

Snowsport South AGM

Alpine Snowsports, Aldershot, 18th November 2010

Attendees

Darren Schmidt, Helen Moore, John Curtis, Kevin Gibbins, Rob Burns, Mary Calvert, John Calvert, Torquil Chapman, Andy Robinson, John Lewington, Annmarie Castle, Linda Miller, Sheila Standen, David Hathway, Brian Davies

Apologies for Absence

Peter Calvert, Dave Carpenter

Minutes from Last Meeting

Agreed and signed by Darren Schmidt

Treasurer's Report

Accounts presented by Darren on behalf of Helen Moore (Treasurer)

<u>SRSA accounts reconcilliation 2010</u>			
<u>Details</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Balance @ close of accounts 2009	£ 1,960.06		£ 1,960.06
Race fees deposited into Lloyds TSB	£ 7,386.69		£ 9,346.75
Slope fees/race day expenses		£ 3,079.00	£ 6,267.75
SSE grant	£ 1,687.07		£ 7,954.82
Tri region 2010 £300/inter regional fee 2010 £200		£ 500.00	£ 7,454.82
Tri region expenses - T shirts		£ 353.99	£ 7,100.83
Trophies		£ 1,921.46	£ 5,179.37
Coaching/Instructor courses		£ 1,890.00	£ 3,289.37
Raffle 11/9/10 £162.10 BBQ charge £325		£ 162.90	£ 3,126.47
Prize money		£ 500.00	£ 2,626.47
Stationary		£ 62.10	£ 2,564.37
Batteries		£ 13.28	£ 2,551.09
Coaching for Hemel Freestyle day		£ 105.00	£ 2,446.09
Income	£ 11,033.82	£ 8,587.73	£ 2,446.09
Bank statement 30/10/09 no. 58 £3033.97			
Not cashed - chq 149 £795, chq 158 £100 & chq 159 £178.91			
FINAL BALANCE £1960.06			

Overall race numbers were down this year with around 140 less race entries across the 6 race series.

The region is to be given a grant from Snowsport England for £1700 which will be used to find courses.

The biggest expense for the region this year was trophies. While these were cheaper this year they still cost around £2000.

Next year the only special costs envisaged will be for walkie talkies. The intention is to purchase the same models as used by Snowsort England.

Communications Officer's Report

"The technical side of the SRSA Summer Series ran relatively smoothly again in 2010. The introduction of Paypal for payments made entering easier for racers, and also administration much easier. It has however cost fees over the past year (access to payment history on Paypal is currently unavailable, but I can provide this figure at a later date). Whilst the software might not be polished, all races were run by relatively non-technical users. The winter series is still run separately, and informal style of this series means that entries should probably not be moved to an online system - although we do need to ensure better communication of results this time around.

As I have now moved away from the area, I do not feel as though it makes sense for me to continue in my role as Communications Officer, and I am therefore stepping down. However, I am prepared to offer purely technical support on the race software and website until such a time as I have made it 'fool proof'. I don't know when this will be, but it is both my and the region's interests for it to be as soon as possible!"

Darren thanked Peter for all he has done to set up the race entry and results system over the past couple of years.

Chairman's Report

"This last year we received a bursary from SSE for coaching. We ran 3 courses, 2 L1 instructor courses and a New School Freestyle course. We started up the regional freestyle squad which meets on the first Sunday of every month at Bracknell. Off the back of this we also ran the Southern Freestyle Competition at 3 venues and this was an outright success.

Racing saw us come into the year with the Winter Series which went well but with a few teething problems we need to sort out. As for the Salomon Summer Race League a big thank you to Salomon, Ski Bartlett, Racer Ready and Dude Shoes for sponsorship and prizes.

This year saw the addition of the 16 and under Team Comp which worked well. Generally all went to plan with the fun races running ok plus a full days racing all for a Tenner, not bad and I am happy at the end of season and can not see how we can better this next year apart from an increase in participants.

As a region we excelled at inter region comp with the A team finishing third and blew away the competition at the tri region event winning all three competitions. A big thanks to Brian Davies for organising the teams for these 2 events and for everything else he has done this year. Also a big big thanks to the other committee embers Helen Moore, Peter Calvert and super mum Mary Calvert.

Looking forward to the coming season and next years summer racing

The way forward.....You tell me, we can run what we are doing with the help we have at moment. But outside of this I don't know. A move in to the indoor snow centres, who knows? Snowboarding was the big push but I don't think I have the time to push this positively.”

Election of New Committee

Clubs allowed to vote as 4.1 of constitution. Snowtrax, Berkshire, Aldershot Ski Race Club, Aldershot Senior Ski Club, Southampton Alpine Club and Bromley.

As the posts were uncontested there was a block vote for the Snowsport South Committee which was proposed by Sheila Standen and seconded by Torquil Chapman.

Chairman	Darren Schmidt	Elected
Vice Chairman	Brian Davies	Elected
Secretary	David Hathway	Elected
Communication officer	Mary Calvert	Elected
Treasurer	Helen Moore	Elected

Non Executive Officers

Freestyle Representative *Paul Webb & Darren Schmidt*

CWO Liaison Officer *Claire Holloway*

Sponsorship and marketing *Sheila Standen,*
Alpine racing
Snowboarding
Schools
Club Representatives
Regional Race Manager
Summer league coordinator

CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION

A proposal was put to the meeting to change the name of the region from Southern Region Ski Association to Snowsport South. Of the six clubs present four clubs voted for the change and 2 voted against so the motion was carried.

Any Other Business

Winter Series

Bromley, Aldershot, Snowtrax and Southampton have all offered to run races in the winter series and it was decided to have one race per club. Each club can choose which sort of event they would like to run and the planned dates are as follows:-

Southampton (timed race) – third weekend in January (TBC)

Snowtrax (dual slalom) – Saturday February 12th 8 am to 10 am.

Aldershot – Sunday March 13th 8 am to 10 am

Bromley (Handicap) – TBA

The intention is that anyone in the region can take part in the event and this will be communicated to the region when the series is announced.

Race Posters

There were some problems with the images last year. Race dates are already available so we should have more time for the posters to be checked and manufactured.

Snow Race

Question raised by Aldershot whether the region should be looking to arrange a snow race. There have been discussions with personnel at Hemel and this is something that should be discussed at committee. Primary concern is the cost of running a race at an indoor slope.

Snowsort England Requirements

Darren reminded clubs that if they have a new member join during the year then SSE need to be informed as soon as they have completed their probationary period. All coaches will have to have an England CRB check and have attended a child welfare course.

Race Fees

The clubs agreed to keep race fees at the same level for next year - £10.

Course Setting Discussion

In view of the difference of opinions about the level of complexity of the course at the final race of the year some time was set aside for the clubs to discuss the subject. Despite some healthy debate the matter was not resolved and a decision will be needed before the start of next season.

Daren Closed the meeting at 21:35.

