the team events. Children and Open A will remain the same. The Open B and MAS/SEN will change format and now become Open B and C both will follow slightly different criteria in that any age and any sex can enter from a club. This will give clubs more of a chance to enter a team into the team event.</p> <p>It was also agreed that that Indoor ERSAs races will be the normal two run slalom plus a two run GS event rather than selected team events. Points will be calculated from the GS event from each club and category to calculate the points for the teams, not published on the day as this will need to be worked out after.</p> <p>Team Evolution and Ski Bartletts will be sponsoring ERSAs this year and will be sponsoring the pro-dual event. BW to publish more details on the website prior to season start.</p>	BW
3	Age Categories
<p>National age category updates recently published, although they are still under review and the rules around them may change for 2013. ERSAs Age Categories have been updated in line with the national dates and it means racers in the children and junior groups will have another year in their categories. ERSAs will review for 2013 once the national age categories have been issued for 2014. ERSAs will continue to name them CH1, CH2 etc but the form also includes the corresponding national name.</p> <p>BW publish the updated age categories today, http://www.ersa.co.uk/2012_races#paperwork</p>	BW
4	ERSAs Regional CNs
<p>There are five Club Nationals in the region this year, SMK, HEM, NOR, VIK, WGC. We have been putting together a proposal to tie the five club nationals together and create an event which will run through the five races. BW has discussed with clubs previously to gain a basic agreement and the details will be fleshed out over the coming weeks and then the event advertised.</p> <p>BW and DD talking to sponsors regarding this event and in the meantime ERSAs will ensure the prizes for the event are ready.</p> <p>AU and JJ have produced an initial draft of a flyer which can be used. To be completed.</p> <p>The purpose of the event is to encourage improved attendance at the CNs taking place in the region. We will also publicise more the fact that this year day entries can be used as much as a racer wishes.</p> <p>BW will create a web page describing the event.</p>	JJ/AU BW

	The region also has magnetic provisional timing stripes which can be used by the club along with clipboards. Clubs now just need to request the use of the backup timers.	
5	Budget Update	
	<p>Not much change since last meeting but the following are some main points; CWO course held last weekend cost about £420 budget was £300. Well attended and thank you to Tania Barton from SMK for the use of the room FOC.</p> <p>We also want to purchase a promotional banner for prize giving and this will cost about £90, JJ arranging. Other items coming up are the updated trophies for the perpetual ones being replaced and associated engraving from Lesley.</p>	JJ
6	Schools	
	<p>JJ reported that entries are progressing very well and we have already had several in with more on the way. BW will be sending out an updated email in a couple of weeks.</p> <p>We have had a few enquiries about using Gosling equipment, while it has been said this is possible with prior arrange au will double check with Gosling they are still ok with it.</p> <p>A few enquiries received about insurance and how this works. BW has been talking to Tim Fawkes at SSE about this and those already registered with clubs and esskia are fine and all others ERSA will arrange separate cover. BW to update website to reflect this.</p> <p>BW also talking to Tim about Schools funding more to follow on this shortly.</p>	BW AU BW
7	Live Timing, Live Streaming and ERSA Website	
	<p>BW and DD have performed a test of the Live Timing recently and it worked perfectly. We have proved all the parts work from the timing up to the website.</p> <p>DD has some modification to make and BW to update the cosmetics of the Live Timing. We will trial this as early as possible, hopefully for the start of the season. Prior to that BW has some more modifications required for the ERSA website prior to the start of the season.</p> <p>For the Live Streaming we will make use of a GoPro which BW is able to provide for this season and DD it was agreed DD could purchase the other parts which will allow streaming to work. The tests in 2011 worked extremely well.</p> <p>DD now also has a new app which works with the dual timing and we will look to integrate that on the website soon after the other work, unlikely to be there before the start of the season.</p> <p>DD has a 3 second delay chip for the dual timing box which needs to be trialed. DD talk to IM.</p>	DD BW DD DD
8	Funding	
	<p>BW forward email from Debbie Groom about Sport England Funding.</p> <p>This year also look at other available funding especially for training officials.</p>	JJ
9	Level 2 Course	
	<p>PVK mentioned there is a Level 2 officials course running on the 24th / 25th March. Can people please let club members know.</p>	PVK
10	Timing Course and ABC guide	
	<p>This year one of the aims is to encourage more helpers at the races and following on from that more people who are able to use the timing equipment. We need to encourage more to do it at the races to give us better cover. We also need a simple ABC guide for the setup of the timing equipment and SkiPro. There are basic ones around but we need something like the Dual Timing one which works very well. BW and DD to follow up.</p> <p>We also need a list of Level 1 and Level 2 officials from the region who we can call on BW to follow up.</p>	BW/DD