

**ERSA Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2105 at Hardwicke Arms 10-12.30**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Janet Jenkins (JJ) Bernie Wright (BW) Mike Danbury (MD) Ian Mawson (IM) Steve Lambert (SL) Chris Shelley (CS) Tim Bingham (TB) Richard Oliver (RO) Stephen Metheringham (SM)	John Louth (JL) Dominic McGonigal (DM) Jo Ogden (JO) Ryan Grewcock (RG) Paul Telling (PT) Andrew Upton (AU)	
<b>1.</b>	<b>2015 Season Feedback</b>		
	<p>BJW – main feedback from people was;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overall very positive feedback from people and this year had more helpers but was still a struggle to persuade people to help.</li> <li>- Didn't like inclusion of champs as part of summer league, neither did the organisers. This was an experiment for 2015 and will not be repeated for 2016. <i>This has already been changed for 2016.</i></li> <li>- Some felt the awards ceremony for the champs was too long but this was due in part to above point.</li> <li>- Lack of females in the Top 32 and being up against Males is starting to discourage many females from taking part.</li> <li>- Races too close together in 2015. This was unfortunate and down to slope availability.</li> <li>- Back to back summer races not popular apart from the Champs</li> <li>- Many Master not happy with the combine SM1/M23 and the big gap.</li> </ul> <p>Top 32 options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remain the same but with slalom not pro-slalom</li> <li>- Have Top 16 Male and Top 16 Female U14+</li> <li>- Have Top 8 Male and Top 8 Female U12 and below</li> <li>- BW to discuss with PT</li> </ul> <p>Senior / Master</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MD has a few thoughts and options and will send out email to people so that we can gather feedback from the region. Needs to be ready for the end of January, to be agreed at the race manager meeting in March.</li> <li>- Agreed approach has to be simple and easy to implement.</li> </ul>		<p>BW</p> <p>MD</p>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Team Events – Pro Slalom</b>		
	<p>Overall the feedback still remains positive and people find it an exciting event although throughout the season there was some discussion about the top 32.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pro Slalom approach</li> <li>- Repetitive as was third year running</li> <li>- Lack of females</li> </ul> <p>Also discussion about false starts and confirming exact rule. It has been one false start allowed but there was discussion whether we have none. BW to discuss with PT.</p>		<p>BW</p> <p>BW/PT</p>
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Other Team Events</b>		
	<p>The introduction of allowing 2 teams from each club for the Children's , Team A and B was popular according to the feedback from the clubs. Some clubs still struggle to enter a team into the event due to low numbers.</p> <p>Some clubs struggle to get 5 team members together but do have 4, this is especially the case for Welwyn and Essex. The recommendation is that if clubs are missing 1 racer then they can borrow one from another club and the team is still classed as being valid. This needs to be</p>		

	<p>declared on the day at the team managers meeting.</p> <p>There was discussion about whether to have an U12 and below only team event. Need to get further feedback from clubs.</p> <p>It was agreed that the 'bye' runs should remain in place to ensure fairness is maintained. For 2015 the draw process has had to happen on the day once teams are known, there was a suggestion about drawing the teams before the event working on the assumption of 2 for certain clubs and 1 for others. Review over the Winter.</p> <p>IM stated the start traffic lights will be ready for the start of the next season.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>IM/SL/BW</p> <p>IM</p>
2	<b>ERSA Champs</b>	
	<p>This season they were included in the Summer league calculations due to losing the SMK and BAS races from the calendar. This will not be repeated due to organisational and presentation challenges as well as feedback from parents and racers.</p> <p>The Champs will be kept separate in future – people are requested to pass on any ideas for changes for the 2016 Champs.</p> <p>Slope availability is a problem again hence why the Hemel race is on a Saturday 1400 start.</p> <p>The races do clash with the Landgraaf race but Hemel is not available at any other time and we don't want to clash with the ESSKIA races on other weekends.</p>	All
3	<b>2016 Races</b>	
	<p>The calendar is already congested and leading to problems for racers/parents where the Alpine Squad selection dates are clashing with GBR and the ERSA at BWP. This has already been raised with SSE.</p> <p>The 2016 Skier/Boarder X has already been set for 16 April 2016 to be held again at Norfolk following the success of the one held on 21 Nov 2015.</p> <p>The Chill Factor race date has not yet been set as it is a problem to find a date when the Evolution Team are available to help organise alongside Ian Findlay. The proposed date to run the event will be on the August Bank Holiday Weekend. Ian to run the Skier X on one day and hold an ERSA on the other. PT is discussing options with Ian. We will need a minimum of 40 racers and the price per racer is very reasonable.</p> <p>This will be a standalone event as a trial. It was agreed to progress and see how it goes for 2016. ERSA to underwrite the event.</p> <p>Sponsorship - Evolution and Bartletts to be approached to seek interest in sponsoring this event.</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>BW</p>
4	<b>Online Booking System</b>	
	<p>The ERSA online booking system is still in use for the SSE and other races and will continue throughout the winter and for the summer nationals. BW is making ongoing changes on the website to improve the functionality for ERSA users.</p>	BW
5	<b>SSE Schools Week</b>	
	<p>BW had previously circulated a letter received (a copy attached at the end of these notes) from Dominic McConnigal publicising the above taking place April 22 – 28<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The main aim is to attract more skiers via schools. Norfolk is already running a training programme for this and other schools' programmes ie Schools Winter Games.</p> <p>There is still work needed to improve how this fits in with the ESSKIA, BISS and other schools races. CS to raise with SSE as part of his role.</p>	CS

6	<b>Regional Chairs Meeting 21 November 2015</b>	
	<p>SM provided feedback from the meeting. He reported that £600 is immediately approved on the basis of the regional plan submission and will be sent in January or February. Jan Doyle, Will McGlynn and Tim will review the plans for further funding. No formal criteria have been provided for approval – this will be very subjective, feedback has been promised by the 11<sup>th</sup> December. The next step is to meet with Ryan and talk it through with him before the next season.</p> <p>There was a general consensus that the process is fraught with difficulties as there are no approved/agreed criteria for measuring the plans submitted. It also consumes a very large amount of time.</p> <p>SM has agreed to meet with Ryan to take the process forward.</p>	SM
7	<b>Regional Club Nationals 2016 - Officials</b>	
	<p>ERSA at BWP – CS-COR, JJ-RS, SM-Ref  NOR - RO to come back with names  VIK – CS-COR, RMcA-RS (CS to confirm)  HEM – SM/BW –COR, JJ – RS if no one else found, SL to confirm.</p>	RO CS SL
8	<b>2016 Sponsorship</b>	
	<p>PT sent an email prior to the meeting confirming Team Evolution and Ski Bartlett are happy to continue sponsoring the region through into 2017. Every was happy with that and grateful for the support.</p> <p>PT has proposed a sponsorship award for <b>one</b> U12 ERSA athlete that covers training costs to attend the alpine programme. Award made on potential, passion for the sport and ability to ski on <b>all</b> multiple surfaces. ERSA were being asked if they would like to increase the sponsorship to two places. Much discussion took place about how this would work and further discussion needed with PT. Most committee members would prefer to contribute towards the costs of holding an ERSA camp.</p> <p>In addition to the above PT would like to run an ERSA/EVO camp on snow for 5 days to encourage skiers to transfer from dry slopes to alpine. This would be a non profit camp. It was agreed that ERSA would support this event.</p>	All
	AOB	
	<p>Congratulations and good luck to Chris Shelley to be being appointed to SSE as the new Member Director.</p> <p>RO reported that Norfolk Club will be hosting the Special Olympics in April and that Zoe Gillings will be returning again to host a training camp in 2016.</p> <p>SSE has ‘setup’ two new race committees to replace the old ARC and ROTP. The first meeting has taken place and the second scheduled for the 6h December. Unfortunately it is the view of most people around the table that nothing has changed as it is the same people doing the same jobs and the change in name is purely a ticket box exercise. BW to draft a letter to SSE to express concern about the lack of change and progress.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 12.30. Thank you to everyone for attending the meeting.</p>	BW

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## National Schools Snowsport Week – 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.