



## **Snowsport England Inter Regional meeting held at Gloucester on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

### **Present:**

Fraser Black	SWSA
Vickie Pullin	SSE
Brian Davies	SRSA
Carron Thorley	CESA
Jeff Elmore	CESA
John Curtis	ERSA
Bernie Wright	ERSA
Gwenderlyne Southall	LSERSA
Sandy Telling	LSERSA
Andrea Grant	ASC
Dermot Flahive	ROTP

### **Apologies**

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### **Minutes**

#### **Review of 2010**

Numbers are down this year on most outdoor races, Gloucester being an exception with a high turn out. Indoor races so far have all been well attended, including the 2 indoor champs. Three Grand Prix (GP) races have been run, Norfolk and Chill Factore races broke even but Pendle shows a significant loss of approximately £500 due the very low attendance. However, it was agreed that it's still important to continue to run outdoor GP events provided the series as a whole continues to be financially viable. SSE are committed to supporting all forms of racing from regional entry level, through Club National, Grand Prix and Championship events, both indoor and outdoor. SSE and the regions need to look at new ways for promoting the GP Series and attracting new sponsorship.

#### **Inter-regional 2011**

For 2011 it was agreed, subject to agreement with the slope that Gloucester should be proposed as the venue for the Inter-regional in 2011. The entry of 17 teams is the highest for many years and there are positive signs that the entry in 2011 could be 20 teams or more. It is expected that there will be a bid from Chill Factore to host the Inter Regional in 2011; the consensus from the regions is that this would not be well supported particularly by the regions with poor access to indoor facilities for training. The option to hold two inter regional events was discussed, one outdoor and one indoor, but this was dismissed as impractical given the congested state of the calendar.

## **GP for 2011**

Possible bids for 4 (possibly 5) indoor GPs and 3, 4 or 5 outdoor GPs all in conjunction with CN bids. It was felt by the regions that this was possibly too many. Need to wait and see if the bids come in, then look at where they are to be held, but a maximum will need to be set.

## **CN for 2011**

Currently it is thought that as many as 19 clubs could bid for a CN in 2011. Whilst we want to encourage clubs to organise races, falling attendances is a concern to all, as most clubs cannot afford to run events at a loss. We all need to look at ways to improve attendances, especially at ways to attract new racers that currently compete in regional and school's races. It was suggested that maybe some clubs could double up with others to run joint CN races. We will also need to consider holding events in opposite ends of the country on the same day/weekend.

## **Championship**

A proposal was put forward to consider moving one of the outdoor championship events away from the regular autumn slots to say one of the Bank Holiday weekends in May. This would then leave a slot free for an Indoor Snow Champs weekend in the autumn. The consensus from the regions was that the All England outdoor should remain in September but that the other home nations should be consulted. One possible option would be to move the British outdoor championships to the May bank holiday slot.

## **Progression Posters / Leaflets**

I have today seen the latest draft of these, they are due to go to print soon. As soon as I have them I will send out to all the regions for distribution to the clubs.

## **Calendar**

SSE/ROTP to consider a revamp of the Artificial calendar to include all types of races including Championships, Other Home Nations, GPs, CNs, Regional and School's events. SSE/ROTP propose to publish the initial calendar for 2011 in August 2010. Regions and other bodies would be asked to make their submissions for entry in the calendar before the end of 2010.

## **AOB**

It was asked if we could have more inspection time and less open practice when it's a full race, maybe split the minis/females and the males and have no overlap.

Andrea Grant  
ASC Chair

Dermot Flahive  
ROTP Chair

29 June 2010