

Snowsport South

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 24 October 2013 – Aldershot Ski Slope

1. Attendance

David Hathway	ASRC	Nigel Hilliard	Bowles
Linda Miller	BRS	Tracey Clarkson	ASRC
Chris Miller	BRS	Helen Schmidt	Snowtrax
Jane James	BRS	Darren Schmidt	Snowtrax
Matt Williams	SASA	David Ross	Snowtrax
Mary Calvert	ASRC	Peter Calvert	ASRC
Darren Speed	ASRC	John Kovacs	Snowtrax
John Calvert	ASSC	Nigel Vincent	Snowtrax
Brian Davies	ASRC	Graham Naylor	ASSC

2. Apologies

Nigel Greenfield	SASA	John Lewington	BRO
John Prince	Southern Freestyle	Gaye Lewington	BRO

3. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last AGM (2012) were approved and signed by Darren Schmidt (Chairman)

4. Treasurer's report

Helen Schmidt presented the following accounts which were accepted.

SSS accounts reconciliation 2013

Details	Income Actual	Expenditure Actual	Totals
Balance @ close of accounts 2012 (stmt 90)	£3,639.45		
Race fees deposited into Lloyds TSB	£9,120.96		
Slope fees/race day expenses		£4,760.00	
SSE grant	£1,210.35		
Tri region 2013		£250.00	
Tri region expenses - T shirts		£395.48	
Trophies		£1,983.56	
Coaching/instructor courses expenses		£-	
Batteries		£21.32	
Trophies for old guys rule race		£460.38	
Domain name renewal, stationary & ink		£105.65	
End of season prize money		£250.00	
Totals	£14,270.76	£8,206.39	£6054.37cr

The region's **email circulation** lists are *info@* (used for general contact with members of the region), *race@* (updated with the entries prior to each race and used to circulate start lists and race day timetables) and *club@* (used very little).

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 . However, for the foreseeable future, 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 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. Chairman's report

Darren confirmed that SAC had closed down. The contents of hut plus £2K had been handed over to Snowsport South. The hut contents are now held at Aldershot for general use by the region. The SAC closedown committee had stipulated that the £2K should be spent on coaching. It was specifically stated by the SAC closedown committee that nothing should go to SASA. Darren did not agree with this but this was the condition applied by SAC

Darren Schmidt (Chairman) then presented the following report for 2013.

The hard work done in previous seasons has resulted in increased entry numbers this year, despite the loss of the Southampton Alpine Club. All the clubs are to be congratulated (particularly SASA) for organising a great summer series. A big thank you to the region's sponsors – Salomon, for the end of season prizes, and Bartletts, for supporting all the races.

I was particularly pleased that there had been 10 separate clubs competing in the summer series this year. I hope that next year this will increase and that Chatham will be represented again.

Freestyle is pushing forward at club level and I hope that this will increase further under John Prince as the new freestyle rep.

I would like to thank all the committee (past and present) for their hard work behind the scenes during my 7 years as regional chairman. Brian Davis has been an exceptional vice chairman and with his experience I am sure he can take the region on further if elected to the chair. Mary, John and Pete have taken their roles within the region further than I ever dreamed. There is now a system in place that is admired by other regions. Thank you also to David Hathway for keeping all the paperwork up together and taking control when needed at meetings.

My wife, Helen, as treasurer has been an unsung hero. She started in the region with me and has kept a great eye on the finances and grants from SSE. They say behind every good man there is a good woman. Well, I don't know about a good man but definitely a good woman.

After a great season and 7 years as chair as well as other roles within the region, Helen and I would like to finish on a good note and are stepping down from our positions within the region. We would like to say thank you to everyone for your support - the committee, parents & especially the racers.

7. Election of new committee

The 2013 committee stood down and the following committee was voted in unanimously:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Treasurer

Communications officer

Secretary

Brian Davies

David Ross

Nigel Vincent

Mary Calvert

Matt Williams

It was agreed a Child Welfare Officer (CWO) was necessary and this would be discussed by the new committee.

8. Any other business

8.1 Course setters course

This is scheduled to take place in March at Aldershot. The cost for maximum of 15 persons will be £500. It was proposed to use some of the Southampton Alpine money to fund it. Clubs are asked to nominate attendees.

8.2 Regional coaching structure

Simon Bannister suggested having a regional training programme to encourage national racing in the region and to give racers exposure to out-of-region slopes (e.g. Gloucester). This was generally welcomed. Brian Davies and Simon Bannister agreed to come up with a proposal.

8.3 Brian Davies reported on the **SSE meeting** at Loughborough. A new level of Excel races had been proposed aimed at entry level participants. They would be the best of 3 times with a minimum seed point (>30) entry condition. For next season, separate BARTS indoor and outdoor seed lists would be held. U10/U12 racers will ski stubbies at all SSE events.

8.4 Use of stubbies for U11's

Brian Davies proposed that the region adopted the same policy regarding the use of stubbies as SSE for the individual races. This was unanimously carried. The 11 and under club team races would be aligned to this and renamed under 11 so that they would also be run through stubbies. (The dual and fun team races would continue through standard poles.)

8.5 Fun team races

Mary Calvert reported that on 3 occasions this year the fun team races had been cancelled because of lack of time. It was agreed that the new committee would review the race day format – taking into account opinions from the clubs.

8.6 Club National Matt Williams suggested that it was a shame that there was no Club National in the region. Southampton is currently the only Homologated slope, but there was no appetite in SASA (apart from himself) to run one. The possibility of running a Regional Club National at Southampton was discussed and agreed. Matt thought SASA would support this with the help and share of the risk from the region. Matt would bid for a date and discuss with SASA and the new regional committee.

8.7 Winter Race Series Dates TBD. Clubs were asked who would be able to host. Matt Williams said possibly SASA could run one in January but he would need to discuss **this with the committee**.

8.8 A presentation was made to Darren and Helen Schmidt to thank them for all the work they have put into the region over many years.