

**CHAIRMAN'S NOTES - TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT 15 NOVEMBER 2009**



INTRODUCTION	ACTION
The Chairman welcomed all attendees and thanked SB for her work coordinating arrangements for the meeting and the Update, and Richard Dawe for his invaluable assistance.	
<b>ITEM 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b> The minutes of the meeting 9 May 2009 were approved.	
<b>ITEM 4. MATTERS ARISING</b>	
<b>5.5 SEMINAR UPDATE</b> a. It was generally agreed that the increased GB bias of the update seminar of 14 November 2009 was successful and made the event more relevant to a greater number of attendees. b. MR suggested that through year training could take place and also syndicate group specialist training (eg artificial races), at the update. c. ML stated that the seminar update was FIS driven and hence had limited flexibility for alteration. d. IR asked that during the coming season colleagues record any occurrences which could be used as training scenarios in future updates. Details should be sent to the Chairman on an ad hoc basis whilst they were still fresh in the mind.	<p><b>Closed</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<b>7.4 LIMITED FIS LICENSES</b> The matter had been raised with the Alpine Exec and endorsed. The Chairman of Alpine Exec had stressed to the SSGB Office staff the need to exercise control of the issue of licenses. However, there had been no agreement on the suggested 400 point maximum and discussion was ongoing in the Alpine Exec. The Chairman asked all to monitor the situation during the coming season and report any instances of unsuitable recipients of FIS Licenses to him	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<b>ITEM 6.1</b> PHe been unable to derive a suitable solution to the problem of seeding limited entry Junior races. It was agreed that the seeding of such races should be dealt with by the BASS Seeder and colleagues on an ad hoc basis with the aim of maintaining seed point integrity.	<p><b>Closed</b></p>
<b>MEETING MAIN AGENDA</b>	
<b>5. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES</b> <b>5.1 BARSC</b> – IR reported that he had raised the subject of incorrect binding settings with the Alpine Exec. The concerns had been accepted and BASI (through Ross Green) were researching how best to heighten the awareness of coaches to their responsibilities. The Forum sanctioned the seeding of the British Schoolgirls Races for 2010, although races were run in team format. To be reviewed May 2010. <b>5.2 CSWSA</b> – RJ and RD invited competitors, clubs etc, to attend the Combined Services and RAF Championships, respectively, for training or experience. Both ran Downhill competitions. <b>5.3 SNOWSPORT ENGLAND</b> – DGM highlighted how vital sponsorship was to running the SSE races. He added that two National Junior Races would be added to the 2010 English Champs	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>

<p>programme.</p> <p><b>5.4 SNOWSPORT WALES</b> – PHa informed the Forum that Alun Evans had retired from ski race organising and he proposed a vote of thanks for his many years of good service. The Chairman had written to Alan after his retirement as a TD.</p> <p><b>5.5 SNOWSPORT SCOTLAND</b></p> <p><b>5.6 SNOWSPORT GB</b></p> <p><b>5.7 BRITISH CHILDREN’S CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> – RE had agreed to shadow JH for the 2010 Champs with a view to taking over as Chief of Championships on completion of the 2010 event. The Chairman would present this agreement to the Alpine Exec on 18 Nov 09.</p> <p><b>5.8 BRITISH SENIOR AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> – There had been recent successful discussion with the Resort.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>6. SEEDING AND REGISTRATION</b></p>	
<p><b>6.1 BASS SEEDERS REPORT</b></p> <p>a. RD had proposed a schematic for the electronic submission of British results packs. PHe had endorsed the proposal and it was agreed as the way ahead. There was a need to prepare a guide for TDs on how to process the results and to allow a transition period during which hard copy submission would also be allowed. RD agreed to produce a “click by click” guide to the electronic system.</p> <p>b. There was general discussion on the importance of timing and calculations and DJM reported that a Skipro training package was being formulated through SSE. TDs were asked by PHe to encourage race organisers to send results in skipro format to the seeders. FS agreed on behalf of SSS that the guide recently removed from the SSS website could be published on gbski.com</p> <p><b>6.2 BARTS REPORT</b> – see report.</p>	<p><b>PHe, DJM &amp; RD</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>7. FIS MATTERS</b></p>	
<p><b>7.1 REPORT BY GBR FIS COMMISSIONER-</b> ML stressed that a lack of facility with another FIS language was not a bar to progression to FIS TD Status. However, in reality, some knowledge of another FIS language would widen the scope of events to which the TD could be assigned. LY pointed out that 2 of the current 4 British FIS TDs were approaching the retirement zone and we could be down to one British FIS TD in a few years. There was a general feeling that other talent was out there but the TD Forum would need to be more pro-active in soliciting and encouraging suitable candidates from amongst the racing and coaching community. Action was required now to give time for recruitment and development.</p>	<p><b>All to seek out and encourage new candidates</b></p>
<p><b>8. BRITISH TD MATTERS</b></p>	
<p><b>8.1 TD CONTACT UPDATE</b> – The contact list was circulated and Chairman would update the master list</p> <p><b>8.2 CANDIDATES AND ASPIRANTS</b></p> <p>a. <b>Adoption of Julian Adams NZE TD</b> – The Chairman welcomed Julian to the Forum. To integrate him as quickly as possible into British racing, it was agreed that he should officiate during the coming season before formal endorsement as a British TD. Organisers were asked to use his skills where possible. Contact details are in the attached matrix.</p> <p>b. Plans were in place for Tris Cole to be assessed at the RAF Championships and examined at the English Alpine Champs.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>All organisers</b></p>

c. Ali Jubb remained an Aspirant having deferred examination due to pressures of study for professional and academic qualifications.  
 d. Plans were in place for RD to be examined for Speed qualification at the Inter Services Champs.

**8.3 Sanctions Update - Nil Reports.**

**8.4 Child Protection and Disclosures** – See attached report “CP Update Vetting and Barring”. Full details were still to be issued.

**8.5 TD ASSESSMENT**

a. IR had produced a draft assessment form and all agreed it was suitable. It was agreed that the form would be placed in the BCR/BACR.

b. The Chairman had yet to formulate a ‘Board of Examiners’. He would bring forward proposals to the May 2010 meeting

**8.6 CSWSA TD - Sid James** had proposed (see “Service TD Proposal” attached) training and assessment for serving military personnel, to become highly qualified TDs, for use solely at the armed services events. The difficult position of the armed services was recognised but there was a need to maintain commonality of approach. All agreed the need for high quality TDs and it was further agreed that serving personnel could be trained and assessed by the SSGB system under the following criteria:

a. Service TDs would carry out the full SSGB TD aspirant/candidate and assessment process, albeit at a restricted range of events. This would ensure common standards and give the TDs a British license.

b. Assessments would be carried out at a British Calendar Service event by a British TD.

c. Assignment of the TDs would be proposed annually in November by CSWSA and endorsed by the TD Forum.

d. The Inter Services Championships would remain in the full British Calendar to ensure assessment opportunities.

**DJM**

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**9. BRITISH CALENDAR AND TD APPOINTMENTS**

**The following appointments were agreed:**

BARSC	Petzen	30 Dec-3 Jan	Maud Instone
Anglo-Scot	Les Houches	4/5 Jan	Frank Staddle
RAF	Hinterglemm	15-21 Jan	Sid James
SSW	Les Crosets	21/22 Jan	Richard Ellis
BSB	Meiringen	24/26 Jan	Derek Metters
BSG	Flaine	25/26 Jan	Kev Webb
CSWSA	Meribel	30 Jan-6 Feb	Martin Leach
ESC	Bormio	14-19 Feb	Martin Leach
CSC Open	Cairngorm	20/21 Feb	Logan Tannock (Ewen Maclean for assessment)
Interschools	Les Houches	8/9 Mar	Paul Trayner
Aiglon	Villars	11/12 Mar	Maree Rudd
BUSC	Alpe d’Huez	27 Mar-3 Apr	Susie Berry
Scot BASS	Courchevel	4/5 Apr	Richard Dawe
Brit Ch	Meribel	6-11 Apr	Larry Young

The calendar for the Scottish events was not yet complete. It was agreed that the Chairman would appoint TDs to these events once the Scottish calendar was published. The Chairman also agreed to forward the TD assignments to SSGB for inclusion on the calendar.

**Chairman**

<b>10. ICR UPDATE - Nil actions.</b>	
<b>11. BCR/BACR UPDATE</b>	
<p><b>11.1 RULE CHANGES PENDING</b></p> <p>a. The NH Precisions had not yet been published. The Rules Working Group were tasked to consider the impact of the Precisions when published and to circulate proposed amendments to BCR/BACR for consideration ex-Committee by the Forum. Based on the content of the draft Precisions, it was agreed that the BCR/BACR 605.1 would remain as currently worded.</p> <p>b. Single pole Slalom was discussed in light of FIS approval for FIS level events. Those who had experienced single pole slalom on artificial slopes said that it caused athletes few problems. It was agreed that single pole systems could be used, optionally, in artificial and indoor competitions, in accordance with the ICR. Member Group Representatives were to notify the caveats to their respective bodies. The Chairman agreed to update the Guide to Racing, published by SSE to include single pole guidance. The use of single pole courses was to be announced in the event bulletin, if being used, and single pole and normal systems were not to be mixed in the same event or over a weekend's racing in the same venue. There was a lack of agreement on adoption of single pole slalom amongst the few coaches attending the Update. It was agreed to defer a decision on introducing the system for BASS races but the Chairman was to canvass opinion amongst the racing community. Chairman to advise Alpine Exec of this proposal</p> <p><b>11.2 MEDICAL PLAN POLICY</b> – JS had prepared a revised "Organisers Medical Plan" planning list, which was accepted and would be added to the BCR/BACR</p>	<p><b>DJM</b></p> <p><b>MG Reps</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>DJM</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>DJM</b></p>
<p><b>12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <p>12.1 TD Forum - Saturday 15 May 2010 at Edinburgh Airport (depending on price quotes)</p> <p>12.2 TD/Race Officials/Coach Update - Saturday 6 Nov 09 Birmingham Airport Holiday Inn</p> <p>12.3 TD Forum - Sunday 7 November 2010 Birmingham Airport Holiday Inn</p> <p>12.4 TD Forum Saturday 14 May 2011 (South)</p>	<p><b>LY</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p>