



**CHAIRMAN'S NOTES OF THE BRITISH TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT HILTON  
HOTEL, EDINBURGH AIRPORT 16 NOV 08**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Chairman thanked all TDs, event organisers and officials for their hard work over the past season and wished TDs, organisers and officials success in the coming season.

**ITEM 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

4. The minutes of the last meeting on 10 May 08 were approved.

**ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING**

5. **3.0.** The Chairman had confirmed, verbally, with Mark Simmers that funding for software etc for both seeding systems would be made available when required. Actioned. Closed.

8. **9.2 TD Assignments.** Actioned. Closed

9. **5.3 Snowsport England.**

- a. **Bibs/Inspection.** Actioned. Closed
- b. **Inspection Method.** Actioned. Closed

10. **5.5 Snowsport Scotland (SSSc).**

- a. TD Forum events would not, in future, be programmed for the same weekend each year. The Seminar should, if possible, avoid Remembrance Sunday. Ongoing
- b.
  - (1). The 08 Seminar had been well attended and the presence of a good number of coaches was very welcome. Nevertheless, travel costs remained an issue at any venue. The suggestion to hold 2 Seminars per year was considered unworkable and undesirable.
  - (2). Airport-based meetings were very desirable in the absence of a low cost alternative to try to maximise attendance each year. The content of the Seminar should be reviewed to rebalance towards British events rather than FIS. Rather than adhere to a North:South alternation, venues should be agreed as far in advance as possible to enable attendees to benefit from the cheapest possible travel and accommodation options.
  - (3). It was agreed that the content of the Seminar Update should have a British bias and that Seminar/meeting venues should be announced as far in advance as possible.
- c. Whilst it was agreed that "suspension" was a valid move in connection with TDs failing to attend updates, it was agreed that the term "made inactive" was less

judgemental.

11. **5.7 British Children's Championships.** Actioned. Closed

12. **5.8 British Sen/Jun Championships.** Actioned. Closed

13. **6.1 BASS.**

a. Payment for registration would be made only for those racers who actually raced. Renewal dates for England and Scotland had been aligned, as November, and Wales was considering following suit. Fees had not yet been aligned.

b. The Athlete's Declaration, in use in Scotland, now had a slightly different wording to meet Scottish law needs. Actioned. Closed.

14. **7.2 Children's Issues.** At the Chairman's (LY) proposal, the Alpine Executive had agreed to propose to the SSGB Board, the full endorsement of minis/bairns races within the GB structure. A Minis Sub Committee (including 3 TDs) had been established to examine minis/bairns racing as a whole. The Committee hoped to report in Dec 08 with the idea of implementing basic recommendations for the BARSC Championships 09

15. **7.4 Limited FIS Licences.** The Alpine Exec was issuing guidance to the SSGB office staff to ensure licences are issued to competent athletes.

16. **8.5 British Indoor Events Seeding.** The Working Group's recommendations are at para 39 below. All the recommendations were accepted and were to be incorporated in the BACR.

17. **8.7 Assessment of Candidate TDs.** The FIS TD Assessment Guide had been modified for GB purposes, by SB, and was circulated. It was agreed that the Guide should be adopted and included in the ICR/BACR in due course. See attached guide.

18. **8.10 TD Corporate Kit.** It had not proved possible to fund the provision of equipment from the TD Forum Fund. The Chairman (LY), however, had been in touch with Trespass who was able to offer jackets at an advantageous price. Two examples were displayed and TDs were invited to indicate if they wished to purchase. It was suggested that the provision of a branded baseball cap and/or beanies should also be explored. In addition, LP highlighted a new Norwegian manufacturer keen to enter the British market and she would explore possibilities

#### **ITEM 6. SEEDING AND REGISTRATION**

19. The minimum penalty for BUDS was queried as 10 seemed not to recognise its National status. The Seeder agreed to review the position and report further in May 09

#### **ITEM 7. FIS MATTERS**

20. **7.1 and 7.2**

a. There was concern about the implications of the newly revised FIS Medical Guide which mandated preparations and resources that would prove problematic for some races such as those organised by Britain. The crucial section was Section 1 which related the preparations to the level and size of the event. It was agreed that ROCs should do the best they could in relation to the guide and should be able to demonstrate due diligence.

b. Risk Assessments, which should be living documents, would provide a valuable background to the measures that ROCs had in place. It should be recorded why an ROC had been unable to meet the provisions of Section 1 of the Medical Guide.

c. TDs were to assess Medical provision in relation to the Guide and report any

difficulties that had been encountered at events, for review at the May 09 meeting.

## **ITEM 8. BRITISH TD MATTERS**

**21. 8.1 Contact List.** To be circulated, by E mail, and changes notified to the Chairman (IR).

a. Several potential TDs were identified by CSWSA and Snowsport Scotland. There was a need to confirm the experience of the individuals against the BCR criteria and for the submission of CVs to the Chairman.

**22. 8.3 Sanctions Update.** Nil

**23. 8.4 Child Protection.** TD's were reminded to check their disclosures were in date (valid 3 years). The new FIS structure for Kombi races was welcomed but, unless points could be derived, there was concern over whether such races would be supported if included in a Calendar event. It was considered that Kombi races should be integrated in the performance pathway as a means to encouraging participation in Kombi races. The Chairman (IR) would take the proposal to the Alpine Exec.

**24. 8.5 ROC Insurance.**

a. A précis copy of the SSGB Policy was circulated (attached) and the full policy was on the SSGB website. It should be noted that there was no cover for personal accident, during an event, if the individual was not engaged on race-related duties (eg recreational skiing). It was confirmed that the policy also covered artificial surface events.

b. It was considered that, for British organised FIS events, ROCs should seek a contract in line with ICR Art 202.1.3

c. It was considered that, before accepting an event for the Calendar, the SSGB Office should seek confirmation that adequate insurance (ICR Art 212) had been arranged by an event's organisers. The Chairman (IR) was to liaise with the SSGB Office.

**25. 8.6 Assessment Process.** See Matters Arising para 17 above.

**26. 8.7 Selection of Deputy Chairman.** Peter Harris was elected.

**27. 8.8 TD Corporate Kit.** See Matters Arising para 18 above.

**28. 8.11 ROC Attendance at Updates.**

a. There was concern that key officials at major British races, including FIS races, needed to be conversant with current rules and safety issues and that they should attend the annual updates. This was particularly pertinent in relation to speed events.

b. It was considered that, as Calendar applications should list key officials, the SSGB Office staff should ensure that key officials were named and that the application should be routed through the relevant HNGB or MG before accepting an event for the Calendar.

c. Calendar applications should then be referred to the TD Forum Chairman for checking officials and the deconfliction of dates prior to acceptance. The Chairman should make efforts to encourage key officials to attend the annual update. In addition, the BCR wording should be reviewed to reflect the strengthened screening process.

d. It was agreed that:

(1). The Chairman would ask the SSGB Office staff to ensure that key

officials were named and that the application had HNGB or MG endorsement before accepting an event for the Calendar.

- (2). The Chairman would review applications, check for deconfliction of dates and make efforts to encourage key officials to attend the annual update.
- (3). The BCR wording should be reviewed to reflect the strengthened screening process.

**29. 8.12 Minis/Bairns Way Ahead.** See Matters Arising para 14 above.

**30. 8.13 TD Retirements.** The Forum noted, with regret, the retirement, as TDs, of Duncan Lonie, Ian Jones and Brian Hutchison. The Chairman (LY) would write to express the Forum's thanks.

#### **ITEM 9. BRITISH CALENDAR AND TD ASSIGNMENTS 08/09 SEASON**

**31. 9.1 LRSA Burns Night 29 Jan 09.** Paul Trayner assigned with Maree Rudd on standby.

**32. 9.2 Snow Calendar Assignments.** See attached.

#### **ITEM 10. ICR UPDATE**

**33.** New Edition 2008 is published. Also on FIS Website.

#### **ITEM 11. BCR UPDATE**

**34.** The Rules WG had done an excellent job of correlating ICR changes to the BCR/BACR. The following recommendations were accepted with the following observations:

- a. 801.1.3. Max 160m for all CH SL events
- b. 1003.1.5. BCR to remain unchanged pending clarity in the meaning of the ICR. The BCR was to give 12 months notice of a change in equipment regulations.
- c. 605. For BCR and BACR, forerunners to remain related to age of events participants. Forerunners to be of same age category as participants or above, unless invited by the Jury based on known performance of the forerunner.
- d. Single pole Slaloms. Await outcome of FIS trials.
- e. Delay Gates. For BACR, requirement for delay gates to remain a recommendation ("should").

#### **ITEM 12. DATE/VENUE OF NEXT 2 MEETINGS**

**35.** 9 May 09 – Birmingham Airport Premier Inn

**36.** 13/14/15 Nov 09 – Birmingham Airport Holiday Inn