MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT ON 18TH MAY 2013

1. PRESENT Ian Roberts – (IR) Chair Julian Adams (JA) Ross Anderson (RA) Susie Berry (SB) Mark Berry (MB) Richard Ellis (RE) Peter Harris (PHa) Peter Heath (PHe) Maud Instone (MI) Sid James (SJ) Martin Leach (ML) David Manns (DMa) Derek Metters (DMe) Paddy Mortimer (PM) Adrian Pery (AP) Jenny Shute (JS) Frank Staddle (FS) Paul Trayner (PT) Ali Wilde (AW) Spence Wilde (SW)	
2. APOLOGIES: Peter Willis, Lucy Pyle, Tim Fawke, Nicki Cullen, Ingrid Christophersen , Richard Dawe, Christophe Lemeire, David Mansfield, Ross McMillan, Logan Tannock, Kevin Webb, Larry Young.	
3. Minutes of 4th November 2013 meeting The Minutes were approved	
4. Matters Arising	
8.6 Child Protection course for TD forum - ongoing, DMa to follow up with TF	**DMa**
6 Seeding and Regulation – ML presented report on F factor calculation Report to be circulated	**Chair**
Chairman emphasised the importance of TDs carrying out post race checks on race results.	**All**
Candidate TD – JA's recognised TD nationality to be confirmed, exam will be taken at November meeting.	**ML**
Officials' Courses – new level 2 course produced. Should have British branding; involve BARSC and CSWSA in process. SW to provide contacts for CSWSA	**DMa** **SW**
Inter Services Event – **SW** Does not require a FIS TD. Due to	

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TD examination programme, TD examiner required in 2014. **Calendar Conference** – Chair reported that the conference was agreed in principle. Race dates would be provided by May **U14 & U16 separate races –** generally works well, some reservations over security/safety and logistics of allowing DNF/DSQ a second run. **PM** thanked **Chair** for his help in this matter Revised race format structure was progressing with aim of formal ratification at November meeting, although the aim was to publish rules ASAP. **SB** pointed out this could difficulties for the Christmas races and proposed postponing introduction for 1 more year. **PM** would like to go ahead as it improves athleticism but supported **SB's** suggestion. Some events would have difficulty with separating U14/U16. **JA** suggested that race committees have the option to run this format. Agreed to propose in Structure Discussions.	**Chair**
5. Reports from Delegates **5.1** British Ski & Snowboard See report **5.2** BARSC – **SB** See report, **SB** requested clarification on the start positions for BUDS races at Hillend. Is it allowed to have 2 runs with different start positions? The question arose from the need to filter the numbers in the field. However, a wider issue was the format of the event as a whole. **SB** proposed that BUDS should be asked to consider running the GS first and using the results to determine the size of the field for the seeded SL. The proposal was agreed and **SB** would liaise with the BUDS Committee. The impending change of FIS Commissioner coincided with the end of the Chair's tenure in post. **SB** proposed that, in the interests of continuity, **Ian Roberts** remain as chairman for a further term. **5.3 CSWSA –** SW See report All championships down on numbers except Army. Request that more teams attend the Combined Services Championships. Services cannot comply with the new FIS equipment rules due to budget restrictions. They will lag behind and review. Teams that attend FIS/BASS races will be properly equipped. **JS** pointed out that there could be a safety issue as new equipment was introduced to reduce injuries. The reasons why the equipment introduction will lag behind were recognised but there were potential consequences. **ML** agreed to work with CSWSA and produce proposals for Forum review. **ML –** explained that Southern Hemisphere would not get new	**SB** **Agreed** **SW** **ML/SW**

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skis until 2014 due to limited supply from manufacturers, Northern Hemisphere will get skis in 2013 **Chair** requested guidance on whether equipment would be available for BASS racers, answer by 9th June. After Note: No clear guidance is available following the FIS Meeting in Dubrovnik. Work continues to clarify the situation and details will be published as soon as they are available. **ML** stated that all FIS events must comply with new ski regulations. Following response from **ML** a view will be taken on British Equipment Rules. Decision and announcement in the Summer, ratify in November meeting. After Note: See preceding point **5.4** Snowsport England – **DMa** See report **5.5** Snowsport Wales – **PH** See report **5.6** Snowsport Scotland – **FS** See report **5.7** British Champs –**PT**/**MI** See report **PT** advised that the entry for the ladies downhill was extremely low and there were not many British men in the men's downhill **PM** pointed out that BSS is concentrating on technical events due to funding shortage.	**ML**
6. Seeding and Regulation 6.1 BASS –**PHe** See report **PHe** recommended that the minimum penalty for children's races be reduced to 120 **PHe** pointed out the potential problems with splitting age groups that might occur at smaller races where it might not be possible to seed the race. **Chair** asked that **PHe** and **DMa** be included in the discussion on restructuring. 6.2 BartSS – **DMa** See report 6.2.1 Two slopes want to be homologated – Plymouth uses perma-snow which may limit course setting options. BUDS race is very difficult to seed, suggested the race should be excluded from seeding system. SB will speak to BUDs representative about revised format, and then review whether the race should be included for seeding in the future. 6.2.2 British Indoor Grand Prix series – pass to Robin Kellen etc for review along with consultation on domestic event structure. 6.3 **AP** requested registration for telemark racers. Proposal to include the 3 telemark disciplines. **DMa** pointed out that there are technical issues with the current	**Approved** **PM** **Approved** **DMa** **SB** **DMa**

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BASS and BARTS databases. He is looking at a new system which could potentially include telemark disciplines. **AP** confirmed that he can continue to work using a spreadsheet for the next 1 to 2 years due to limited numbers. **DMa** will chair a small group to review seeding systems (**DMa, AP, JA, PHe**) Send contact for Norwegian system to **AP** Add 'IT support' as an agenda item for future meetings **PHe** requested funding to write new code. **AP** to speak to **PHe** **Chair** thanked **DMa** for his efforts	**DMa** **ML** **Chair** **AP**
7. FIS Matters **7.1** See report **7.2** Presentation by **JS** entitled Injuries to Children in Alpine Skiing **JS** requested TDs pass on information on injuries observed at races. Chair requested more work is done on how data should be gathered and potential data protection issues. **7.3** Medical See Report **7.4** FIS ICR. See report. **7.5** GBR FIS Commissioner Succession ML proposed a phased handover of his duties as FIS commissioner and discussed who had been considered to succeed him. • Michael van Moppes (NED) unable to commit due to work pressures. • David Mansfield - a firm prospect but FIS Alpine Committee consider he needs to gain more experience. • Mark Berry – a firm prospect with experience in role as a FIS TD. Following discussion, Mark was agreed as the proposed candidate to succeed ML as GBR/Lowlands FIS Commissioner. It was also agreed that there should be a development pathway to ensure that future potential Commissioners had the desired breadth of experience and understanding of FIS Committee work.	**All** **JS** **Approved** **Chair/ML/MB**
8. British TD Matters **8.1 Contact List updates** Circulated and updated **8.2 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Ross Anderson. Assessments completes. Practical exam in Winter 2013/4, hopefully at BARSC. To British TD John Poole - Exam in November 2013, **SB** mentoring. Services	

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TD Ross McMillan – successful exam. Ratified as British TD Ali Wilde – review in November. Paul Trayner – completed FIS Applicant stage, FIS exam in November 2013 to move to Candidate David Mansfield – licensed in November, excellent exam results. Christophe Lemeire - completed FIS Applicant stage, exam in November 2013 to move to Candidate. Julian Adams – FIS exam in November 2013. Tim Fawke – GB exam in November 2013.	**Ratified**
<u>Aspirant Proposals</u> Hannah Hazeldine – **JA** to mentor Michelle (Shell) Quaille – **IR** to mentor Richard Love - Exam in November 2013, **MI** mentoring. Services Steve James - Exam in November 2013, **ML** mentoring. Services	**Approved** **Approved** **Approved** **Approved**
8.3 Sanctions update Nothing to report	
8.4 Child Protection and Disclosures See report	
8.5 National Referee conversion programme See Proposal Needs to dovetail with BASI requirements. SB to liaise with Ross Green before issuing for approval.	**SB**
8.6 Injury Survey Update – JS See 7.2 above	
8.7 Sian Harris retirement Chair proposed thanks for all her efforts.	
8.8 BASI Coach Training Programme See 8.5	
8.9 Alpine to Telemark TD Conversion **3 indoor races –** 27 July, 17 August, 31 August Requirement for additional TDs as AP unable to cover all events. Telemark rules similar to alpine but needs to be some cross over training mechanism. 17 Aug **MB** available to be TD. 31 Aug SJ will do 17 or 31 Aug if Army will pay for travel. IR also available for 31 Aug AP, MB, SJ, IR to agree dates. AP to present an introduction to telemark racing at the November update.	**AP, MB, SJ, IR** **AP**
8.10 TD Forum Finances £4,500 expenditure p.a. £3,500 income from calendar fees, shortfall £1,000. Proposal to increase calendar fee from £25 to £40 incl VAT per event. Propose to Constituent Groups.	**Chair**

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9. British Calendar and TD Appointments **9.1 Calendar Procedures** New procedure agreed and in place **9.2 British Calendar and TD appointments** BUDS TD – SB BARSC – needs an examining TD ISSSC (CSWSA) needs examining TD	 **SB** **Chair** **Chair**
10. No agenda item 10	
11. BCR/BACR Update **11.1 Rule Changes Pending** Term 'Constituent Groups' to replace 'Member Groups' in Rules. Guidance on for stubby poles to be issued with BSS brand **11.2 Telemark Rules** AP to create rules to include children in adult races	 **Approved** **DMa** **AP**
12. Date of Next Meetings **12.1** 15 - 17th November 2013 Birmingham **12.2** 17 May 2014 Birmingham **12.3** 14 – 16th November 2014 Scotland	 **Chair**

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