MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT ON 17 MAY 2014

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1. PRESENT Ian Roberts (IR) Chair Kevin Webb (KW) Secretary David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair Ross Anderson (RA) Mark Berry (MB) Susie Berry (SB) Richard Dawe (RD) Tim Fawke (TF) Hannah Hazeldine (HH) Peter Heath (PHe) Maud Instone (MI) Richie Love (RL) Derek Metters (DMe) John Poole (JP) Adrian Pery (AP) Michelle Quaile (MQ) Jenny Shute (JS) Frank Staddle (FS) Logan Tannock (LT) Paul Trayner (PT) In attendance: Paddy Mortimer (PM) **2. APOLOGIES:** Julian Adams, Ingie Christophersen, Tristan Cole, Nicky Cullen, Richard Ellis, Sid James, Steve James, Martin Leach, Ross MacMillan, David Mansfield, Peter Willis (TD Assignment), Gwyneth Watson, Spence Wild, Larry Young.	
3. Child Protection Update A stimulating update by Liz Behnke. PowerPoint presentation circulated separately to all Forum members.	
4. Minutes of 17 November 2013 Meeting The Minutes were approved.	
5. Matters Arising **5.2 Officials' Courses** – **SB** reported that progress had been slow. The aim and of what was trying to be achieved with training and courses was discussed. In addition, it was suggested that availability and publicity of the courses needed to be improved. **The Aims**: To provide a pathway to becoming an Official from Level One to TD. To provide trained Officials who can deliver safe	

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and fair races at Alpine events. It was decided that the **SB** would continue to work with representatives from each of the CGs to produce a training package that would encompass all aspects of Race Officiating, in a modular system, using the course work already in place where possible, engaging with the original authors to update and maintain the courses. **FS** volunteered to represent SSS. The Chair would seek authorisation from CGs to control and coordinate training material.	**SB, DJM, RA, FS** **Chair**
6. Reports from Delegates - see Reports attached **6.1** British Ski & Snowboard. **PM** verbal brief: • Competition Results – 1 medal, 5 top 10s and 12 x 20s at the OWG. We have shown that we can compete at a world level as a winter sport. Alpine achieved 2 x T20 and have started to regain lost credibility by inaccurate forecasting of results and return on investments. • Alpine Champs – made a loss in Meribel 2014. We broke even with sponsor income. We expect to reverse this trend with our move to Tignes. The clash with BUSC has been discussed at Board level and further discussion is to be sought with BUSC. • Sponsorship – Delancey have agreed through to 2015 and Uvex have agreed to the end of 2018. • UKSport position statement – we present to panel in May and will discover our fate in early July. This will allow us to distribute the BSS non-ring-fenced funding to those sports that do not come under the UKSport WCP funding model. • Governance – elections for Snowboard Vice Chairman and Alpine Chairman • Encouraged everyone to become a member of BSS. **6.2** BARSC (See attached). **SB** requested that the reports be embedded in the Minutes so that everyone was able to read them. The Ladies Ski Club requested that the Schoolgirls races be allowed to run in Team order. Agreed. **6.3** CSWSA (See attached) **6.4** SSE (See attached). **DJM** stated that there had been some confusion with regards to the format of U10/12 Artificial Races, Lloyd Jenkins had circulated a Bulletin to clarify this. The Chair stated that he would circulate this to all. (Afternote: Circulated to all TD with an Artificial surface	**Chair** **PHe/MI** **Chair**

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assignment this season)	
6.5 SSW (See attached). The proposal to seed single run races on outdoor artificial surfaces was not agreed. The proposed minimum penalty was the same as for the 2 out of 3-run CN format and therefore anomalous. In addition, CGs had not had the opportunity to consult on the proposal prior to the meeting. The proposal was returned to SSW to consult with SSE and SSS and to resubmit the proposal at a later date.	**GW**
6.6 SSS (See attached). **FS** reported that the FIS races at the Nevis Range had been a great success, with fantastic snow and weather, unfortunately there had been a lack of competitors.	
6.7 British Championships (See attached). British Children's. **MI** reported that the Champs had been very successful. With the move to Tignes next year she was hoping to add an extra day to the programme, this would have to be agreed with the Seniors. This prompted a discussion on how many consecutive days' racing this would mean, once combined with the Scottish Champs. Further consideration required.	**MI/PT**
British Senior's, **PT,** reported that Champs had been successful despite taking place a week later than usual. He stated that he would be looking at the programme, with the possibility of removing the SC to provide the extra day for the Children's Champs. **PT** also raised the point about competitors racing at other events whilst the British Champs is taking place, many other Nations restrict this. **PT** to submit a proposal in due course.	**PT**
6.8 Telemark Report. (see attached).	
7. Seeding and IT	
7.1 BASS (See attached).	
7.2 oBARTS (See attached).	
7.3 iBARTS (See attached).	
7.4 IT Support. (See attached). The Chair thanked DJM for all his work in providing and supporting the On-line results system. There was still a lot to do, as the trial had raised quite a few issues. **DJM** emphasised that competitors details must be entered into Entry lists direct from the Seed lists; not doing so had caused many errors during the trial. The next step would be to produce a small program that could undertake the penalty calculation when there were fewer than 5 registered finishers.	

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Nevertheless, it was incumbent on TDs to liaise with ROCs over entries and to recognise the issues with SkiPro and small fields of finishers. The Chair would arrange an update on Calcs and SkiPro at the Nov Forum.	**All** **Chair**
8. FIS Matters **8.1** See report **8.2 Medical.** Work was continuing on helmets and concussion, more in Nov. Helmets with integral visors are only allowed for Slalom. **8.3 FIS ICR** (See report)	
9. British TD Matters **9.1 Contact List updates**. See attached. Please inform Chair of any changes **9.2 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Ross Anderson – Successful practical exam in Winter 2014, at BARSC. Ratified as a British TD. Paul Trayner – Successfully completed the FIS Assessment in Winter 2014. Practical exam to be arranged 2014/15 season. Christophe Lemeire – Successful FIS practical examination completed. Licence to be issued in Oct 2014. Julian Adams – Successful FIS practical examination in USA/Canada. Licence to be issued in Oct Tim Fawke – Successfully completed TD Assessment at GBR CH Champs. Practical Exam in 2014/2015 season. TF to consider potential venues and inform the Chair. Hannah Hazeldine – Successfully completed TD Assessment at GBR CH Champs. Practical Exam in 2014/2015 season. HH to consider potential venues and inform the Chair. Michelle (Shell) Quaile – Successful practical exam in Winter 2014, at GBR CH Champs. Ratified as British TD. Richard Love – Remains a Candidate TD gaining civilian experience. CoR at GBR Champs. Assessment and exam to be arranged 2014/15. RL to consider potential venues and inform the Chair. Stephen James – Service TD. Successful practical exam in Winter 2014, at the Inter-Services Champs. Ratified as a British TD (Services). John Poole – Service TD. Successful practical exam in Winter	**TF** **HH** **RL**

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2014, at the Army Champs. Ratified as a British TD (Services). Andrew du Plessis – Gained valuable experience as CoR at Aiglon College in Winter 2014. He was accepted as an Aspirant TD to sit the written exam in Nov. DJM to be his mentor. **9.3 Sanctions update** Nothing to report **9.4 Child Protection and Disclosures** Nothing to report **9.5 National Referee Conversion Programme – SB** reported that progress was slow, BASI were not allowing access to data which was causing problems in identifying training requirements. BASI have recognised that their training needs to be updated to include Referee duties. SB to continue working with BASI to implement the programme. **9.6 Injury Survey Update – JS** Nothing further. Update at Barcelona and the Nov meeting. **9.7 Alpine to Telemark TD Conversion** – **AP** requested volunteers officiate at races during the Summer. He would also welcome more volunteers for conversion to Telemark TD. **9.8 TD Forum Terms of Reference.** Several items needed clarification in relation to voting rights. Subject to agreement by those involved, the amended ToR were approved for submission to BSS. **9.9 TD Forum Structure.** Proposed membership of Committees had been circulated. Agreed. Sub-Committees would now take the lead in their specialist areas. Chair to brief Chairs on issues. Sub-Committee Chairs to lead discussions in future meetings.	**DJM** **SB** **All** **Chair** **Chair/SC Chairs**
10 British Calendar and TD Appointments **10.1 British Artificial Calendar and TD Appointments 2014 Summer Season.** The Calendar is administered by SSE on behalf of the Forum. DJM arranges TD Assignments. The BIGP races had been integrated into the system and would be eligible for seeding. AP to inform Chair of dates for Telemark indoor races for inclusion in Calendar. **MB** assigned to TD BUDS Races in Edinburgh 7,8 Nov. **10.2** 2014/2015 Winter Applications. New procedure had been implemented last Season. Some Applications for 2014/15 still not received. Draft Calendar would be circulated ASAP to	**AP** **MB** **Chair**

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allow TDs to indicate interest. **10.3** Reminder that TD now has the responsibility to contact ROCs	**All**
11 BCR/BACR **11.1 Rule Changes.** There were doubts about the availability in sufficient numbers for BASS races of skis and helmets conforming to the 2013/14 FIS Rules. **MB** to seek clarification within FIS. Discuss at the Nov meeting to see if dispensation is required for 2014/15. **11.2 CSWSA Rules.** Combined Services were planning to maintain their current rules with regards to Skis and Helmets until 2017/18. The Chair requested RA to submit a formal request for dispensation at the Nov meeting. **11.3 Telemark Rules. AP** stated that the rules were being developed during the summer season. **11.4 Accident Report Form.** The present form was complex, long and inappropriate in asking for indication of responsibility. It was suggested that the FIS form be used. **TF** stated that the present form was required by the previous insurance company, he would check with the present insurers to see if the FIS form was acceptable. **MQ** stated that she would also make enquires with the BUSC insurers. The Chair was consult with BSS over use of the FIS form. **11.5 Future Race Structure for BASS Races.** Following Season feedback and the on-line Survey, a draft Structure had been circulated before the meeting. Detailed discussion ensued. It was highlighted that the different formats for U14's & U16's had caused an immense amount of Calcs work. The Structure was agreed subject to the following; the Chair was to revise the proposal and issue for consultation with a view to inclusion in the BCR in Nov 2014: **U16's.** Cumulative format but DNF/DSQ should be normally be afforded a second run subject to ROC discretion in relation to conditions. However, safety was paramount and it was vital that all racers should be on a Start List. If this could not be done the proposed would be re-evaluated. DJM to prepare a Guide on how best to produce a run 2 start list for DNF and DSQ. **U10/12s.** Catsuits not allowed. Non-British Nationals would also have to comply with the rule at British Races. **TD appointment to U12/10 races.** It was recognised that U10/12 races should be supervised by a TD. However, it	**MB, ML, Chair** **RA** **AP** **TF** **MQ** **Chair** **Chair** **DJM**

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was also recognised that such a rule could have a financial effect on ROCs. The Chair was to seek further opinion from the CGs on how best to go forward with this proposal. **Combi.** It was agreed to remove the word "Technical" to provide flexibility for ROC's to organise events.	**Chair**
12 Date of Next Meetings **12.1** 14 – 16 November 2014 Scotland – Beardmore Hotel & Conference Centre, Glasgow. **12.2** 16 May 2015 – Venue TBD (England) **12.3** November 2015 dates- 13-15 November- Venue TBD (England)	**Chair**

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