

MSC – RACE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 2016

In attendance: Roger Cromblehome
Alan Edwards
Shaun Hemming
Dave Lee
Richard Newbould
Bryan Thomas
Gill Weeks

1. Review and approval of previous minutes - approved
2. Lessons Learned from Club National
 - a. Radios and other similar matters were related to SSE using the wrong date. Lesson learned is that we need to chase these matters up repeatedly.
 - b. First Aid – Gloucs do not currently have enough trained First Aiders to cover a CN event but they represent that they will be training more – again, we need to agree and document this early
 - c. Gloucester Ski Slope was shut for officials and early arrivers – we need to ensure that “early” access route is agreed and understood by all.
 - d. Set-up on the morning was rushed – options include going down the night before to set up bibs / other OR taking the Sunday race date which means we can set up on the Saturday night.
 - e. Agreed that we need to write a CN manual – concerns semi-official, volunteer roles most as there is a good understanding of what CoR, SM, FM etc are. i.e. bib-issue, raffle etc. STANDARD WORK, laminated. Included in this we should also have a list of club members who have helped out on what. RN happy to work with Jane / Gill on a first draft.
 - f. Had a lot of new (1st time) racers and they needed to better understand what was required of them – course inspection, not skiing through finish if miss gate etc. This really needs to be done by each club coach as part of their squad training.

- g. It was thought that all officials had MSC hi-vis tabards – but apparently not. Gill points out that the club will be selling reasonably priced adult sweats.
 - h. We had all the stubbies we have at the slope on the day but while had enough for the race had no or few replacements. Roger will order another 5 red and 5 blue.
 - i. Catering was excellent and appreciated by all – can we put up (or have Gloucester put up) a gazebo to house the food and make more room for all the race associated stuff in the Ski room.
 - j. Can Gloucester put also up gazebos at top / bottom for case of inclement weather.
3. Inter–regional event at Stoke – lessons learned
- a. Selection process needs to be clarified and understood by all – it did not seem clear to club coach and others. Selector needs to have a proper understanding of the on the slope and current performance of the racers. Process needs to be transparent. Bryan will talk with Karen Conde about this
 - b. The team managers were, in the main, not the coaches and some were completely new to it. Should aim to have coaches / experienced managers who understand what the role requires – more STANDARD WORK.
 - c. Need to ascertain in advance which racers will be available and wish to race – same applies to the coaches – and what the selection criteria will be. The teams can then be assembled in time. Teams were selected by Alex / Karen this (and last) year.
 - d. Bryan / Paul will follow this up with CESA
4. Northern Open (Ravens) – 23rd July
- a. Is an unseeded race and so probably similar to GSRL – assumed to be held at Sunderland (but not entirely clear).
5. Inter-club event; Shaun
- a. ASR remain very interested but still need to organise things – looking likely to be after the Irish open (1st week in Oct) and English ESSKIA (8th / 9th Oct). Seems that only likely available date at the Ackers may be 15th October – unless ASR have more availability and we go there.
 - b. Watch this space.
6. National Inter-club event 4th Sept – selection criteria and process; propped
- a. Get expression of racer’s interest no later than 16 August

- b. Arrange a duals, inter-club training session – likely on a Friday evening. Attendance and performance at this will be an integral part of the selection process. Training needs to be Friday 19th August so that selection can be done on Wednesday 24th August with drop-dead team submission on Friday 26th August.
 - c. RSG to apply selection criteria to list of available racers – Roger to take lead here (with RSG assistance as appropriate) – oBarts, latest results, mgt override etc.
 - d. Objective is to have 2 race and 2 development teams – therefore need to have 4 managers who are up to speed with the requirements of the role.
7. Landgraaf update when Gerry returns
8. 2017 CN – date, location, officials
- a. At Gloucester, on a Saturday, double-heading with Gloucester.
 - b. Jane to be CoR again?
9. CESA region to bid for 2017 GBR (as for Stoke this year) – double-header with an additional CN at Stoke – under CESA title?
- a. This would keep significant race presence at Stoke – CN on the Saturday with the GBR on the Sunday. General view is that this is a good idea
 - b. Could the Inter-regional be run after the Club National (in the evening) to save on slope hire costs as Stoke charge > £1k for the day's hire.
10. Ackers future – inc state of lift
- a. Lift is broken at present which may imperil Thursday / Friday.
 - b. Still not clear how the Ackers is going to promote itself – when compared to places like Stoke which has reinvented itself over the past few years.
 - c. Their aim is to have all the development work completed by December 2016.
11. AOB
- a. Next RSG is Wednesday 24th August
 - b. ESSKIA race on Sunday 18th September (at Gloucester). Bryan needs to let Alan know what the required officials and duties are.
 - i. Solihull have the paperwork (even though they say not) and Paul / Sally are meeting Martyn / Jo tomorrow to discuss.
 - ii. Is Dave available to do timing at Gloucester – probably
 - iii. Adam Lee has already agreed to do the course setting.