

Snowsport South

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 10 November 2015 Aldershot Ski Slope

1. Attendance

Brian Davies ASR
Mary Calvert ASR
Peter Calvert ASR
Tracey Clarkson ASR
Thirza Speed ASR
John Calvert ALD
Tony Smith ALD
Wendy Hardy BRS
Jane James BRS

Chris Miller BRS
Linda Miller BRS
Nigel Hilliard BOW
David Ross SBR
Nigel Greenfield SBR
Matt Williams SAS
John Kovacs TSN
Nigel Vincent TSN

2. Apologies for absence

Milan Hlousek BRS
Carrera Clarke SSE
Darren Schmidt TSN
Helen Schmidt TSN

3. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of last year's AGM were accepted (Proposed Matt Williams, Seconded Nigel Greenfield).

4. Treasurer's report: Nigel Vincent

The treasurer's full report is attached as an appendix. It indicates that the region has a healthy balance of £15,112.28 which had increased by £3,479.99 since last year. NV emphasised the need for these funds to be invested back into the region. There are plans for new race bibs to be purchased and for investment to be made in additional timing equipment.

NV asked for clubs to send requests to the region if they needed help with specific projects. Three TSN racers have recently received help towards attendance at an instructor training course. A level 2 officials course will be held at Aldershot in November and the region are giving financial support to attendees from regional clubs. SASA would like to see another regional L1 course held, with another L2 to follow in the future. The region will also consider holding a calcs course.

5. Communications officer's report: Peter Calvert

The majority of the website and equipment used for this season already existed from previous years and continued to work well for 2015. The main development has been the availability of live online timing at the races. In general, this has been successful, initially for just the timed runs, and for all parts of the day by the end-of-the-year.

We've also made our software available to other regions which has both benefited them, and helped to ensure that it becomes easier to use. I hope this means in 2016 we'll be able to offload the technical side of each race to the organising club - like we do for most other aspects.

The reliability issues we have had with the Brower kit have continued to cause a few reruns when it has been used. This is now only required at Snowtrax, and working out a solution so that the TAG Heuer equipment can be used there is a high priority for 2016. Some of the TAG equipment is still borrowed from Aldershot for each race (we do also have some of our own from when Southampton Alpine dissolved). I think that if the region owned its own complete kit it would be easier to guarantee batteries etc. are checked before each race.

As part of this, the dual slalom traffic lights have also become more reliable and we again helped out by running this aspect of the Tri-Region race.

6. Chairman's report: Brian Davies

Brian Davies presented the following report

For this year's report I will first discuss the status of activities with Snowsport England and then provide a brief summary of the season we have just had before looking ahead to next year.

Snowsport England is moving into the final stages of its re-organisation and having dealt with issues like governance and overall voting structure is now focussing on the relationship with its members and the regions and clubs. We have been fully engaged in these discussions throughout the year and a key thing we are providing is an annual regional plan. This was trialled this year but next year will be the vehicle through which the region receives funding from SSE so included in the plan is what we intend to do in terms of events, training and generally developing the region. The 2016 plan is being completed now ready for a meeting at SSE on the 21st November.

What is clear from the plan for next year is that the region is currently very heavily focussed on alpine racing and one of the tasks for the next committee will be to consider what can be done to develop other areas of the sport. With such a small committee working on a voluntary basis it is unreasonable to expect the existing committee to take on additional activities so anything that is done will require additional participation.

Whatever additional things we take on I will be looking to increase the involvement of the clubs in regional decisions anyway. This is something I wanted to do last year but was unsuccessful. I will be writing to all the clubs who are affiliated to the region to ask for a nominated representative.

On to our main activity, the racing. The summer series was very well supported again this year and I think all the races ran pretty smoothly considering the numbers of racers we are dealing with. A big change this year was the availability of online timing for all the races and also online results for the head to heads so as ever, many thanks to Pete Calvert for sorting that out. The only downside for me is the lack of the excitement and energy that the club team races bring to the end of the day which is a view I think is shared by many across the region and we have come up with some ideas to resurrect club team races for next year.

I must thank all those who helped make the series such a success including all the volunteers who helped throughout the series (and particularly the Calverts and Speeds), the parents who did all the driving and especially Salomon, Ski Bitz and Ski Bartletts for their support throughout the year and at the end of season prizegiving.

The region also ran its second Club National at Southampton this year. We had an earlier date this year which helped with numbers and following a Level 1 Officials course arranged by Mary we had easily enough people to cover the minor official duties. Mary has also organised a Level 2 course to be held here in Aldershot in a couple of weekends time so hopefully next year we can be self-sufficient as a region in terms of race officials. Once again the race could not have taken place without the enthusiasm and hard work of Angela and Matt Williams so we are very grateful to them for making the race a success. Thanks must also go to Nigel Greenfield from Ski Bitz for his support of the event.

At the inter region in Pendle we were able to field a team although unfortunately it consisted of only Aldershot racers. One thing I am really keen on is seeing more racers from clubs across the region taking part in seeded races at national level. It is not a massive jump from regional level racing but it is really important that national races get more support and the clubs really need to push their athletes to take that next step. The Snowsport South team was quite a young team but did really well eventually finishing third. At the tri region which was held just a couple of weeks ago the Snowsport South A team was unlucky not to win the final for the second year running.

The plans for next year are pretty solid as they need to be for the meeting on the 21st. We are looking at another 6 race summer series which we will be discussing in more detail shortly and I hope this year to be able to run a skier cross event at Bracknell with the help of the Berkshire Club. We are also in discussion with the DSUK team about creating the opportunity for some of the Special Olympic athletes to take part in our races. On the training side we do not have any formal training courses defined although we are open to suggestions but we are planning a combined regional training / officials training session in March.

7. Proposed changes to the Constitution as posted on website 3.11.2015

Nigel Vincent outlined the proposed changes to the constitution which had been presented on the website in advance of the meeting. There was no disagreement from those present and the changes were accepted. (Proposed: Nigel Vincent, Seconded Tony Smith)

8. Summer Race Series Format: Nigel Vincent

Nigel Vincent presented the committee's proposed changes to the format of the summer race series for 2016. These were:

- a) Re-Introduce the Open championship as a club race. (Continue to do the U12 and U16 championships by the current Snowsport England method using times from the individual runs.) There will be a maximum of two teams per club with 4 racers per team. Each racer must decide whether to be in Club or Fun teams (as per L&SERSA).
- b) Allow time for "Group A" racers to inspect the head-to-head course. This will be a bunny run immediately followed by their first round of head-to-heads
- c) Each club to nominate a club representative for each race and let the race organisers know who it is. That person will be responsible for arranging assistance to the younger racers and the novice racers, and for encouraging parents to think about the tiredness and capability of the competitors. Club reps will be responsible for making sure that the race secretary is notified of racers for the fun teams, club teams and those from "Group A" wishing to have a bunny run before the start of the head-to-head races. The club representative also needs to be aware of any situation where a racer has not attained a time in their first two individual runs and arrange a bunny run for the third run. In theory, they are also the individual who collects the bibs at the start of the day. In practice this can be done by anyone but the Club rep should take responsibility for their club's bibs being handed out in order to stop lots of parents arriving at the race office to collect them.

The proposals were discussed and the attendees were generally in favour of them: it was agreed that these proposed changes would be circulated to the regional clubs for their comments. Feedback was requested by the end of December 2015.

9. Election of new committee

The existing committee had all expressed their willingness to stand for re-election. No other nominations had been received. The executive officers were re-elected as a block. (Proposed by Matt Williams, Seconded by John Kovacs) Matt Williams was re-elected as a SASA rep as well as lead for the regional Club National race. (In discussion it was agreed that, if the SASA committee nominated someone else

who was more active in regional racing to fulfil the role of SASA club rep, they could be co-opted onto the committee.) Tony Smith was elected as a rep for Aldershot Seniors. Brian Davies asked that Berkshire Race Squad, Snowtrax and Bowles also send representatives to the committee meetings.

Executive Officers	
Chairman	Brian Davies – willing to stand
Vice Chairman	David Ross – willing to stand
Treasurer	Nigel Vincent – willing to stand
Technical Officer	Peter Calvert – willing to stand
Secretary	Mary Calvert – willing to stand
Non-Executive Posts	Matt Williams – willing to stand

10. Any other business

a) Report on Snowsport England AGM: Mary Calvert

Mary Calvert had attended the Snowsport England AGM on 3 October 2015. Reports had been presented by the CEO (Tim Fawke), Chairman (Jeremy Eaton) and Finance Director (Bryan Thomas) and the Board of Directors were all voted in. A copy of the 2014 Annual Review was circulated to the AGM (it is also available on line via the SSE website)..

Under AOB, the problems encountered by members trying to register using the online system (for both membership renewal and AGM voting) were raised. It was recognised that there had been some issues but these were being addressed. Anyone still having problems should contact the SSE office.

The status of the Artificial Slope Squad was also raised. Jeremy Eaton and Tania Barton responded and said that this was being reviewed. The squad would continue to exist but the selection criteria and structure of the squad were being reviewed. JE said that he would be sending an update to all interested parties within 2 weeks.

b) Summer Race Series Dates

The race dates for the 2016 summer races are still provisional. The dates being considered at the moment are:

Sunday 17 April – Aldershot
Sat/Sun 14/15 May – no venue yet (Bowles?) *see post meeting note at end*
Saturday 28 May - Snowtrax
Saturday 4 June - Southampton
Sunday 5 June - Southampton (Club National)
17 or 18 September - Southampton TBA
Saturday 8 October Snowtrax

c) **Nigel Greenfield** offered to provide sponsorship for the Club National from Ski Bitz. He also offered to course set for the event.

d) **Linda Miller** thanked everyone who had supported the Leon Sadler Skier Cross event at Bracknell last summer. The evening had been a great success.

The meeting was closed.

***Post meeting note: The Bowles race is likely to take place over the weekend of 27/28 August – not 14/15 May.**

Appendix

Snowsport South Treasurers Report to AGM – 10th November 2015

2014/2015 has been a successful year for Snowsport South both on and off the slope. We have successfully provided the six rounds of the Summer Series, plus a Club National and supported the Old Guys Rule Race. Entries for the Summer Series races continue to grow and we have invested in the setup fees for bespoke medals which have been well received.

1.1 Financial Summary

- ✎ Financial Accounts run from 1st October 2014 through to 30th September 2015
- ✎ Opening Balance was £11,632.29
 - Total Inflows: £21,389.94 (including transfers)
 - Total Outflows: £17,909.95 (including transfers)
 - Net Total: £3,479.99
- ✎ Closing Balance: £15,112.28

- ✎ **Race Fees:** Income from race fees this year was **£10,379.32** – the difference between takings and fees charged are the PayPal fees.
- ✎ **Snowsport England Grant:** **£664.29**
- ✎ **Miscellaneous Income:** **£152.84** – This is the cash paid in by Mary Calvert – primarily from race entries less sundry expenses.
- ✎ **Club National:** The Club National venture produced a net profit of **£542.32**. This event was extremely well supported this year and the committee anticipate running an event again next year. To this end, the committee is investing in a Level 2 Race Officials Course (at a cost of £400).
- ✎ **Equipment:** Equipment purchased this year included high visibility jackets and a set of dual wireless microphones. Total outgoings were **£243.24**.
- ✎ **Merchandise:** T-Shirts for the Tri-Regions cost the region **£243**.
- ✎ **Miscellaneous Outgoings:** **£114.94** – this included flowers for Mary and refreshments at Snowtrax (Round 1).
- ✎ **Prizes and Trophies:** **£2,578.35** - This covered medals for all competitions, At the end of the reporting period, only the Fastest Female prize has been paid. It includes the Club National trophies and the investment into the bespoke medal setup.
- ✎ **Slope Hire:** **£5,079.25** – This included the final round for last year but not the final round for this year (which has been invoiced subsequently at £592) or the Tri Regions (£250)

In summary, the region remains in a sound financial position and it is assessed that the current holding is surplus to meet the needs of the region. The committee should consider how to invest the finds for the benefit of the members.

1.2 Snowsport South Account Summary

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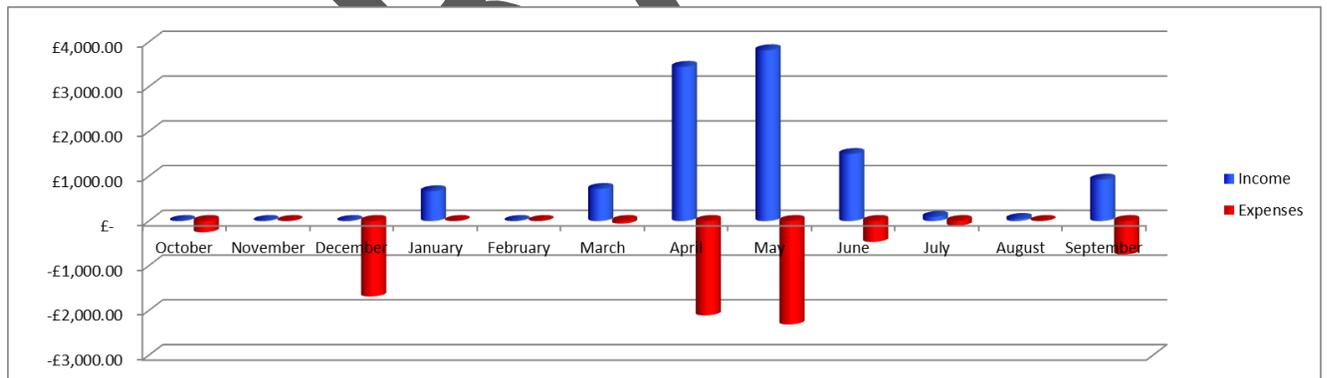
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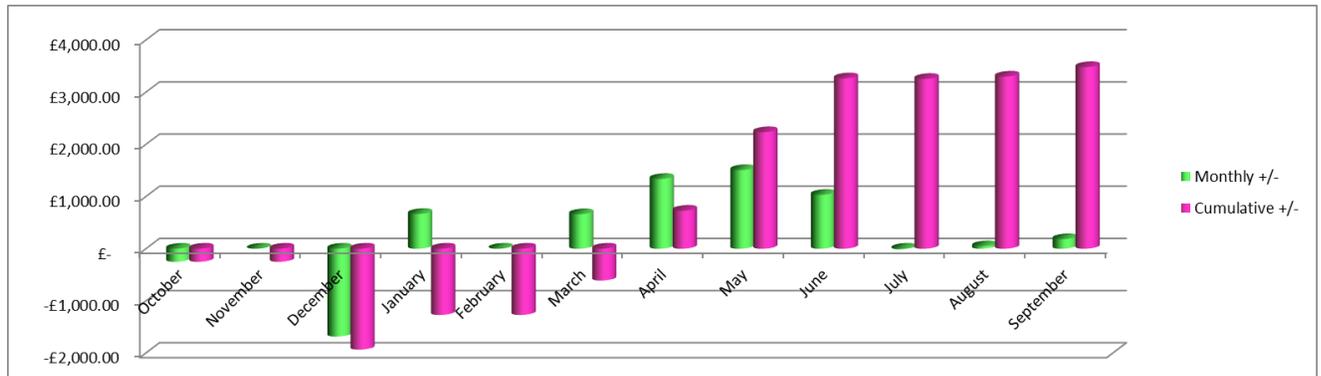
INCOME	
Miscellaneous Incoming	£152.84
Race Fees	£10,379.32
Snowsport England Grant	£664.29
Total Income	£11,196.45

EXPENSES	
Club National	£542.32
Equipment	-£243.24
Merchandise	-£243.00
Miscellaneous Outgoings	-£114.94
Slope Hire	-£5,079.25
Trophies	-£2,578.35
Total Expenses	-£7,716.46

Overall Total **£3,479.99**

1.3 Snowsport South Income/Expense by Month





1.4 Bank Account Details

The bank details are:

- ✍ Bank Provider: Lloyds
- ✍ Branch: Reading
- ✍ Sort Code: 30-96-96
- ✍ Account Type: Treasurer's Account
- ✍ Account Number: 04451497

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