

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
BRITISH TD FORUM MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2009



ATTENDEES

Ian Roberts (IR)	British TD	Chairman
Susie Berry (SB)	FIS/BRIT TD/BARSC	
Mark Berry (MB)	FIS/BRIT TD	
Tristan Cole (TC)	Candidate British TD	
Peter Harris (PHa)	British TD/Chair SSW	Meeting Secretary
Sian Harris (SH)	British TD	
Peter Heath (PHe)	BASS Seeder	
Jim Hewitt (JH)	Chief of BCC	
Maud Instone (MI)	British TD	
Richard Dawe (RD),	British TD	
Martin Leach (ML)	FIS/BRIT TD/Commissioner	
David Manns (DJM)	British TD/BARTS Seeder	
Derek Metters (DM)	British TD/SSE	
Maree Rudd (MR)	British TD/Chief BSJC	
Jenny Shute (JS)	CP SSGB	
Frank Staddle (FS)	British TD/SSS	
Logan Tannock (LT)	British TD/SSS	
Paul Trayner (PT)	British TD	
Martin Watson (MW)	Aspirant British TD	
Kev Webb (KW)	British TD	
Larry Young (LY)	British TD/CSWSA	

Apologies: Alan Hunt (AH), Alun Evans (AE), Alan West (AW), Ewen MacLean (EM), Ingrid Christophersen (IC), Lucy Pyle (LP), Richard (Sid) James (RJ), Richard Ellis (RE), Peter Willis (PW).

<u>INTRODUCTION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
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.	
<u>ITEM 1. PRESENT</u> As listed above.	
<u>ITEM 2. APOLOGIES</u> As listed above.	
<u>ITEM 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> The minutes of the last meeting 16 th November 2008 were approved.	
<u>ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING</u>	
<u>5.5 Snowsport Scotland (SSSc).</u> a. <u>Venues</u> . Actioned. Closed b. It was agreed that the content of the Seminar Update should have	Chairman

<p>a British bias and be geared more to the British level of attendee. ML requested that suggestions/issues be sent to him as a basis for discussion at the Seminar Update</p>	All
<p><u>6 Children's Issues.</u> At the former 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 had reported in Dec 08. Closed as a TD Forum action</p>	
<p><u>7.4 Limited FIS Licenses</u> The standard of racers issued with a Restricted FIS license continued to be a problem. The Chairman had raised the subject at the 3 Mar AlpEx Meeting and the Chair (RK) agreed to pursue with the SSGB office. However, see Item 5 below.</p>	
<p><u>8.5 British Indoor Events Seeding.</u> Actioned. Closed</p>	
<p><u>8.7 Assessment of Candidate TDs.</u> The FIS TD Assessment Guide had been agreed for adoption and inclusion in the BCR/BACR in due course. IR to review and issue for comment. Ongoing</p>	Chairman
<p><u>8.10 TD Corporate Kit.</u> Actioned. Closed</p>	
<p><u>8.2 Candidates and Aspirants.</u> Actioned. Closed</p>	
<p><u>8.4 Child Protection.</u> Actioned. Closed.</p>	
<p><u>8.5 ROC Insurance</u> Actioned. The Calendar application had been amended to reflect the requirement. Closed.</p>	
<p><u>8.10 TD Attendance at Update.</u> Ewen McLean still required validation due to the cancellation of Scots events in the 08/09 Season. May possibly want to qualify on artificial slopes only. IR will approach Ewen and clarify position.</p>	Chairman
<p><u>8.11 Calendar Applications and ROC Attendance at Seminar</u> Calendar application form amended and British Rules updated</p>	
<p><u>11. BCR Update</u> Single pole slaloms – JS reported no problems with single pole slalom event in Topolino. ML reported that Canada are citing injuries caused by the outside pole as a reason to go to single pole events. ML mandated to vote against any proposal to adopt single pole slaloms</p>	ML
<p><u>ITEM 5. MEMBER GROUP REPORTS</u></p>	
<p><u>5.1 BARSC</u> Chairman to canvass TDs for early season event – BUDS,</p>	

<p>BARSC and British Schoolgirls.</p> <p>The highlighted concerns over a possible causal link between binding settings and knee/lower leg injuries were noted. Whilst the responsibility for the selection and preparation of equipment lies with the racer, it was recognised that coaches could exert an influence. It was agreed that the Chairman should bring these concerns to the attention of the Alpine Exec with a view to heightening awareness amongst coaches.</p> <p>5.3 Snowsport England It was agreed that a minimum BASS point criterion of 400 points should be applied to FIS Restricted License applications. Chairman to raise with AlpEx</p> <p>5.4 Snowsport Scotland As a result of issues with over-subscription of British FIS races, ROCs were reminded that they needed to inform Dick Taplin of the quotas they wished to apply to the host nation of their event. Information should be provided prior to the FIS Autumn meetings – usually at the end of September / beginning of October. In addition, ROCs may wish to note that classifying events as National Junior Races (NJR) would enable them to restrict the foreign entry</p> <p>5.6 SSGB LY requested feedback that the Forum be given feedback from the SSGB Congress/AGM to be held on May 17th.</p> <p>5.8 British Jun/Sen Champs Entry criteria for races should be clearly stated on Entry Forms.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>FIS Race Organisers</p> <p>PHa/IR</p> <p>MR</p>
<p><u>ITEM 6. SEEDING AND REGISTRATION</u></p> <p>IR expressed the forum's thanks to PHe and DJM for their work on the seeding systems.</p>	
<p><u>6.1 BASS.</u></p> <p>It was agreed that electronic transmission of results packs was desirable. A guide would be produced of what was required and in what format.</p> <p>There was concern about the difficulty of calculating the penalty point for Junior races with very limited entry. PHe agreed to propose options for seeding races in these circumstances.</p> <p><u>6.2 BArtSS.</u></p> <p>It was agreed to ease the 2 venue criterion for a trial period</p> <p>It was agreed that the following indoor races could attract a zero penalty in 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Indoor Championships English Indoor Championships Scottish Indoor Championships <p>The seeding for subsequent years will be reviewed at the November TD forum.</p> <p><u>6.3 BUSC & BUDS Seeding</u></p> <p>Both BUSC and BUDS events have attracted adverse comment in the past due to their restricted entry field. Nevertheless, it was agreed that both events were of sufficient stature and organisational quality to warrant seeding. It was agreed that BUDS would attract a 5 point</p>	<p>DJM, PHe, IR</p> <p>PHe</p> <p>DM</p> <p>PHe, DJM</p>

<p>minimum penalty, which will be reviewed annually.</p>	
<p><u>ITEM 7. FIS MATTERS</u></p>	
<p><u>7.1 Report by GBR FIS Commissioner</u></p> <p>ML reported that CAN, AUS and GBR have proposed that active FIS TDs be visited during an assignment by an assessor to ensure TD training had been effective.</p> <p>SB requested that ML proposes to FIS that 602.2.3 and 602.2.4 are adhered to.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the TD appointed to the British Champs did not speak English, which made Jury communications extremely difficult. Concerns were also expressed about TDs appointed from the host resort as again they tended to make little contact with British team members.</p> <p>ML was asked to try to arrange that TDs for British FIS events should be able to communicate with the Jury in English and are appointed from outside the resort.</p> <p><u>7.2 On Line Homologation Documentation</u></p> <p>MB requested that Homologation Documents were made available on line for viewing prior to attending the race. ML reported that the FIS Course Committee are reviewing the options for digitising Homologation Documents and making them available on line.</p> <p>ML recommended TDs should ensure they review the Homologation Dossier that contains the full set of documentation.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>ML</p> <p>All</p>
<p><u>ITEM 8. BRITISH TD MATTERS</u></p>	
<p><u>8.1 Contact List.</u> Circulated and updated at the meeting. IR to liaise with TDs to update the record of each TD's qualifications.</p> <p><u>8.2 Candidates and Aspirants.</u></p> <p>Kev Webb had been successfully assessed during the season and was ratified as a TD for all surfaces, technical and speed events.</p> <p>Tristan Cole will be assigned to events in the 09/10 season with a view to qualification as a TD by May 2010.</p> <p>Martin Watson was unable to sit the artificial exam either in Dec 08 or at the May 09 Meeting. He will now take the exam on the 9th June in Cardiff supervised by PHa.</p> <p>BARSC proposed Ali Jubb as an aspirant TD. The Forum supported the nomination and MI agreed to mentor Ali</p> <p><u>8.3 Sanctions Update.</u></p> <p>The Chairman updated the forum on recent sanctions that had been issued.</p> <p><u>8.4 Child Protection.</u></p> <p>JS reported that all race officials will need to become registered with the ISA. A degree of discretion will need to be applied on the day to allow the appointment of 'casual' officials to fill roles.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>PHa</p> <p>Chairman/MI</p>

<p>All TDs should check out the CPSU site http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/cpsu/Resources/Video/Video_wda64996.html.</p> <p>MB asked if an existing BASI CRB check would apply to SSGB as BASI are affiliated. JS reported that currently this is not possible and SSGB will need to carry out a separate check.</p> <p><u>8.5 Assessment/Preparation of Aspirant & Candidate TDs.</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that both the British and Artificial TD exams had been updated.</p> <p>It was agreed that a guide for mentors and for aspirant & candidate TDs should be produced and a group of assessors be appointed from within the TD forum.</p> <p>BARSC asked that ROCs consider inviting Alex Taplin (who was keen to become an aspirant TD) to join their race team and to assign him challenging roles.</p> <p><u>8.6 Retirement of Alun Evans</u></p> <p>The Forum noted, with regret, the retirement, as a TD, of Alun Evans. The Chairman would write to express the Forum's thanks.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>ROCs</p> <p>Chairman</p>
<p><u>ITEM 9. BRITISH CALENDAR AND TD ASSIGNMENTS 09/10 SEASON</u></p>	
<p>The following assignments were made:</p> <p>British Artificial 26/27 Sep 09 (Pontypool) - Derek Metters</p> <p>Firpark 13 Jun 09 (Firpark) - Frank Staddle</p> <p>LSRA Extra Special Slalom 14 Jun 09 (Hillend) - Paul Trayner</p> <p>IR to circulate request for TDs for BUDS, Schoolgirls and BARSC races</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p><u>ITEM 10. ICR UPDATE</u></p>	
<p><u>10.1 Arts 201 & 601</u> It was agreed that the Alpine Executive should be requested to assume responsibility for approval of FIS event applications. Such application should be accompanied by an application to the British calendar to ensure that the necessary requirements were in place.</p> <p>SB proposed that, ideally, a chief of race should remain as such for a complete race series e.g. all speed events or all technical events. This was endorsed by the Forum.</p> <p>ML reported that marking of downhill courses (page 55 ICR) is to be reviewed by FIS.</p> <p>ML reported that course inspection rules will also be reviewed.</p> <p>It was agreed that ML should support Canada's proposals for SkierCross events.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>TDs</p> <p>ML</p>
<p><u>ITEM 11. BCR UPDATE</u></p>	
<p>11.1 Rule Changes - The Forum agreed that it would be at the discretion of the race organisers to allow single pole gates to be set for indoor snow events.</p>	<p>DJM</p>

<p>11.2 Medical Plan policy – The Forum agreed that the BCR and BACR should be amended to include the medical assessment form and guide to provisions required of event organisers.</p> <p>The changes would apply as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mandatory from 09/10 snow season</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Recommended for 09 artificial season – to be reviewed in Nov 09</p> <p>Other amendments to the BCR were approved as per DJM recommendations</p>	<p>DJM</p>
<p><u>ITEM 12. DATE/VENUE OF NEXT 3 MEETINGS</u></p>	
<p>12.1 FIS Update, Seminar & TD Forum 13, 14 & 15th November 09 Birmingham Airport Holiday Inn</p> <p>12.2 Saturday 15th May 2010 Venue TBC (North)</p> <p>12.3 Sunday FIS Update & TD forum 5, 6 & 7th November 2010 – Venue TBC</p>	<p>Chairman</p>