

Snowsport South AGM

Alpine Snowsports, Aldershot, 14th November 2011

Attendees

Nigel Hilliard (Bowles); Linda Miller (Berks); Phillip Miller (Berks); John Calvert (Aldershot Seniors); Graham Naylor (Aldershot Seniors); Nigel Greenfield (SASA); Matthew Gillooly (Soton Alpine); Brian Davies (ASRC); Helen Schmidt (Snowtrax); John Prince (SFC); Dave Saunders (SFC); Darren Speed (ASRC); Thirza Speed (ASRC); David Hathway (ASRC); Darren Schmidt (Snowtrax); Mary Calvert (ASRC); Sheila Standen (ASRC); John Lewington (Bromley)

Apologies for Absence

Dave Carpenter (Snowtrax)

Minutes from Last Meeting

Agreed and signed by Darren Schmidt

Treasurer's Report

Accounts presented by Helen Schmidt (Treasurer)

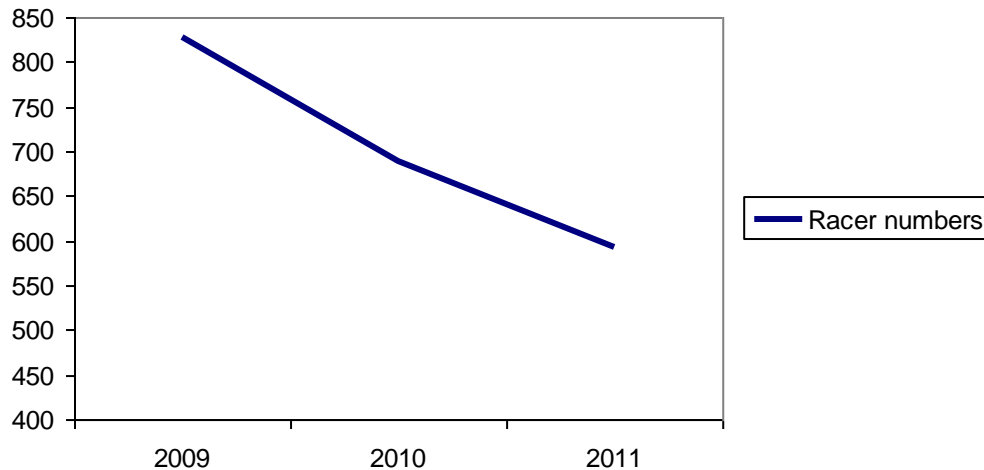
<u>SRSA accounts reconciliation 2011</u>			
<u>Details</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Balance @ close of accounts 2010	£2,446.09		£2,446.09
Race fees deposited into Lloyds TSB	£5,910.08		£8,356.17
Slope fees/race day expenses		£4,137.75	£4,218.42
Tri region 2011 £283/inter regional fee 2011 £100		£383.00	£3,835.42
Tri region expenses - T shirts		£387.09	£3,448.33
Trophies		£1,932.86	£1,515.47
Coaching/Instructor courses Dan McKrill freestyle course pmt	£75.00		£1,590.47
Prize money for freestyle competition		£300.00	£1,290.47
Stationary		£52.03	£1,238.44
Batteries		£18.50	£1,219.94
Walkie Talkies		£594.00	£625.94
Coaching grant from SSE	£1,000.00		£1,625.94
Domain name renewal		£7.90	£1,618.04
Income	£9,431.17	£7,813.13	£1,618.04
SSE grant estimate	£874.00		£2,492.04

Overall race numbers were down this year. Race numbers over the last 3 years:

2009 – 827

2010 – 689

2011 – 593



Income from race fees has dropped £1600 on previous year. A race fee of £10/race will cover ongoing costs but allows for no contingency.

Walkie Talkies have been purchased for race days.

Communications Officer's Report

The technical side of race days has gone well this year. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped in the hut. It would not have been possible to run the days without them.

This year most entries have been made via the website using Paypal. The total number of entries - including DNS's - was 617 (548 of which used Paypal). Paypal charges 3.4% plus 20p per transaction so, this year, the cost of using it has been £254.92. (Overall entry numbers were down again this year from 689 in 2010 and 827 in 2009.) As the overall costs of running the races in the future are unlikely to go down, I feel that the race entry fee needs to be reviewed.

There are 3 email circulation lists:

- *race@* is updated with the entries prior to each race and used to circulate start lists and race day timetables.
- *info@* is used for general contact with members of the region. This will be updated over the winter.
- *club@* is used very little – because it is potentially very out of date. We need to contact SS England to confirm which clubs are affiliated to the region and then get in touch with those clubs for their preferred contacts.

The website is running smoothly at the moment. If any clubs or individuals have articles or news to put up, please email them to me. The domain name for the site is changing over to www.snowsportsouth.org.uk . However, for the foreseeable future, www.srsa.org.uk will still work.

I am happy to stand for one more year but would ideally like someone to help from the start of the next summer series (particularly on race days) with a view to taking over at the end of the season.

Chairman's Report

Darren thanked the committee for all the efforts this year.

Darren said that the race format worked well this year and that race organisation was excellent. The chairman did raise concerns over the decline in racer numbers (SASA going to Hemel has had an impact). Numbers for the coming year need to be watched closely.

Darren made a special mention regarding Berkshire's continued presence at races especially under the difficult circumstances the club finds itself in with low membership and difficulties getting slope time at Bracknell and Aldershot.

Darren thanked Salomon and Bartlett's for their support at races and the prizes.

Snowtrax have asked that they hold the final race of the 2012 season and to have the end of year prize giving (there were no objections).

Darren said that freestyle had been good this year but could have been better. However, the discipline is being recognised.

On the Winter Series Darren indicated that it had gone "Ok" but was impacted by Bromley having to be cancelled due to low numbers.

The tri-region event was "excellent" and had a high-standard of competition.

Brian Davies reported on the Inter-Region competition. There were 5 racers from Aldershot and 2 racers from Southampton who represented Snowsport South. The team came 4th. It was a challenge filling 2 teams due to a lack of SSE registered racers in the region.

Darren talked about the new slope at Christchurch. The new surface is in place. Darren requested that clubs use the winter series race as an opportunity to try out the new slope for racing.

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 Darren Speed.

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 *Dave Saunders & 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

Changes to the constitution (to change the name of the region from Southern Region Ski Association to Snowsport South) agreed in last year's AGM were published.

Any Other Business

Southern Freestyle Club

Dave Saunders reported on the aims and objectives of the Southern Freestyle Club (SFC). It has been accepted that SFC is now a feeder into Snowsport GB Freestyle team. Currently 4 members of SFC are "riding along" with the GB team. A, B and Development squads are in place.

SFC is lacking good sponsorship. It's a post code lottery on the support provided by councils.

SFC is looking to put on a series competition consisting of 5 comp's.

SFC has offered use of their 5x5m airbag (at a fee).

Race Fees

It was agreed that the fees would increase to £12/head per race. This will give the necessary contingency in the funding to allow for exceptionals.

September (end of season) presentation

It was agreed this would take place at Christchurch hosted by Snowtrax.

Winter series

These will take place at Bromley, Christchurch, Aldershot and Southampton:

Bromley – format=Handicap, Date= April (tbc)

Snowtrax – format=Timed, Date=Feb 25th

Aldershot – format=Timed, Date=11th March

Southampton – format(tbc), Date=Jan (tbc – possible evening)

Aldershot (Junior and Senior)

It was tabled that the head-2-head point system was unfair when added to overall scoring. It was agreed that the scoring should be reviewed by the committee.

Southampton

Soton reported that the slope is putting investment into the slope and lifts. The slope have said they will improve their management on race days and be more helpful.

SASA

SASA expressed their desire to get back into dry slope racing. SASA and Southampton will race as one club on dry slope.

Bowles

Bowles expressed their desire to host a race in 2012. That would mean each slope will host one race with the exception of Soton who will host 2 races. However, Bowles do not have enough poles (Aldershot said they would help out for races).

Berkshire

Berks are struggling to keep high-end skiers. The development group is suffering from poor facilities at Bracknell and although Berks have been training at Aldershot it is proving too costly (the distance racers are prepared to travel to get to Aldershot is also proving prohibitive).