

**Snowsport England
Race Organisation Technical Panel
Minutes of meeting 3 2005, held at 10:00 on 31-Jul-05
at Swadlincote.**



2005 Meeting 3	Actions
3.1 Absence and Apologies	
3.1a Present:	
David Pyle (DP) (chair), Gill Hall (GH), Peter Heath (PH), David Manns (DM), Alan West (AW), Dermot Flahive (DF), Piet van Kempen (PVK), Mandy Orrell (MO), Mike Frith (MF) (observing)	
3.1b Apologies:	
Tony Archbold (TA), Gill Todd (GT)	
3.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting	
3.2a Minutes of the previous meeting on 5 th May 2005 were approved as a true record.	
3.2b Bib sponsorship - DP confirmed that Thomson have been invoiced for their share of the cost of the bibs.	
3.2c Course setters - DP reported on ARCs request that ROTP take on the task of assigning course setters to events at the start of the season, in the same way that STP already assign TDs. DP to liaise with Ian Roberts (IR) regarding method/timing.	DP
It was agreed, however, that a method needs to be determined for dealing with events where no setter can be found. All to consider for next meeting.	All
3.2d Timing units (and other equipment) - DP stated that a condition of the insurance cover for the timing units required a list of named persons authorised to be responsible for them. PVK to send list of names to office.	PVK
3.2e Stoke Club National - DP reported that ARC had agreed to cover the cost of the medals needed following the adjustments to the results. DP has contacted Sally Cadman to arrange.	DP
3.3 Inter Regional Race Series	
3.3a Entries - 12 team entries received so far with others known to be coming.	

- 3.3b Teams - it was confirmed that teams for this year may have three senior/ master racers.
- 3.3c Format - the format of the event was discussed. Apparently some regions / racers would prefer a return to the seeded race format, others to have teams seeded into leagues instead of drawn. It was agreed that coaches present at this years event would be canvassed for their thoughts, and this topic would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 3.3d Pendle - since the slope was homologated for Club Nationals, further work has extended the slope to make it large enough for Grand Prix. A further inspection will be done during the events taking place in August. The homologation report also made particular recommendations about the course setting for dual slalom races.

3.4 Alpine Championships

- 3.4a DP reported that arrangements were progressing well for next year's event at PSV. The resort is planning to include a floodlight race organised by them.

DP is starting to put together the team, and will contact Martin Leach about being Chief of Race for the FIS events.

DP

DP reported that he and AW will make a further inspection visit to the resort in October.

Refunds - DP reported that the accounts detailing income and expenditure for the cancelled event this year are due to be published around August 12th.

3.5 All-England Championships

- 3.5a PVK reported that a further meeting is being arranged with Norfolk, PVK, DF and Alan Holly to attend. Some alteration to the start area has been made since the last homologation visit; this is not believed to affect homologation, but PVK will contact Ian Roberts if there are potential issues.

PVK

- 3.5b Sponsors - further sponsors are being sought. GH reported that discussions have been taking place with one potential sponsor that wants to make and sell DVD film of the entire event. This may cause potential conflict with existing arrangements with Racer Ready, and there may also be child protection issues which PVK will need to discuss with office.

PVK

- 3.5c Publication of results - it was agreed that a suitable cover page should be included with the results to thank sponsors for their support. PVK to provide Stewart Smith (SS) and PH with appropriate information, logos, etc.

PVK

3.5d Inter-Club - DM reported that the 'official' precisions to the regulations as agreed at ARC last week have now been published. It was agreed that as the rules stand, JNA are registered as a single entity with SSE and thus can only enter two teams altogether, regardless of their location.

3.6 2006 Calendar

3.6a DF reported that letters had gone out to slopes and clubs requesting their bids for 2006 events. Responses received so far were encouraging, with more slopes bidding for Grand Prix than there are events in the series. Discussion followed regarding potential allocation of events to slopes, including championships. An initial allocation was agreed, although some bids were yet to be received, and some outstanding issues were unresolved.

3.6b GH to prompt Arrows about holding a Club National and Grand Prix at another venue, possibly Pontypool.

GH

3.6c DM to prompt Gloucester about holding Club National and Inter Regional. Latter would revert to SSE-organised rather than club-organised event, SSE would negotiate with slope on costs.

DM

3.6d DM reported that updated homologation of Wycombe was yet to be completed. DM to contact IR to check on progress.

DM

3.6e European Championships due to be held in Scotland next year, although their wish or willingness to host the event has yet to be confirmed. DF to contact Bruce Crawford.

DF

3.6f British Indoor Snow Championships 2006 already assigned to SSE. It was agreed that holding this event at the end of the snow season was most appropriate. DP to contact Graham Beck about venue and date.

DP

3.6g Suffolk has requested an event this year, although homologation inspection has yet to take place. It was agreed that - assuming homologation is satisfactory - a Club National would be most appropriate for their first event.

3.6h Stoke 2005 - DP reported on a letter received from Carl Ryding detailing two incidents during this years events at Stoke. It was agreed that there were educational / development issues for the officials concerned, and possibly others. DP to write back to Carl, and to contact the officials involved.

DP

3.7 Documentation

3.7a Online entry - it was agreed that this years operation for Grand Prix was successful, and should be extended to other events as soon as possible. PH reported that he and DM had already been tasked by ARC to produce specification for extending the system to cover all 2006 calendar events

- including Alpine Championships. This would then be discussed with SS to agree the extent to which the system could be enhanced in time for next season. This should be able to cover issues such as free entries for series winners, rebates/discounts at Alpine Championships, and block booking. Snowsport Wales are already interested in using the system. PH/DM
- 3.7b Equipment form - PVK reported that 'Equipment Form' appeared to be missing from at least some race packs this year. It was agreed that this should be reviewed at the same time as other documentation for next year.
- Start Referee control card - PVK enquired whether the wording on this form needed changes to match recent rule changes. DM to check. DM
- Race Officials allocation form - GH had previously reported that this form should have fore-runners added. DM to amend for next season. DM
- 3.7c Race Manual - DM reported that as part of the on-going work in the SSGB TD Forum to achieve a unified rules framework, the race manual would be used as a major input into the development of a race organisation manual applicable to all British events.
- 3.7d Race bulletins - there was some discussion on achieving a standard format and content for race bulletins and results. DM to produce standard bulletin templates for race organisers to use, and standard templates for Softski reports. DM
- 3.8 Training / Accreditation**
- 3.8a Level One courses - one planned for Gloucester, their preferred time being September. DM to arrange/tutor. DM
- 3.8b Level Two course - Stoke Rochford booked for weekend of 19th/20th November, including provisional booking of 15 bedrooms. Tutors IR and DM, assisted this year by Richard Dawe.
- AW to circulate draft flyer for comment before publication. AW
- 3.8c Softski - it was agreed that a course mainly aimed at Race Secretaries would be best held prior to the start of the 2006 season. DM to review existing course material, amend to include management of online race entry, and report back to next meeting when a suitable date would be discussed. DM
- 3.9 Equipment**
- 3.9a Bibs - following problems with bib sizes, PVK reported that he has so far been unable to get any response from supplier, despite numerous emails and letters including registered post. Supplier appears to have moved location from Switzerland to France.

- Possibility of making existing bibs 'useable' was discussed. PVK to investigate possibility of 'extending' bibs. PVK
- 3.9b Backup timers - it was agreed that these were working well. PVK to contact TA about constructing Perspex 'rain cover' box to protect printer roll. PVK to produce draft 'briefing sheet' on synchronisation and usage. PVK
- DM is investigating development of backup time calculation program, direct feed of times from timing units would be preferred. PVK to pass timers to DM at end of season. DM
- 3.9c Insurance - see 3.2d. PVK
- 3.9d Radios - the benefits of owning a set of workable radios was discussed. PVK to get a range of prices, and pass to AW for comparison with other sources. PVK/
AW
- 3.10 Any Other Business**
- 3.10a Inspection on foot - feedback had been received from several slopes, none of whom had objections. ARC was already covering this issue.
- PVK reported problems with several racers inspecting on foot claiming to be coaches. Accreditation of coaches inspection to be discussed at next meeting.
- 3.10b Masters categories - ARC already arranging letter to go out from office to all Masters canvassing their wishes.
- 3.10c Race entry fees and dates - it was agreed that the late entry date should be reduced to one week ahead of the competition date. It was also agreed to increase the late entry fee to £10.
- 3.10d Referee's Reports at Club National - PVK expressed concern over 'removal' of Referee from effective oversight of the event to produce first run Reports while the race is still under way. Discuss at next meeting.
- 3.10e Inter-Regional trophy - previous winners (LSRERSA) still trying to locate trophy, which will need replacing if cannot be found.

Meeting closed 14:35. Next meeting Nov 20th at Stoke Rochford.