

MSC – RACE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2016

In attendance: Roger Cromblehome
Steve Dewison
Alan Edwards
Gerry Elgy
Paul Lawrence
Dave Lee
Jane Lee
Richard Newbould
Bryan Thomas
Gill Weeks

1. Review and approval of previous minutes - approved
2. Club National – Saturday 25th June; Jane
 - a. Have confirmed date as 25th and Cameron is to confirm the slope booking to Bryan (slope and surrounds all appeared in good condition although have asked for speakers to be tested). Lack of grip noted on matting at top of old slope but to be checked in two weeks on further visit
 - b. Gill will organize radios (and back up timing)
 - c. We have 250 bibs which should be more than enough – but can we start from high numbers to rotate usage
 - d. May need to order some more hi-viz bibs – we have previously discussed and agreed this
 - e. Price agreed as £20 – same as last year and consistent with Gloucester.
 - f. Jane is constructing an officials list – **will be communicated as it firms-up**
 - g. Request for Anna’s chocolate buns for officials (no need for cakes)
 - h. Trying to get a very strong roster for gate judges – as have some “marginal” skiers, need to have done at least 3 CN’s or higher.

- i. Sponsorship – Paul and Bryan will pursue (last year Cameron @ Gloucester gave something). Would Ambition / other participate? Would Dynastar / Rossignol (Scott) do something? Whoever are sponsors, Dave will need logos to put on the start sheets
 - j. Same trophies as last year (CN) PLUS T-shirts for age group winners. Award overall winner prizes depending on additional sponsor.
 - k. Minis to be run on best of 3 – use last year’s timetable
 - l. Must state on the application that we are applying the new helmet rule – is advisory for this year (but need to clarify with Mike what rules he will applying in this)?
 - m. Need to clarify start ground rules between starter, referees and marshall.
 - n. Agreed to use Gloucester slope medics (rather than St Johns) – Bryan will look into this.
 - o. Cash prize for the raffle (based on collecting enough cash).
3. Inter-club event; Shaun
- a. Proposal is to have an inter-club race day at the Ackers (thinking Aldershot as the have good skiers and are prepared to travel).
 - b. 24 (ish) skiers each club (8 minis, 16 others – no gender restrictions)
 - c. 8 races per skier (in different formats); 4 different formats:
 - i. Slalom
 - ii. Head-to-head
 - iii. Team race (of 4)
 - iv. Whole team – head-to-head (8 for mini’s; 16 for others)
 - d. Allow some mini’s to race poles (in others) as appropriate (e.g. Jack Upton).
 - e. Likely cost would be around £500 (split between the two clubs)
 - f. Sunday is a good day for the Ackers – likely dates 19th June, 17th July, 21st and 28th August (better July / August)
 - g. Agreed that Shaun should broach with Aldershot at the weekend (16th / 17th)
4. Coaching Development Plan; Roger
- a. Still work in progress
 - b. How to deal with so many skiers – as we had last night; how can we find help for Roger to cope with this?
 - i. Look to co-opt experienced parents to assist in getting youngsters to use their time profitably rather than mucking about and time wasting.

- ii. Can we consider putting more responsibility on the Senior (young) skiers such as Tom, Sam, Helena (6th form +) to set example and provide mentoring to the younger skiers.
 - c. Tuesdays is about skill development and Thursdays is about performance – but the understanding of this has been lost and as a consequence we are getting some (few) skiers into the wrong (too high) groups (Guy's).
- 5. Race manager – what and what is this?
 - a. Gill is happy to be coordinator for paperwork to ensure that teams get entered but RSG to appoint (a / many) team manager(s) in advance to manage the team(s) on the day
- 6. Level 2 training day for MID Ski Club officials
 - a. Bryan, Steve and Paul have done a 2 day level 2 course – now just need to fulfill the shadowing requirements to get full certifications
 - b. There was a suggestion that they (SSE) would run a course just for MID and up here if there is enough interest – which it seems there might be.
 - c. Level-1 training will, at some stage, be done via an on-line course.
 - d. If have sufficient practical (and correct) experience, then can go straight to level-2, bypassing level-1. View is that all parents of skiers (at CN level) should do the level-1 (on-line) course.
- 7. Race pole update
 - a. We now have only 15 red and 15 blues. Roger will get some more – will get a price for 30 more of each.
- 8. Landgraaf
 - a. We have 11 skiers going out. (long weekend before the Dragons camp starts – so end July). Will also need to book the rooms at a similar time.
 - b. We will need to pay up-front for the slope hire – within two weeks of putting the reservation in, which Roger hopes to do in the next week or so.
 - c. Roger will keep communicating with participants.
 - d. Club will need to be primed to make lump sum payments.
- 9. AOB
 - a. Gerry has entered 2 teams for the GSRL – and has sent out a reminder to skiers; RN to forward to Solihull parents. (2 teams will cost the club £720 for the series). If Gerry gets sufficient participants for the GSRL can always enter a 3rd team late.

- b. We are confused by the format of the periodic accounts which is simple and correct – Bryan will follow up with Bryan A.
- c. RSG members need to be ready to step in as required to record skiers and collect money as appropriate – including covering off the earlier session (Ozells, Giles, James)
- d. Can we get an idea as to what events the racers will be doing this year – so we can have an idea for teams etc.
- e. Next RSG meeting – Wednesday 8th June proposed.