

## **Snowsport South AGM**

***Aldershot Ski Slope Thursday 22 November 2012***

### **Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>
Darren Speed	Aldershot
Tracey Clarkson	Aldershot
Brian Davies (Vice Chair)	Aldershot
Graham Naylor	Aldershot Snrs
David Saunders	Southern Freestyle
Kev Gibbins	Southampton Alpine
Nigel Greenfield	SASA
Simon Bannister	Aldershot
David Carpenter	Snowtrax
Linda Miller	Berkshire
Susie Moore	Snowsport England
Darren Schmidt (Chair)	Snowtrax
David Hathway (Secretary)	Aldershot

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Caroline Neal (Bowles)  
Helen Schmidt (Treasurer)  
Sheila Standon (Aldershot)  
Nigel Hilliard (Bowles)  
Paul Webb (Southern Freestyle)  
Lesley Gash (SRSA)  
Mary Calvert (Communications Officer)  
John Lewington (Bromley)

### **2. Minutes from Last Meeting**

Agreed and signed by Darren Schmidt

### **3. Chairmans Report**

First of all I would like to say what a pleasure it has been to be Chairman for the last year. The last couple of years have been hard on all of us, so we have seen a decline in numbers of members & competitors. However, this year has seen an increase on which I hope we can grow. Every race I feel went well, with a new venue at Bowles. A big thanks to my committee for making things run smoothly and a big thanks to all the clubs for organizing excellent days. The format of each club running their own races works well as has been proven. I would like to see a dual slalom system for individuals and teams in place within the next 2 years.

It has been a joy to see freestyle in both skiing & snowboarding progress even if at a slower pace than we would like. More slopes are running freestyle sessions and from a personal point of view as a coach, I see it as an excellent cross trainer for racing. We are now at the stage where we are looking at

regional competitions next year at 2 dry slopes & one indoor for the final, venues waiting to be agreed.

A lot of our members have attended new performance courses run as Snowsports UK, these are performance courses only and are recognized by BASI & SSE. This will also include freestyle for skiing & snowboarding.

This year we raced at Snowtrax on a different surface called Proslope and I feel this went well, with the added bonus that the surface has been accredited by Snowsport England Alpine Committee for racing on.

Snowtrax is working towards its Snowmark award & I hope we will see more slopes/clubs following. Snowmark is Snowsports' version of the Clubmark award and is great because all information is collated, so that as committees change, the information for new committee members is at hand. You could almost call it the 'club bible'.

We have teamed up with Stuart Bernard at Ski Focus for BASI and hopefully race camps within the UK & on snow. This is great news - to have one point of focus for the ones that want to follow the BASI route. A website link has been made for this.

The next year looks good so far, we just need to agree as a region the way forward with our junior racers, regarding the use of stubbies and at what age. But we will talk about this later.

So once again a big thank you to all involved in making Snowsport South a fun and progressive region.

And thank you for letting me be your Chairman again this year.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

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

<u>SSS accounts reconciliation 2012</u>			
Details	Income Actual	Expenditure Actual	Totals
Balance @ close of accounts 2011 (stmt 80)	£ 1,618.04		
Race fees deposited into Lloyds TSB	£ 7,556.00		
Slope fees/race day expenses		£ 3,573.75	
SSE grant	£ 976.08		
Tri region 2012		£ 316.65	
Tri region expenses - T shirts		£ 403.87	
Trophies		£ 1,508.02	
Coaching/Instructor courses expenses		£ 31.00	
Batteries		£ 26.98	
Bibs		£ 53.57	
Domain name renewal, stationary & ink		£ 146.83	
End of season prize money		£ 150.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 10,150.12</b>	<b>£ 6,210.67</b>	<b>£ 3,939.45</b>

It was unanimously agreed that race entry fees for the next season should be unchanged at £12 per racer per event.

It was noted that grant money from Snowsport England (SSE) had increased.

## **5. Communications Officer's Report**

The technical side of race days has again gone well this year. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped in the hut and Peter for rewriting the software to make it even more "mother" friendly.

Overall entry numbers were slightly up this year. Excluding DNS's there were 624 entries this year compared to 593 last year. The total number of entries including the DNS's was 662 (613 of which used Paypal). Paypal costs are still 3.4% plus 20p per transaction so the cost of using it is significant.

The region's email circulation lists are

- *info@* is used for general contact with members of the region. There have been concerns that too much has been sent out using this and several people have asked to be removed from the list. I feel it would be appropriate if we limited the use of this address to SS South information only. Notification of non SS South events and general (appropriate) advertising can be posted on the website.
- *race@* is updated with the entries prior to each race and used to circulate start lists and race day timetables.
- *club@* is still used very little. I contacted SSE at the beginning of the season to update it. The correct clubs should now be on the list – but I am not sure we always have the most appropriate contact. I have tried to update it through the year whenever I find details of changed club officials but I feel it is better to just use *info@*.

The website is running smoothly at the moment. There have been some issues with new racers going through the registration and entry process. Changes are planned which will hopefully make it easier next season. The domain name for the site is now [www.snowsportsouth.org.uk](http://www.snowsportsouth.org.uk) . However, for the foreseeable future, [www.srsa.org.uk](http://www.srsa.org.uk) will still work.

Because of the planned changes to the website next year, and also the changes to the way results will need to be posted, I have said I am prepared to stand for one more year to see the changes through and, hopefully, hand over a more robust system in a year's time.

## **6. Freestyle Report**

Presented by Dave Saunders.

DS proposed a 3 event series:

- Bracknell

- Snowtrax
- Milton Keynes (final)

These events are to run between May and June. It is proposed to introduce a ranking system.

DS indicated that Southern freestyle was investing in a new air bag.

DS also highlighted that Decathlon were linking with the region for people buying new freestyle kit. It was discussed that this maybe an opportunity for the skiing half of the region.

## **7. Election of New Committee**

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

Brain Davies proposed that the role of marketing officer should go to Peter Davies and that the name of the role should be changed to PR and Marketing.

As the posts were uncontested there was a block vote for the Snowsport South Committee which was proposed by Simon Bannister and seconded by Darren Speed. The vote was unanimously carried in favour.

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

## **Non Executive Officers**

*Freestyle Representatives*                      *Dave Saunders & Darren Schmidt*

*CWO Liaison Officer*                      *Claire Holloway*

*PR and Marketing (previously known as Sponsorship and Marketing)*  
*Peter Davies*

*Alpine racing*

*Snowboarding*

*Schools*

*Club Representatives*

*Regional Race Manager  
Summer league coordinator*

## **8. Race dates for forthcoming season**

Brain Davies proposed the following race dates:

11/12 May (Aldershot)  
25 May  
15 June  
20 July (Southampton)  
28 September (Snowtrax & season presentation)

All dates subject to confirmation. Darren requested that race days should be a Saturday if possible as it was more convenient for racers travelling greater distances.

Winter series dates proposed were:

20 January (Southampton)  
10 Feb (Aldershot)  
16 March (Snowtrax)

All dates subject to confirmation.

## **9. British Snow Sport recommendations for the use of stubbies on race days**

Brain Davies summarised BSS proposal on the use of stubbies and poles on race days. BD gave ASRC point of view.

After discussion it was proposed that stubbies would be used for under-7s and age groups 7-8 and 9-10. This would be for the timed courses only. All other races, i.e. head-to-heads and team races, would use poles.

Open practise will be through stubbies.

This would be trialed at the first race at Aldershot. The situation will then be reviewed after the race following feedback from the clubs.

## **Any Other Business**

As part of improving the dual slalom it was agreed to trial Pete Calvert's race unit. If the unit proves successful further discussion will take place to agree next steps. This will be trailed at the first race of the season.

## **Southampton /SASA**

Agreed to run as one club again next year. The use of training with their own coaches was discussed and they were interested how it worked with other

clubs. For some reason at Southampton they have no choice but to use Active Nation coaches.

### **ASRC**

Simon Bannister asked how racers could be encouraged to do more Club National and GBR racing to increase the representation of the region at national level. It was agreed that ASRC would pull together a flyer for the forthcoming regional races.

Brian Davies suggested moving the Fun Team race from it's current slot in the race day to before the team races. The motion was declined.

### **Berkshire**

The club is thriving at the lower level.

It was agreed that racers currently training with ASRC should be able to continue representing Berkshire at regional and national levels.

ASSC and Snowtrax raised no any other business items.