

ERSA Meeting 10th April at Hardwicke Arms 10-12.00

	Present	Apologies	Action
	Janet Jenkins (JJ) Bernie Wright (BW) Mike Danbury (MD) Ian Mawson (IM) Steve Lambert (SL) Chris Shelley (CS) Stephen Metheringham (SM) Andrew Upton (AU) John Louth (JL) Jo Ogden (JO) Tim Bingham (TB) Tim Fawke (TF) Jeremy Eaton (JE)	Lisa Spanton (LS) David Beckett (DB) Paul Telling (PT) Ryan Grewcock (RG) Richard Oliver (RO) Dominic McGonigal (DM)	
1.	Previous Minutes		
	No objections or feedback to the minutes from 6 th December.		
2	Snowsport England Feedback		
	<p>The questions / concerns from the committee were sent to JE and TF on 03/04/16 and they both have a compiled a response which we discussed at the meeting. Due to the number of questions and the available time just the key issues covered and those which affected the region and clubs.</p> <p>TF – to discuss the ARC proposed regional review and confirm the purpose and content.</p> <p>JE – continues to have concern about the number of races held throughout the winter against the amount of time available for training. No solution just raising the concern.</p> <p>JE – will send over a copy of the responses from him and TF to BW and confirm the wording is clear before publishing on the website. JE forward document Sunday evening to BW. BW/JE agree wording so that it can be published by 17/04/16.</p>		<p>TF</p> <p>JE BW</p>
3	Snowsport England Update – Ryan		
	<p>Ryan sent through a SSE update and this was printed and discussed with TF. Report will also be published. Main points from the discussion were;</p> <p>Sport England next round of funding is in planning for April 2017, current funding expires in March 2017. The funding will impact the way SSE structure the team in the future to work with Clubs and Regions.</p> <p>Questions about the purpose of the B-Focused work and High Performing Governing Body process. These both are initiatives supported by Sport England to review how SSE is structured and could improve. Ties in with the funding work.</p> <p>Level 1 officials training material is to be published online, no confirmed date. Issues raised again about the concern of not having access to the Level 2 material and so ERSAs are having to replicate the work. Once ERSAs have prepared the information it will be shared online. TF confirmed that Level 2 material will not be published online in the foreseeable future but the course split into two one day courses. This was discussed at some length.</p> <p>Extensive discussion about the approach to schools skiing and introduction of new racers to the scene. This covered the National Schools week, ESSKIA, regional races and commercial</p>		<p>TF</p>

	<p>TF/JE are working on ways of improving this and more will follow soon. TF to update when further information is available.</p> <p>SL - Landgraff race organisation was a shambles this year and lack of communications has made the planning very difficult for people. TF agreed this on board and agreed it should have been better.</p> <p>Racing committees – 2 new vacancies are about to be advertised. Alan B has recently stepped down as well as Dermot F.</p> <p>SSE board are also looking for 2 new directors and the advert is on the SSE website.</p> <p>AGM location – TF said he was going to ask regions for a view as there two options, Saturday evening of the coaches conference in Chill Factore or Saturday evening at the All England. It was felt these not suitable as people will not want to attend a meeting after a day of racing or conference. Other suggestion was to continue holding at Loughborough. TF progressing.</p>	TF
4	Top 32 / Top 16 and 2016 format	
	<p>After feedback from coaches and a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we will continue with the same format for Top 32 / Top 16 for 2016. However each club asked to discuss alternative options for something different to do to keep the races interesting.</p> <p>Each race award medals to the winners but at end of season award a prize to the top male/female un u14+ and u12. Same rule as last year no false started and will be slalom. BW agree prizes with AU/JJ</p> <p>Stampede – reminder that it is being renamed Super Heros this year.</p> <p>Helmets – reminder to people about the need to look at the new helmet rules. No covers or camera mounts will be enforced, including the schools race. The emails will have a note and link in as a reminder.</p>	All BW
5	Schools Race Update	
	<p>Excellent numbers again and higher than 2015, currently 60 teams and couple be some more soon as well.</p> <p>Using Ipswich timing gear.</p> <p>SM will shadow SL on the timing for the day.</p> <p>CS confirmed the organisation was going well at the club. Main issue is no response from the bibs supplier but continuing to chase but ensuring we have a plan B in place.</p>	SM CS
6	Manchester Race Update	
	<p>Ran through the proposed timeframes for the day and the cost of £23.</p> <p>BW/SL publish the race online this week. Details of the day will be thrashed out further this week.</p>	SL
7	Summer League Prizes	
	<p>PT has had some challenges arranging a camp at Hemel this year so awarding prizes each race for the camps is not practical. Various options discussed and eventually agreed that we will award a substantial voucher to the winners of the season.</p> <p>Top male / female in U14+ and U12 below. This will be based on the summer league points and the same qualification rules of a minimum of the 4 summer league races covering (WGC, ESX, VIK, HEM, TAL, NOR). BW discuss and agree with PT.</p>	PT

8	Online Entry System	
	<p>BW reported that it has been running well over the Winter. BW has been working with SL and Peter Heath over the winter to ensure payments made, queries handled, races managed. MD will be continuing to pay SSE.</p> <p>Now the Winter season has completed a review of the figures and activity has been done and BW, MD and Peter have discussed improving the way the fees are managed. This was discussed with TF and he was happy in principle with the suggestion of 3%. BW confirm in writing to TF.</p> <p>BW has been annually charging ERSA for the hosting of the website a nominal fee. This will be reviewed for 2016 in light of the additional capacity and activity taking place.</p> <p>BW ensure MD access rights updated for the website Paypal view.</p> <p>BW/MD review what reports need updating for 2016.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>TF</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW/MD</p>
9	AOB – Officials Training	
	<p>The ERSA officials training is taking place on Sunday 8th May at Norfolk and is progressing well. Need more people to come to the day. JJ confirm catering.</p>	<p>JJ</p>
10	AOB – Landgraff Hemel support	
	<p>JL happy for the email to be sent to the region today. Hemel able to provide race support for the Landgraff weekend.</p>	<p>BW</p>

Meeting finished at 13.00. Thank you to everyone for attending the meeting today and Jeremy and Tim for coming.

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National Schools Snowsport Week – 22nd to 29th April 2016

Dear Bernard ,

We would very much appreciate you reading and replying as soon as you can to the attached notice relating to a key week of events in 2016 being promoted by the Youth Development Committee. This committee is heading up a very exciting schools programme.

The YDC is charged from the SSE board with increasing school participation in our sport at all levels leading to a regular commitment in conjunction with you, our regions' clubs and facilities.

This initiative can and should be linked in with our Go Ski Go Board promotion and, where possible, Satellite clubs. More information or help on these programmes can be provided by Will McGlynn, our SDO responsible for this area. (will@snowsportengland.org.uk).

We look forward to receiving your positive response,

Dominic McGonigal

YDC Chair



Sent to all Regional Chairs/Secretaries and affiliated Clubs,

You may be aware that Snowsport England(SSE) have been very keen to encourage more youngsters into snowsport and, to drive this forward, we have formed a new committee, the Youth Development Committee (YDC). I have been asked to chair this committee and we started work a few months ago.

A key part in our 2016 plan is a NATIONAL SCHOOLS SNOWSPORT WEEK, designed to bring more schools into the sport and knock a few myths on the head.

We would like your help. In return, you will have the opportunity to recruit new members to your regional clubs, to participate regularly, and may lead to taking part in races, competitions and events locally and nationally.

The plan is very simple. There are about 1m Brits who ski every year in the Alps. We want to give the younger members of these families an easy way into the UK snowsport scene.

The NATIONAL SCHOOLS SNOWSPORT WEEK will comprise a series of taster sessions covering all disciplines so that schools can introduce their pupils to the sport at various levels, beginners and experienced skiers and snowboarders. These will range from short open sessions on a specific discipline to a day of varied activities. We have already signed up some facilities that will offer the one day programmes. The NATIONAL SCHOOLS SNOWSPORT WEEK will run from Friday 22nd April to Friday 29th April 2016 supported with extensive PR and marketing by SSE.

We would like you or your regional clubs to consider offering an open session for schools. This could simply be opening up a regular club session, or putting on a special session just for schools

During the week, we want to give school pupils a taste of the sport, but we would also like to sign up the schools for ongoing engagement with the sport. For you, this could be inviting schools to sign up for your next schools race, competition or event, as well as to register with SSE and gain the many benefits available.

To support the NATIONAL SCHOOLS SNOWSPORT WEEK and to encourage more schools to engage in snowsports, we will shortly be launching a dedicated landing page for schools on the SSE website.

This will provide schools with information on getting started in the sport, competitions, training, ski trips and CPD for teachers. This will be a great place to publicise your regional clubs and your schools races competitions and events.

I would be very grateful if you could send me a short reply to the following:-

1. Which facilities and clubs in your region do you think would be interested in principle in being involved in the NATIONAL SCHOOLS SNOWSPORT WEEK?
2. What schools races and other related events are you holding this year? Are you planning to hold them next year?

You can reach me directly on dominic.mcgonigal@c8associates.com and 07766 397807. I would be happy to answer any questions and would welcome other ideas and suggestions for the week.