

**MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE QUALITY INN, EDINBURGH AIRPORT ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**



<p><b>1. PRESENT:</b></p> <p>Ian Roberts - British TD - Chairman          Julian Adams (JA) - NZE TD          Susie Berry (SB) - FIS/ British TD Representing BARSC - Minutes          Mark Berry (MB) - FIS/British TD - <i>via Skype</i>          Richard Dawe (RAD) - British TD          Peter Heath (PH) - BASS Seeder          Ali Jubb (AJ) - Aspirant British TD          David Manns (DMa) - British TD/BARTS Seeder          Derek Metters (DMe) - British TD Representing SSE          Maree Rudd (MR) - British TD/Chief BS&amp;JC          Jenny Shute (JS)          Frank Staddle (FS) - British TD          Logan Tannock (FS) - British TD          Paul Trayner (PT) - British TD          Kev Webb (KW) - British TD</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Tim Fawke (TF) - CEO SSE</p>	
<p><b>2. APOLOGIES:</b> Ingrid Christophersen, Tristan Cole, Richard Ellis, Peter Harris, Sian Harris, Aggi Hunt, Sid James, Maud Instone, Martin Leach, Ewen Maclean, Lucy Pyle, Martin Watson, Alan West, Peter Willis, Larry Young.</p> <p><b>Note</b> Jim Hewitt has now retired from the Forum.</p>	
<p><b>Introduction</b> The Chairman welcomed all attendees and outlined the arrangements for the day</p> <p>A vote of thanks was recorded for Jim Hewitt for his invaluable work in organising the British Junior and Children’s Championships over so many years and for his contribution to this committee and skiing in general.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>          The minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were approved.</p>	
<p><b>4. MATTERS ARISING</b>  <b>“5.5 Seminar Update</b>  <i>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</i></p>	

<p><i>basis whilst they were still fresh in the mind.” Nothing has been received during the season. Members were again asked to forward any potential training scenarios to the Chairman.</i></p> <p>Lack of familiarity with the FIS Timing Report was highlighted. It was agreed that senior officials should know how to complete the FIS form and not have to rely on ‘foreign’ timekeepers. MR suggested the need for training and also suggested the need for a form of Timing Report for GBR races. JA reported that NZE use the FIS form across all races. He was asked to take a short slot (max 30 minutes including questions) at the Update to cover the basics of the subject.</p> <p>MR agreed to circulate a draft of a simplified form for GBR use.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>JA</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p>
<p><b>7.3 Online Homologation Documents</b>  <i>“ML stated that from 2010, all new FIS homologation files would be accessible on line. He also agreed to inform Forum members how to access “FIS Newsflashes” direct and whether access to the homologation files would be possible for non-FIS TDs.”</i>  The Homologation file is at present very small but will hopefully be open to all as it becomes more comprehensive. Anyone can register for the Newsflash on the FIS web site.</p> <p><b>7.4 Limited FIS Licenses</b>  <i>“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.”</i>  The Chairman has discussed this with Dave Edwards (CEO BSS) and is satisfied that a suitable check is in place at BSS for full licences. He will raise the matter again to ensure that restricted licences are carefully monitored.</p>	<p><b>Closed</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>5.7 British Children’s Championships</b> – <i>“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”.</i></p> <p>RE was duly appointed and he did an excellent job, together with the whole committee, to save the Championships in the present difficult circumstances particularly by renegotiating the contract with Meribel.</p>	<p><b>Closed</b></p>

<p><b>5. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES</b></p> <p><b>5.1 British Ski &amp; Snowboard - Chairman and JS</b> (<i>See attachment</i>)  BSS is presently and understandably concentrating mainly on the elite level. A Board of Directors consisting of 12 members has been set up and other committees may follow. We now have funding for an administrator who will work half for the Children's team and half for FIS entries etc. MR suggested that volunteers be used to help get some of the systems up and running. Colin Moynihan's plan for interaction with the USA is going ahead although details are not yet known. UK Sport is funding 6 delegates to go to the FIS meetings in Antalya. An international advisory committee is going to be established. Cash flow for the TD Forum is still uncertain. Our expenses are about £3,000 per year, which is funded by BASS registration and Calendar Fees. However, most artificial surface events and racers did not respectively pay the Calendar or Registration Fee. It could be seen as more equitable to move the onus to events rather than racers.  It was agreed that a flat rate calendar fee of £25 per day should be levied on all races, plus a £20 admin fee for all snow races (to be retained by BSS). The Chairman was to present the proposal to the MGs.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>5.2 BARSC - SB - see attached report</b>  It was agreed that a list of Aspirants and potential Aspirants wishing to gain experience should be made available to all OCs. It could be published on GBSKI. However, it would first be necessary to seek the permission of subjects in order to comply with the Data Protection Act.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>5.3 CSWSA - SJ – See attached Report</b></p>	
<p><b>5.4 Snowsport England - DMe - see attached report</b>  Indoor v Dendix is becoming an issue. Will require monitoring in the light of continued grass roots access to the sport.</p>	
<p><b>5.5 Snowsport Wales - PH - see attached report</b></p>	
<p><b>5.6 Snowsport Scotland - FS - see attached report</b>  Frank brought the Forum's attention to the fact that Courchevel are rebuilding their Finish area so there should be better access for vans in future.</p>	
<p><b>5.7 British Children's Championships - JH – see attached report.</b>  <i>NB item taken together with 5.8</i></p>	
<p><b>5.8 British Senior And Junior Championships - MR – see attached report</b>  There should be a link from Britski to the British Championship website, which will then enable qualification cut off information etc to be published all year round (rather than it only being available once the Programme is posted).  Paul Trayner to be recommended to BSS as Maree's successor as</p>	<p><b>MR/PH</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p>

<p>Chairman of the Championship OC. The results of the Survey taken in Meribel are being considered and should be available shortly. Start dates for 2011 - 26<sup>th</sup> March; 2012 - 24<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>MR to bring forward proposal regarding the non-inclusion of seniors in junior technical events for a decision in November. The question of forerunners qualification needs to be considered in the light of experience this year at the Children's Championships. It could be a discussion point at the Update. Grateful thanks were expressed to Jim Hewitt, Peter Heath and Frances and Billy Adam, all of whom are retiring from the OC after many years.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>MR</b></p> <p><b>ML</b></p>
<p><b>6. SEEDING AND REGISTRATION</b> <b>6.1 BASS Seeders Report</b> – Peter Heath – <i>see attached report</i> In future we may have to consider publishing a final list at the end of the season and another after the last FIS list, which is not now published until the end of May. Note that many more Minis are now registering. Overall the sending of electronic results packs is working well. All TDs to note that they must send the SkiPro files to PH as well as the .pdf version. There are still problems with FFS ski files but this may improve as FIS are working to make this (and some other “alternative” systems) compatible. LSC Schoolgirls' authorisation to run to team rules extended for 2011.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>SB</b></p>
<p><b>6.2 BARTS Report</b> – David Manns – <i>see attached report.</i> BUSC races have huge entries but very few seeded racers. SSE are looking at a student registration rate. We may need to consider when the season ends for artificial slope races if the LSRA Night Slalom again slips due to bad weather. Electronic transmission of results also working well for artificial surface races. DMA to update guide for TDs on which files are required both for BASS and BARTS events.</p>	<p><b>DMa</b></p>
<p><b>7. FIS MATTERS</b> <b>7.1 Report by GBR FIS Commissioner</b> – Martin Leach – <i>not available</i> Note: IC will represent GB at the FIS TD meeting in Antalya and it is probable that Lord Moynihan will attend the Rules Committee.</p>	
<p><b>7.2 Quota Consistency from FIS TDs</b> – IC Quotas still not being applied consistently by all TDs. ML asked to highlight in FIS Committees as appropriate.</p>	<p><b>ML/IC</b></p>
<p><b>7.3 Report – Children's issues</b> – Jenny Shute The criteria for the Youth Olympic Games are being considered by the FIS Youth &amp; Children's Committee. Single pole slalom has been the norm at international children's races this season.</p>	

<p>The Swiss are proposing Minimum penalties of 40 and 30 points respectively for CIT and NJR races. The CIT committee are opposed to the proposal. Further comments on the proposal to be forwarded direct to IC by 25 May.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>8. BRITISH TD MATTERS</b>  <b>8.1 TD Contact Update</b> – The contact list was circulated and the Chairman will update the master list (attached).</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>8.2 Candidates, Aspirants &amp; Mentors</b>  <b>a.</b> JA will be in the UK long term. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend a race last year – ROCs asked to invite JA to attend to become familiar with GB processes.  <b>b.</b> TC has successfully completed both Assessment and Practical Examination and was accepted as a qualified GBR TD for all disciplines and surfaces.  <b>c.</b> MWa – Active Candidate TD.  <b>d.</b> AJ remains an Aspirant and wishes to postpone taking her exam until 2012  <b>e.</b> RAD has passed his speed assessment and was accepted as a full TD licence holder.  <b>f.</b> EM has successfully re-qualified and is reinstated as a GBR TD in all disciplines.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>g. New Aspirants</b> - the following were accepted and assigned a Mentor.  Mike Pilarski – Maree Rudd  Ross MacMillan – Paul Trayner  Phil Harris – Richard Ellis (tbc)  Tim Fawke - Ian Roberts Note: CV is still required a.s.a.p.  <b>h. Services’ Aspirants</b> - CSWSA to nominate mentors.  Nicola Cullen  Spence Wild  <b>i. Foreign nationals</b> - After discussion, it was agreed that Aspirants holding non-British passports but with affiliation to GB could be accepted within the GB TD development programme. This applied to the following:  Quentin Tchakhotine - Susie Berry Note: CV required a.s.a.p.  Tamsin McGarry was highlighted by AJ as a potential non-GB aspirant. AJ to follow up.</p> <p>The Chairman will write a welcoming letter to all the above.</p> <p>In response to the flyer, the Chairman has details of a number of people in addition to the above who have shown an interest. They have been pointed in the right direction to gain experience. It was suggested that a short information sheet should be published which could be given to any aspiring officials. Draft to be circulated before November.</p>	<p><b>TF</b></p> <p><b>SB</b> <b>AJ</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b></p> <p><b>SB</b></p>
<p><b>8.3 Sanctions Update</b> – no reports</p>	

<p><b>8.4 Child Protection and Disclosures</b>  Bridget Owen is BSS lead CWO. Vetting and Barring scheme will come into effect this summer. Volunteers are free, otherwise it costs £65 in addition to CRB fee. This is a one off registration which will be phased in over three to five years. This only applies to England and Wales at present. Scotland will follow shortly. BSS Child Protection Policy is in place.</p> <p>Update on Adoption of Minis Racing with BCR/BACR – The Working Group requested by the old Alpine Exec had never met. The Chairman will consult BSS on the way forward.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>8.5 Review of TD Forum Terms of Reference</b>  No change except for reference to SSGB / BSS. It is to be reviewed in November.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>8.6 TD Assessments</b>  Consideration of a ‘Board of Examiners’. What are we trying to achieve? There must remain an opportunity for all TDs to be assigned to major races. But also a need to have a small cadre of TDs qualified to examine. Decision: For the time being the FIS TDs plus Ian Roberts and Maree Rudd are appointed. Additional TDs may be co-opted if necessary.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>9. BRITISH CALENDAR AND TD APPOINTMENTS</b>  The following appointments were agreed:</p>	
<p>2-3 Jan: Anglo-Scottish Les Houches FRA</p>	<p>tbc</p>
<p>5-7 Jan: BARSC Champoluc ITA</p>	<p>MI</p>
<p>Royal Navy Tignes FRA</p>	<p>SJ or FS subject to calendar application</p>
<p>Royal Air Force Saalbach/Hinterglemm AUT</p>	<p>LT or LY</p>
<p>Army Serre Chevalier FRA</p>	<p>ML subject to calendar application</p>
<p>31 Jan-1 Feb: British Schoolgirls Flaine FRA</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p>27-28 Jan: Welsh Champs Champéry SUI</p>	<p>IR</p>
<p>Other dates to be circulated prior to the November meeting.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>10. ICR UPDATE – none</b></p>	
<p><b>11. BCR/BACR UPDATE</b></p>	
<p><b>11.1. Single pole Slalom</b> - It was agreed that this was now accepted as normal and the BCR / BACR should follow the ICR. The Rules Working Group will formulate a rule.</p>	<p><b>RWG</b></p>
<p><b>11.2 Rule Proposals</b></p>	
<p>MR (See report 3.1.4.) decision to be taken in November</p>	
<p>It must be stressed that a programme is provisional within the overall dates.</p>	

<p>A complaint had been received about the Super-G results being used for the SC. The rule must be clarified.</p> <p>SSE proposal re Book 3 art 7.8 (2<sup>nd</sup> run reversals) - It was agreed that the existing rule provided a Jury with adequate options.</p>	<p><b>RWG</b></p>
<p><b>11.3 Rule Changes Pending</b>  Minor adjustments are required, including aide memoire</p>	<p><b>RWG</b></p>
<p><b>11.4 Review of Medical Plan policy</b>  FIS are reviewing the Medical Plan. It was agreed that BCR should copy this when it becomes available. Current format to be clarified to remove ambiguity.  Athletes declaration required review and was to be referred to BSS by Chairman for legal consideration.</p>	<p><b>JS / RWG</b>   <b>Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>11.5 Back Protectors for Minis</b>  Jenny Shute reported that FIS now recommend back protectors for Minis, despite the problems of correct fitting for fast growing children. The Forum agreed that even a recommendation from us involved potential liability and that the FIS Rule/recommendation should stand unqualified.</p>	
<p><b>12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</b>  <b>12.1</b> FIS TD Update - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010  TD/Race Officials/Coach Update - Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November  TD Forum - Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2010  all at The Birmingham Airport Holiday Inn  <b>12.2</b> TD Forum Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at The Premier Inn, Birmingham Airport  <b>12.3</b> Forum / Update 2012 to be held in Scotland on w/e of 5<sup>th</sup> November. MR to investigate options.</p>	<p><b>Chairman</b>    <b>MR</b></p>

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