

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

ARC Meeting

Sunday 18 August 2013

SportPark, Loughborough



Present:

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ) – Chair
Jeremy Eaton (JE) – Chair, SSE
Ian Findlay (IF) – Talent Pathway Officer, SSE
Dermot Flahive (DFI) – Chair, ROTP
Peter Heath (PH) – Finance
Mary Calvert (MC) – Secretary

Minutes:

1. Apologies were received from:

Taryn Archbold (TA) – Coaches' Liaison Officer
Tim Fawke (TF) – CEO, SSE
Darren Fellows – Communications Rep
Charlotte Gould – Racers' Rep
Andrea Grant
John Harrington – Schools' Rep
Steve Lambert – Regional Rep
David Manns (DM) – Chair, STP

2. Conflict of Interest Declaration

All those committee members present confirmed there were no changes to their conflict of interest declarations.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 2 June 2013

These had been confirmed by the chair and committee as accurate when published in June.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 A course setter course will be taking place in Castleford at the end of October. The costs will be £180 for the tutor, £15 per head SSE fee and the cost of slope hire. There are 5 confirmed attendees at the moment but the course is yet to be advertised (8-10 attendees are needed to make it viable). Lions are considering running a Level 1 officials course on the same day.

A further course is needed in the south – preferably on an outdoor slope. MC will enquire whether Aldershot would be prepared to host one.

TA was not available to report on a review of the course setter policy 2008/9.

**Action: TA to report on courses, review policy and list
MC to enquire at Aldershot**

4.2 LJ reported back from BSS on the clothing regulations for U10/U12 racers on snow (both indoor and Alpine). It has been decided that catsuits may be worn at the discretion of the racer's coach. If the weather is cold, the race organisers should discourage catsuit wear. Concerns were voiced by ARC members that the race organisers would not have the power to veto catsuit wear at a race.

There was also a concern that this would affect the cost of entry for racers. JE stated that SSE must require that it is made clear to entrants that the responsibility lies with the coaches.

4.3 The GB U14 Alpine Team Nominations were updated last week and are now up on the website.

4.4. There have been positive discussions with Graham Beck concerning the relationship between the Lions Indoor Race Series and National Calendar Racing. He is planning to continue with the Lions series for another year. It has been proposed that there will be a GBR weekend at Castleford next season which will count towards both series. DFI suggested this might be the first race in both series in early May.

Action: LJ to continue to liaise with Graham Beck

4.5 Homologation of artificial slopes (new and existing) This was deferred to the next meeting as DM was not available.

4.6 National Referee Qualification This was deferred to the next meeting as DM was not available.

4.7 Details of the SSE Artificial Slope Squad selection have been published on Britski. This covers both indoor and outdoor surfaces and is being led by Richard Lambden. Squad members will be actively encouraged to progress to a Level 1 coaching qualification. There was some concern that the differentiation between the Artificial and Alpine Squads was not always made clear – leading to the standards of some racers being misinterpreted.

Action: Richard Lambden, LJ, JE and TF will meet at the end of this year's team events to review the situation

5. Financial Update

PH presented the provisional Alpine accounts to 30 June 2013. These show a deficit of £4838 against a budgeted surplus of £1542. This largely reflects the loss at the Alpine Championships in Bormio which has not been recouped by the summer races.

PH pointed out that, in the past, the SSE income from registrations has covered public liability insurance and head office costs. This is no longer the case (hence the "overheads" figure charged at events).

The Squad technical equipment has been transferred to Alpine. This has a net book value of £1267 which will be charged to Alpine over the next 12 months. The Squad laptop will remain on the Squad account as it is now used by Ian Findlay.

PH felt that the property insurance - which also covers trophies – needs to be reviewed to see if it is appropriate.

Action: PH to discuss insurance with TF

JE felt there was a need to review both the registration fees and event entry fees. These have not increased in recent years in line with inflation. PH felt it appropriate that these charges were increased. DFI commented that the slope hire for indoor races was about twice that of outdoor races and that the entry fees should be reviewed in line with this.

Action: JE to discuss race costs and viability with the Board

6. Artificial Race format/calendar consultation and survey

LJ gave an interim report on the results of the survey on Artificial Slope racing in the UK. There had been a good response rate (351). The results were being looked at by a working group of LJ, DF, DM, Robin Kellen and Alan Bullock. The group will produce a list of proposals which will be put out to consultation in September with the Regions and other relevant parties. Following this, there will be an ARC meeting (possibly as a teleconference) to agree the way forward. This will then be taken to the TD forum in November to allow for implementation for next season.

Action: LJ to coordinate working party and discuss proposals with ARC

DFI and JE both emphasised that there was a problem with the number of volunteers and officials available to run the National Race Series. This issue needed to be addressed alongside any changes which result from the survey findings.

7. Update on the U14 GB Selection Nominations for International Races

SSE has had no information from BSS – despite having asked 3 times. SSE has a squad of 5 girls and 3 boys selected. Athletes need to be allocated to the January races by October.

Action: LJ/IF to follow up on this

8. Any Other Business

8.1 JE said there needed to be clarification of the Alpine Squad selection process. There also needed to be a clear appeals process.

Action: IF and JE will present the criteria at the next meeting

8.2 JE reported that the England U14/U16 Squad were meeting in Bedford for a fitness and land training session.

8.3 PH confirmed that any club changes made on the seed list are effective from the date of the next published list. (New registrations are effective immediately.) A request for a club change must come from the athlete or their parents. It cannot come from the club.

9. Date of Next Meeting

There will be a teleconference at the end of September to discuss the changes which will be going forward as a result of the Artificial Race format/calendar survey.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 24 November at 1pm at SportPark, Loughborough.