

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

ARC Meeting

19:00 Wednesday 25 June, 2014

Teleconference



Present:

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ) – Chair
Jeremy Eaton (JE) – Chair, SSE
Dermot Flahive (DFI) – Chair, ROTP
Peter Heath (PH) – Finance
Mary Calvert (MC) – Secretary
Tim Fawke (TF) – CEO, SSE
David Manns (DM) – Chair, STP
Andrea Grant

Minutes:

1. Apologies were received from:

Steve Lambert – Regional Rep
Ian Findlay (IF) – Talent Pathway Officer, SSE
Taryn Archbold (TA) – Coaches' Liaison Officer

2. Conflict of Interest Declaration

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 7 May 2014

These were approved by the chair and committee as accurate and will be forwarded to SSE for publication.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 There is still a need for ESSKIA representation on ARC.

Action: LJ will discuss this with JE

4.2 LJ has discussed the Course Setters' policy with TA and is waiting for a response. The Course setters' list and the revised policy will then be issued.

Action: LJ will follow up with TA

4.3 There has been discussion between Xscape at Milton Keynes and TF regarding the possibility of running races at Milton Keynes next year. The problem of high fees has not yet been resolved.

Action: TF will continue discussions

4.4 ROTP have not yet met to discuss the training review of level 2 officials proposed by the TD forum. Hopefully a meeting will happen at the Manchester SSW races on the 12/13 July. DM has taken ARC's views forward to the TD forum. Some discussion has taken place to move forward with a review of the situation. There is still a need for SSE to push forward for this to be achieved before next season.

Action: DF will report back following the ROTP meeting

4.5 A race bulletin had been issued to deal with the problem of inconsistencies in the U10/U12 races.

5. Financial Update

PH presented the accounts for Jan – March 2014. The Bormio cash and some deposits still need to be separated out. (This will have happened by the June accounts.) At this stage, the expenses for trophies for the GBR series have been incurred but no income from entries has come in.

Overheads are still calculated as per the 2008 analysis available on the SSE website listed with the ARC minutes. £300 is currently allocated in the accounts for each race but this does not cover the difference between the total overheads and the income from SSE registration fees. LJ will have discussions with PH and TF and report back to ARC. JE emphasised the need for transparency and for ARC members to be able to explain and defend when needed the way the costs are allocated. He also stressed the need to build up a surplus for the future.

Action: LJ to discuss with PH and TF and report back to ARC

6. SSE ACE Camp

IF was not available but LJ reported on his behalf. The ACE camp at Reading was well supported and a big success from both the England and BSS points of view. LJ thanked IF for organising it. There will be an U18 camp at Loughborough this Sunday (without BSS) but it was not known the number attending.

Action: IF to update at the next meeting

7. Artificial Races 2014 to date

DF reported that the number of entries at national races was down from last year and that this was more noticeable for Outdoor races than Indoor. In some cases, this could be explained by the location of the event; Pendle and Ravens being less well supported.

There were good entry numbers at Castleford for the first GBR/BIGP weekend. The weekend went well and there was good cooperation between the organisers of both series. The profits are to be shared 50:50 between Castleford and SSE. There has as yet been no formal feedback.

Action: LJ to email Graham Beck to ask for feedback and sort out SSE's share of profits

The meeting felt that there was a need for the subject of race entry numbers to be looked at in more detail - with the availability of appropriate accurate data. An ARC meeting will be held on Saturday 30 August at Norwich after the day's racing has finished to fully discuss this.

TF suggested that a general meeting is held in the autumn to discuss the calendar for next year. The results of the meeting in August could be discussed more generally at this. DF agreed to organise this, perhaps to coincide with the SSE AGM at the beginning of October. He would discuss it at the next ROTP meeting.

**Action: MC to circulate details of August meeting to ARC members
DM/DF to provide race entry data for the past 5 years
DF to coordinate calendar meeting following discussion at ROTP**

8. Lowland Indoor Championships

These have been confirmed for Sat/Sun 20/21 September at Snow Valley (Peer, Belgium). This will be hosted by the Belgium Ski Foundation who have confirmed that invitations will go out by this weekend. Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg will be competing as well as GBR (in association with SSE). Each nation will have an allocation of 100 over all age groups (60 male and 40 female). For GBR, every national squad member will get a personal invitation (although they will still need to pay the entry fee). GBR will be providing the TD and the Netherlands the referee. JE will let the U18 squad know at training this weekend and encourage them to enter.

Action: Invitation letters will be sent out to squad members

9. Any Other Business

TF has sent LJ a template to complete for the Board. LJ confirmed that he would do this next week.

10. Date of Next Meeting

An extra ARC meeting will be held on 30 August at Norwich to specifically discuss future plans for race scheduling and format.

Post meeting note 22 July 2014 – the proposed meeting on 30 August has been cancelled. No alternative date has been arranged yet.

The next general ARC meeting will be held end September/early October – date to be confirmed.