



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES OF THE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GBR ALPINE TD FORUM HELD AT 11AM,
SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2007 AT THE QUALITY HOTEL, EDINBURGH

4. Matters Arising from Nov 06 Minutes

4.3 – It was agreed that if any sanctions were applied then the SSGB office would let race organisers know.

4.6 – BASS standards for BJCC entry were accepted by The Alpine Executive.

4.7 – TD forum agreed that they saw no significant advantage in mixed gender events and therefore agreed that the current system of racing male and female, separately, should stand.

4.9 – Ewen Maclean has regrettably withdrawn his application to be a FIS TD due to time constraints. Mark Berry is the sole British FIS TD candidate now.

4.9.1 – LY to ask SSGB if funding is available to assist FIS TD candidates?

Action LY to discuss with MS

4.12 – Action on separate TD exam for Artificial is partially outstanding.

Post meeting note: ML agreed Artificial exam format. Action completed.

4.14 – Action will be completed by September 07. AW requires a list of 2006/7 officials for races to add to the snow officials database. SB/LY/PT to provide. LY thanked AW for his work so far.

Action AW/SB/PT/LY

4.17 – 4.20 Minor amendments to BCR –Actions completed.

4.21 – LY has now received Eddie Guest's ski racing CV. MR offered to be mentor to Eddie until he is a qualified GBR TD. All agreed that Eddie was a suitable candidate and he was accepted as an Aspirant GBR TD.

LY to add Eddie to list of aspirant TDs

6.1 – The forum discussed PH's concerns that the rule requiring all competitors to be registered in order to compete in a calendar event was, on occasions, disregarded. Much discussion followed and it was noted that BCR rule 201.1.1 states that if the TD forum approves, races which include non registered racers can take place. At present Schoolgirls/Schoolboys and Forces races all include non registered racers. The BCR rules allowed for a certain element of flexibility so as not to discourage people from taking part. IR pointed out that the same rule was not in the BArtCR but should be added by DJM. All agreed that the system would remain as it is.

Action DJM to amend BArtCR

6.1.2 – Action complete for 06/07 season. PH to send new costs to SSGB for the end of this year and annually. LY to contact Mark Simmers to ensure that the funds received from the HNGBs are 'ring fenced' to subsidise the BASS seeding system.

Action PH/LY

6.2.2 – Action outstanding. No proposal made regarding the registration fees of BArtsSS but DJM will work on this.

Action DJM

7.1 – Action was investigated and ML agreed to ensure that FIS are aware that ‘special quotas’ are not acceptable.

Action ML

7.2 – Action outstanding but will be reviewed after the next FIS meeting in Portoroz. JH asked that if combi events were not included in the BCR then are we covered by insurance? LY said that for race organisers running combi events, individual insurers would need to be consulted (SSGB).

Action IC/JS to draft combi guidelines for November 07

8.5 – Seeding – IR proposed that indoor races are integrated into BArtSS for seeding and the rules run with the BArtCR. All agreed.

Action IR and DJM to integrate Indoor seeding

8.6 - Homologation – SB proposed homologation for each individual indoor slope rather than a set of rules for all slopes (as the conditions can vary). IR stated that the English indoor venues were already homologated.

Action IR to get copy of homologation to MR to assess Braehead

8.7 – It was hoped that Chiefs of Race and Race Secretaries would attend at the November update for TDs and race officials. It was felt that organised activity on the Sunday may generate more attendance. JS proposed that perhaps we could incorporate a Child Protection course too.

Action LY/JS/SB to make a proposal (in conjunction with Sid James) for the symposium but to circulate proposals before the meeting.

11.4 – All agreed to maintain the difference between the BCR Children VD for Slalom (160m) and the ICR VD for Children 1 Slalom (120m). This means that children 1, 2 and Juniors may race the same courses at BASS races.

12.4 – Action completed. SB proposed that it should be approved by the board for legal ratification.

Action LY to pass athlete declaration to SSGB board

5. Reports from Delegates – Please refer to separate individual reports

BARSC – SB

CSWSA – RE

Snowsport England – DGM

Snowsport Wales – DP

Snowsport Scotland – FS

Snowsport GB –MR

BJCC – JH

6. Seeding and Registration

6.1 – Report by the BASS seeder

PH reported that it was very important for British FIS races that the FIS TD report and the FIS timing reports are sent to FIS, immediately on completion of races. This is to allow FIS seeding. There had been delays in getting the reports to FIS for the British Land Championships and also the English Championships. This was attributed to TD error and ML commented that in future if there are any TD errors again then he would like to know so that he can raise the issues with FIS at the FIS TD meetings.

LY added that results of British FIS races need to be passed to PH so that they can be BASS seeded (in addition to FIS seeding) as soon as possible after the races.

6.2 – DJM reported that there is new software available for seeding and that there are training guides that he will be completing.

7. FIS Matters – Report by ML

7.1 – ML reported that next year the FIS meeting will be in Cape Town, South Africa after which the new rule book will be published around October 2008. The book and other FIS documents will be available in PDF and word format so that they can be easily accessed anywhere.

FIS races – a terrible season with many race cancellations and date changes with a few races being held back to back.

Race Entries – ML also reported that there had been an incident of race entry manipulation to attempt to improve the penalty. This resulted in the race being made void due to unofficial race entry. ML stressed the need, therefore, that all FIS race entries must come from an authorized person within the National Federations.

7.3 – Skiercross. LY stated that it had been minuted at a FIS TD meeting that the best people to TD a skiercross event are alpine TDs. Therefore, if GBR TDs asked to TD skiercross, they can do so at their own discretion. A good set of rules is available on the FIS website under the “freestyle” ICR Section 6.

8. British TD Matters

8.2 – Please see point 4.21 also

Logan Tannock had recently undertaken his practical and verbal examination at the SSE Championships and SB read her assessment of LT’s performance. SB gave her recommendation for LT to become a fully qualified GBR TD (speed & technical). LY, as his mentor of 2 years, gave LT his full backing and agreement was unanimous. All present congratulated Logan! LT gave his thanks to the TD forum for their help and support and noted that although there had been a few ‘interesting’ moments at PSV, he was thoroughly looking forward to fulfilling his new role.

Action: LY to add LT to TD list and forward his license

8.3 – Sanction update

There were no sanctions applied this season.

8.4 – Child Protection / Disclosures

JS reported that there are minor updates for the SSGB policy. It was also added that a CP officer should have been appointed at the British Senior Championships. MR was not aware that this was a requirement for seniors. MR agreed to fulfill the role herself, in future, if there were no objections (because of her professional back ground). The roles of the CP officer would be to ensure that staff are vetted and trained in CP issues and also to carry out risk/ health and safety assessments.

8.5 – GS skis in SG races

After a discussion it was agreed that Children 1 may use GS skis in SG races and that Children 2 must use SG skis. This brings the BCR into line with current FIS equipment regulations. The

BCR is to be updated to reflect the above change and a communication must be made as soon as possible to the Member Groups as the rule will apply with immediate effect.

**Action DJM to update BCR
SSGB to inform Member Groups as soon as possible**

8.6 – Seeding panel for seeding anomalies if required during the season.

Action LY to forma panel when needed

8.8 – Helmets for all disciplines

No major issues were raised. The new rules for wearing helmets, this season, have been implemented without problem.

8.9 – BASS seed minimums for BJCC

JH commented that the minimum standards were set to encourage athletes to do a race or races before the BJCC. JH stated that the criteria minimums worked well in 07 and should remain (as agreed by the Alpine Executive) for 08. This was generally agreed although it was commented that it may make entry difficult for first season Children 1 when there are limited races.

10. ICR Update

There will be a new ICR Book published, post Cape Town, around October next year. However for this year it is likely there will be precisions sent out.

11. BCR update

It was agreed that there will be a subcommittee to run BCR amendments. The committee will be – IJ/RD/SB/DJM (DJM to chair). The committee will send out an email for proposals for any changes, collate the replies and present them for ratification at the November meeting. If accepted they will then be published as an amendment (precision) similar to the ICR.

Action IJ/RD/SB/DJM

12. Terms of Reference of the TD forum

Copies of the Draft TD Forum TORs were issued to everyone to be read over and comment for ratification in November 07.

Action: All to comment to LY

13. Dates of the next meetings

1. Sunday 4th November 2007, Bovington, Dorset (with the kind permission of Lt Col R James).
2. Saturday 10th May 2008, location TBC

LY closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.