

Bromley Race Club AGM Minutes

Saturday 30th May 2026 4pm

Chatham Ski slope

In Attendance: Rachel Everest, Terry Everest, Andy Jones, Jane Kelly, Richard Parkin, Laura Wigley, Justin Townsend, Sarah Townsend, Catherine Baker, Simon Baker, Oliver Absalom.

Apologies for Absence:

JZ passes on his apologies for not being able to attend today due to family commitments.

Approval of last year's 2025 AGM Minutes 1st AJ 2nd TE

Chairperson report: - AJ

Training:

The Winter months have seen a number of new faces joining Bromley Ski Race Club at our training sessions which has meant a good level of trials and eventual participation. An increase in uptake of skiing in schools has reflected in additional membership as well. Whilst getting coaches has proven difficult at times, our coaching delivery has been strong across all levels, from grassroots to advanced racers. We have seen continued growth in junior participation and development and there has been continued collaboration between age groups, fostering a cohesive club environment and a sharing of practical race experience. The co-location training schedule (Brentwood / Chatham) was needed anyway due to Winter restrictions at Chatham slope works well, giving racers practical experience of different slopes.

Racing:

Bromley racers have been travelling far and wide expanding their overall experience at different levels in the sport, competing well in UK Club Nationals and GBR series events. We are also currently in full swing of the LSERSA summer series, from which there have been a decent hoard of medals, podiums, trophies and team results - well done to all the racers. Amongst that we have also had racers competing for their schools in the Kent

Schools Championships and have London Schools Championships coming up and there has been a strong showing from Bromley racers in these competitions. A number of athletes achieved important personal milestones during the season, including first podium finishes, improvements in national rankings, and selection for elite training squads, contributing positively to the wider snow sports community and inspiring other members. Across all competitions and events, Bromley athletes consistently demonstrated professionalism, sportsmanship, and pride in representing the club. The supportive and inclusive culture within Bromley Ski Race Club remains one of our greatest strengths and continues to play a key role in athlete development and club success.

Our junior athletes (U10 – U14) are continuing to make excellent progress throughout the season, achieving several podium finishes in school and regional races against strong representation from other clubs. The club is being well represented at inter-club competitions, with multiple top-flight results.

The youth section (U16 – U18) has delivered consistently strong performances across national race series, with athletes qualifying for and competing at a the top level, representing Bromley with distinction.

Our Senior athletes continued to demonstrate the strength and depth of Bromley's high-performance through competing at Club Nationals and further afield. It has been encouraging to see athletes maintaining progression while successfully balancing personal, and racing commitments alongside work and other responsibilities.

While not under the banner of Bromley Race Club it is worth noting that some of our racers have taken to competitions on the snow having participated in competitions such as the English, British, Welsh and multiple Schools Alpine Championships as well as National representation in other competitions. As a Club, we encourage our racers to attend these events if they can - they are a step up from the regional races and offer challenging courses, different terrain, new slopes and stiff

competition from different sets of competitors allowing our racers not only to compete in, but also learn from, the different environments.

Beyond Racing

As our IT technician, Phoebe has been working on necessary additions to the website and maintaining our social media - a big thank you to Phoebe for having taken this on, it has made a real difference in a social age.

As well as doing this role, Phoebe has been a fantastic athlete's representative, helping others at races and training – not only on their skiing, but also their resilience, race knowledge, tactics and teamwork on the slope, always done with a smile.

We look forward to welcoming this year's athlete representatives and encourage their feedback and openness on behalf of the athletes.

SnowSport England:

Over the past year, changes to the Snowsport England membership structure have affected club operations. SSE's intention behind these updates was to modernise and streamline participation nationally. While the transition has not been without difficulty, the committee has worked proactively to enact the changes while supporting families through the transition, providing guidance and stepbystep assistance.

The new membership system has required additional initial setup and policing time with oversight to correct registrations and eligibility for competition, reporting quarterly back to SSE, ensuring compliance.

Overall, our internal processes have been proven to be sound, tweaked where necessary, and we feel that the Club has remained operationally strong. There will be continued adaptation to Snowsport England systems with the aim of reducing any remaining administrative friction.

Coaching Team & Committee

I would like to extend sincere thanks to:

- Firstly, to our athletes for putting in the hard work needed to compete at their chosen levels
- Our fantastic coaches for their perseverance, dedication and expertise
- Committee members for their ongoing commitment, particularly in navigating administrative challenges this year and for getting the branded marquee in place
- Specific thanks to:
 - Rachel for organising new members, renewals and navigating issues around SSE
 - Terry for organising our training sessions and equipment as well as juggling coaches, parents, SSE and for his generosity and hard work in reconfiguring storage in the Club's container unit by adding shelves to hold the gates. We are now able to make a much better use of the space we have there
 - Jane for her steadfast support in her CWO role and for keeping the Club policies, coaching documentation etc all in-check and up to date and for marshalling the upcoming SSE CWO audit
 - Richard for ensuring that our books are kept balanced, ensuring that payments are made and for his practical view on the financial impact of SSE's revised membership fees and structures creating financial implications for families, potentially impacting accessibility and participation
 - Phoebe for keeping us social and enhancing our website
 - The rest of the committee for the support that you have given the Club
 - Thank you to those who have stepped down this year for the contributions that you have made
- A big thank you to parents for their support and engagement and equally importantly, giving your time at races. Without this, our teams would not be able to race. We have a strong parental volunteering ethos at Bromley and would actively encourage newer member parents to put themselves forward for race roles like gate judging and start judging – roles are not hugely technical or burdensome, even though they may look it to an outsider

Closing Remarks

Despite a more challenging administrative landscape, Bromley Ski Race Club has had a successful year, driven by the dedication of its athletes, coaches, committee and community and the club remains well-positioned to build upon this success in the coming season.

Membership and Secretary Updates – RE

We currently have 48 paid up Bromley Members and 56 affiliated SSE memberships, these include some parents who have taken up SSE insurance and Simon Everitt who has affiliated with us as a coach.

We have seen a slight increase in membership uptake this year but also naturally lost a few as well. Running the Bromley membership and SSE membership together has been beneficial since November. Having both renewed together ensures everyone is insured and Bromley membership uptake is done in a similar time frame making it much easier to manage. The new SSE Affiliation process in November seemed to be quite straightforward once we had got our heads around what was needed and when all the information we had from SSE was correct.

The JotForm's are still being updated each year, and we are trying to keep it quick and as simple as possible for everyone to fill out.

Email enquiries have slowed down a little this year. Most people find us from our website and social media. Our online presence is very important as we don't have a feeder slope. We are up against some big clubs who have their own slope, so we must keep finding other ways to help us gain members. We have lost our noticeboard at Chatham, apparently it was put in a skip, not confirmed, but no one knows where the board is. We are noticeably low on Male Minis in the regional races this year and moving forward, so any word of mouth through schools is always appreciated. Kent, London and Surrey schools are always a good opportunity to encourage trial sessions and potentially gain new members.

It would be good to see more of our members take part in our regional races. School races are always a great place to start but it would be great to encourage a bigger Bromley presence at our regional and National level races in the future.

Child Welfare Officer Report - JK

We have been notified that the club's Safeguarding Support Visit will take place virtually on 10 July. The visit is intended to help organisations embed safeguarding and provide a safe environment. I am currently working through the self-assessment questionnaire, which has to be completed in advance of the visit, and should provide evidence the club is meeting the required safeguarding standards. This is an excellent opportunity for the club to review our processes and policies. I'll keep the committee informed of progress and will reach out to you should any changes be necessary in advance of the visit or to address any actions or recommendations following the visit.

As a reminder, we want all those who ski with the club to do so in a fun, safe and positive environment. My role as welfare officer is to support the club in achieving this aim and be a first point of contact for concerns. However, we are all responsible for safeguarding and the protection of children. Any matters raised are/will be treated as confidential, and the Snowsport England safeguarding lead consulted if necessary.

We have a dedicated safeguarding page on our website and I encourage all members to familiarise themselves with its content.

The Committee have re-approved the Digital Communications Policy and Photographic Policy prior to the AGM, with no future changes currently.

JK proposed the Club has an A4 Safeguarding Poster to be laminated and displayed at each training session, so that everyone attending is aware of the information they need if they wish to access it. JK to look into this.

Treasurer Report – RP Please see separate attachment for the Treasurers Report

RP mentioned that due to the increase in slope fees and coaching fees, it would be beneficial for the club in terms of covering costs, to increase its training fee to £25 per session and proposes from the beginning of June. This is also in line with LSERSA having to increase their training cost to the same amount. RE to advise members before next training session.

Training sessions and coaches – TE

We are trying to run as many sessions as possible, please support our Club by attending as many as you can, both at Chatham and Brentwood. It was great to see higher numbers during the last winter training sessions at Brentwood.

JT mentioned that Timing sessions at LSERSA do attract more numbers to the session and suggested we could start using the timing equipment more, with a possible suggestion of one session a month, with the idea that himself and any other volunteers to get involved in setting up and help use the timing equipment. The more parents that can get involved means the more chances we can use this equipment to its advantage.

Ray Brown has officially stepped down as a coach. He did mention he may update his certificates, but we are yet to hear.

We have also had Chris step back more this year due to his own and family commitments. He can only help every now and then.

We have taken on Ryan Bunton to coach whenever he can, we know the younger racers look up to Ryan from all his racing success. It was suggested whether Ryan could be a main coach but unfortunately, he is unable to commit more at this time.

Simon Everitt has also been helping coach as much as possible and has stepped in last minute on quite a few occasions and will continue to help us whenever he can.

Unfortunately, Jim had a health set back earlier in the year and although he has made great progress in his health, he is being more careful about how much coaching he does. We are thankful for whatever he can do for us in the coming months. He is due to have major surgery soon so he will be out of action for a few months after.

We will be asking Dan Curtis from Dynamic Snowsports whether he can coach again at Brentwood during the winter, we had some great feedback last year. JT mentioned he was very well regarded by racers. Depending on numbers and uptake on training at Brentwood, we will need a second coach, and this will depend on Jim's recovery too.

We will continue to do our best at securing coaches.

Athletes Rep Update

Phoebe has run as Athletes Rep for the past year and has done an amazing job, thank you. She has officially stepped down.

Bromley Race Club always offers the Athletes Rep position to the newly turned U18 racers who have been involved in racing events. This year, Mathilda and Oscar have agreed to take on the role. 1st LW, 2nd TE. Thank you to them both for writing some words to the committee as to why you both feel you would like the role.

Official Step down of committee members Zoe O'Farrell and Laura Wigley. (1st TE 2nd RE) Thank you both for your time and commitment to support the committee and club.

Proposal and re-election of Chairperson, Andy Jones (1st TE 2nd JK)

Proposal and re-election of Secretary/membership, Rachel / Terry Everest (1st AJ 2nd JK)

Proposal and re- election of Child Welfare Officer, Jane Kelly (1st RE 2nd RP)

Proposal and re-election of Treasurer, Richard Parkin, (1st JK 2nd AJ)

Proposal and re-election of committee member, Jack Zhang. (1st RE 2nd TE)

AOB

TE mentioned that we are looking into running one training session in August. This is due to having the All-England Championship and the LSERSA Race 4 on the last two weekends in August. We proposed to run a session on 15th August. RE to contact the slope about availability and possibly put a poll out to members to gauge numbers.

TE and RE have decided to step down as Secretary/ membership role at next years AGM. They are notifying the committee now, so it gives the club a year to seek someone to take their place. The role can easily be re-structured in terms of what the role includes. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please speak to Rachel or Terry or any committee member who would be happy to go through questions with you. This would be the ideal time to get as much information about the role, ready for the changeover next year.

JK's role of Child Welfare Officer has also nearly run her recommended 9 years, as of 2028. She will also be looking for someone to train up and take over her role. Again, this is a perfect time to ask questions and gain as much information and support if you are interested in taking on this role.