Minutes of the GBR Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting held at the Ramada Hotel, Solihull, on Saturday 12th May 2018

No.	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Adrian Pery (AP) — Chair David Manns (DJM) — Deputy Chair Ross Anderson (RA) Susie Berry (SB) Tristan Cole (TC) Jamie Davies (JD) Richard Dawe (RD) James Heaton (JH) Maud Instone (MI) Steve James (SJ) Richard Love (RL) Derek Metters (DGM) Andy du Plessis (AdP) Ian Roberts (IR)	
2	**Apologies:** Julian Adams, Mark Berry, Ingrid Christophersen, Lloyd Diprose, Richard Ellis, Tim Fawke, Andrea Grant (AG), Peter Heath (PH), Simon Horn, Richard James, Lloyd Jenkins, Martin Leach, Christophe Lemeire (CL), David Mansfield (DSM), John Poole, Shell Quaile, Jenny Shute, Jez Spring, Frank Staddle, Logan Tannock, Paul Trayner, Michael van Moppes, Gwyneth Watson, Kev Webb, Peter Willis.	
3	**Minutes of 5th November 2017 Meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** **4.1 Race Officials Training (update on competency framework)** IR reported on work going on between England (Andrew Hjort) and Scotland (Iain Ramsay-Clapham), where agreement has been reached on sharing and standardising training material to be badged as British. There is also agreement on working towards a unified log of official's experience. Some concern was expressed about the potential issues for difference in delivery if the pathway is fragmented in different ways in each nation, and the potential for misunderstandings about official's experience if the 'levels' do not equate. However it was felt this would even out after time once training material and standards were in use. IR to find out intended delivery dates for new pathway. IR also summarised the work that the Forum is doing to provide information on required and preferred experience and skills in a competency framework.	**IR**

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	IR to distribute information on training material and framework to UK AFWSA at an appropriate time.	**IR**
	4.2 Terms of Reference – TD Forum	
	AP indicated that no changes have been made to TORs that have previously been discussed. This item is now closed.	
	4.3 Terms of Reference – GBR and Lowlands TD Commissioner	
	AP reported that work is on-going on these TORs with AP, DSM and CL.	**AP/DSM/CL**
	SB reported that Luxembourg and Denmark are keen to be included in the Lowlands group, and the meeting agreed that every effort should be made to encourage this.	
	SB also reported that the proposals going to FIS from a sub-group of four 'Lowlands' nations was purely to arrange reciprocal quotas as a group and not intended to break up the Lowlands group as such nor to exclude GBR from this group.	
	4.4 Insurance	
	AP confirmed that BSS provide 'back stop' insurance for all those who have 'a relationship with the organisation'. The easiest way to achieve this is be a member of BSS, although concerns were expressed that the ability to join BSS as an Official at a reduced rate appeared to be no longer an option. AP to investigate this.	**AP**
	4.5. Hosting of GBSKI and GDPR	
	AP summarised position with personal ownership of GBSKI and the need to protect the future by bringing it within an official framework. The meeting agreed that the best place for GBSKI to belong is under the umbrella of BSS, even if this simply means transferring official ownership of the domain and hosting package to BSS name whilst still administered as it is now.	
	The meeting also agreed that the costs of running GBSKI should be covered by BSS, even if this has to be done from Forum funds. DJM to provide TC with current hosting details and costs. SJ to be included in communication on this topic.	**DJM/TC**
	There followed some discussion regarding GDPR and the requirement this imposes on us, both in terms of GBKSI and the information that the Forum itself holds.	
	DJM confirmed that GBSKI is hosted in UK.	
	At the very least, notices are required on web sites telling people what we are holding and what to do if they want it removed or changed.	

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	AP has requested GDPR templates from BSS and these can be used where needed to ensure that we give people the right information. AP will also enquire of other disciplines to see if they have covered this already.	**AP**
	GDPR to be followed up by TC/RD/DJM.	**TC/RD/DJM**
	4.6 Central File System	
	TC to investigate further, but we need secure storage for our own records, and should not be keeping our own copies.	**TC**
	This needs to include historical data held by PH (Britski). TC to contact PH about acquiring copy of this data.	**TC**
	To ensure compliance with GDPR TDs should not hold any data on races or events beyond the period appeals i.e. 6 months unless or the end of an appeal process, whichever being later.	**All**
	4.7 TD Forum Finances	
	SJ summarised current position having taken over from IR, and the work that AG is doing with day-to-day administration in BSS.	**SJ/IR**
	It was agreed that the budget would need to be closely examined before committing to a Forum meeting being held abroad (e.g. Belgium). This would be monitored by SJ and IR.	
	SB confirmed that money currently being held in Forum's "own" account would shortly be transferred to BSS account.	
	4.8 TDs for Scottish Races	
	AP reported on the situation in Scotland, with very few active Scottish TDs left, and more races on the calendar than they can cover. AP has already informed SSS that costs of providing TDs would increase as we can no longer guarantee to cover all their races with 'local' people, and this has been accepted.	
	Related to this, AP has also informed SSS (again accepted) that in the current circumstances we would no longer be automatically rotating Forum meetings to Scotland.	
	If anyone has issues with ROCs about travel or other arrangements for Scottish races, then contact AP or DJM to resolve with SSS.	**All**
5.	**Reports from Delegates**	

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	5.1 BSS No formal report, and AP had little to report on their behalf. **5.2 UKAFWSA** RL presented report, nothing to add. AP led a vote of thanks to RA for his many years of support in his role as Services representative. **5.3 SSE** DJM presented report, nothing to add. **5.4 SSW** AP highlighted the point about Pro Slalom which appears later on the agenda. **5.5 SSS** No report lodged. **5.6 British Championships** No report lodged. **5.7 Telemark** JD presented report, nothing to add.	
6.	**Timing and Calculations.** **6.1 T&C SC Report** DJM presented report, and highlighted potential issues with timing boxes that were no longer homologated despite being in regular use across the circuit. It was agreed that the same two-year dispensation already present in BACR relating to recently lapsed homologations would also be added to BCR. TC reported that Calendar application process for 2019/20 will include slope selection as TC has negotiated direct access to FIS homologation data. **6.2 Telemark seeding**	**RA**

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	Seeding continues to be run directly by Telemark team, with no progress on taking this into the main online seeding setup. JD to move this forward and discuss with DJM and others about bringing existing 'hand run' system into the main setup.	**TD**
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** Congratulations to RA on qualification as FIS TD. **7.2 Medical** AP highlighted updated FIS concussion guidelines, encouraging everyone to continue to push the message that anyone suspected of suffering from concussion should not be allowed to race unless they are able to produce written evidence from a doctor allowing them to do so. AP also re-iterated support for any TD who prevents starting by a racer who they feel is unfit to compete. FIS discussion is on-going on limiting tech starts for younger age groups, one to watch with interest. **7.3 FIS ICR** Nothing raised. **7.4 FIS TDs for 18/19 season** AP opened debate on competency and currency and the relationship between this and the proposal/confirmation of TDs to FIS. After reviewing the status of all those wishing to continue as FIS TDs for GBR it was agreed that (subject to completion of RWT for one individual) there were no issues. The meeting therefore confirmed its support for all current FIS TDs, including support for CL.	
8.	**British TD Matters** **8.1 Contact List** Available in Dropbox, update accordingly. Jez and Dippy need to be added with all their details. There was a suggestion that an emergency contact number should be added to the register. **8.2 Resignations**	**AP** **AP**

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No notified resignations of British TDs. SB informed the meeting that she had decided to retire as a FIS TD and had already informed Janez Flere. She is thanked for the enormous contribution that she has made over a very long period of time.

8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors

Andy du Plessis	Still to do snow exam, expecting to do this in the coming season.
Aileen Patterson	Drop from aspirant list and minutes.
James ("Heats") Heaton	Propose written exam in November.
Lloyd Jenkins	Passed practical exam for artificial at Stoke last weekend. Licensed for Artificial, now needs to find early season snow competition to complete process.
Lloyd ("Dippy") Diprose	Passed practical, ratified as Service TD.
Jez Spring	Passed practical, ratified as Service TD.
Alan Burke	Application for Services TD recognised, accepted onto pathway while recognising gaps in CV. Attendance at 2018 Update mandatory, potentially looking towards Nov 2019 written exam. SJ appointed as mentor.

8.4 Sanctions and TD Feedback

DJM presented report, nothing further to add.

8.5 Child protection, Disclosures & Injury

Nothing further to report.

8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency

No further action, continue with current process.

AP re-iterated that RWT (or certified test producing VO2 max figure) is the only measurement that will be accepted as it allows for consistent treatment.

Book VII will require a small update to clearly separate artificial (dry and indoor) and mountain snow, and to include fitness test. **RA**

8.7 TD Expenses

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	Per diem – BSS Alpine Committee have indicated in writing their support for a realistic level of payment as a contribution towards the many and varied costs that TDs have to meet out of their own pocket. The meeting agreed that an increase in payment from £20 to £80 per day (in line with that suggested by BSS AC) would be appropriate, to take effect from November 1st 2018 (i.e. to apply to the 2018/19 snow season and the 2019 artificial slope season). The meeting agreed to apply a consistent mileage rate for expenses at HMRC rate of 45p per mile. Maximum travel costs £400, anything above that to be agreed with ROC beforehand. Both above to be ratified by BSS AC before liaising with constituent groups for publicising to take effect from 1st November. TD expenses form to be updated in time for November.	**AP** **RD**
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar Update** TC summarised the position on current applications. It was noted that despite the official deadline for applications of May 1st, there were some notable absences from current applications, including: BSA (Anglo Scottish and Inter Schools), Aiglon, Welsh, Schoolboys, British. Some thought may need to be given to how/if sanctions can be imposed if deadlines are not met. TC reported that GBR FIS race in Chile has been approved. Application to run FIS race in Austria on 3 & 4 Nov. TC to contact ROC to ask them to change to dates that don't clash with the Officials Update, which key members of that ROC are expected to attend. Rules in BCR book IV need to be looked at and potentially adjusted to explicitly disallow races that clash with the Update. RA to propose changes to be tabled at November meeting. After some debate about the need to ensure key officials attend the Update and/or are suitably qualified, it was noted that there is currently nothing in our rules that outlines the standards of officials required for calendar events. It was agreed that once the current work on competency and the officials' development pathway is complete we can put a proposal to BSS AC for minimum standards, perhaps to start being implemented in a couple of years. **9.2 Migration to new online system** TC reported that he will be writing a help guide for users. Reminders have gone out again recently to inform ROCs about the new system. BSS	**TC** **RA** **IR** **TC**

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	now using the system to drive billing which seems to be largely successful. The meeting confirmed those who are allowed to approve races once they are on the calendar system: SSE Tim Fawke SSW Robin Kellen SSS Ross Gardner UK AFWSA - thought to be Steve Davis as Sec UKAF WSA (vice Martyn Allen). RL to confirm **9.3 Definition of Calendar Organisational Boundaries** TC indicated that there was no change on this, the possibility of bringing the organisation of the artificial slope calendar into the system would be deferred until next year due to work load. **9.4 Calendar fees review** No change in fees for this season. SJ to review finances and report in November but based on recent expenditure and income it seems unlikely to need to change.	**RL** **SJ**
10.	**Rule Changes** **10.1 BCR / BACR** Small change to BCR VII to discount indoor snow as venue for practical assessment and examination (as noted above) for full TD status; these venues are suitable Art TD examinations. **10.2 UKAFWSA Rules** No change at this stage. **10.3 Telemark Rules** No change at this stage.	**RA**
11.	**Other Items** **11.1 U14/16 SG ski regulations** A proposal from Marc Telling regarding Super-G skis for U16 was discussed, but it was agreed that there was no issue as current regulations which stipulate ski dimensions for U16 are sufficient, and it is quite possible under the current rules to run U14 and U16 as separate Super-G races on different courses. **11.2 Changes to seeding regulations**	

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	TD and DJM presented a proposal for changes to the seeding regulations to overcome issues which leave some races unable to be seeded. DJM confirmed that although the actual implementation details of the proposal had not been circulated to stake-holders, most of the relevant ROCs and a number of coaches had already been involved in the general discussion and were fully supportive of the changes. The meeting agreed to adopt the proposal for the 2018/19 Winter season but also agreed that the changes had to be clearly laid out for people to understand. DJM to review sample data to ensure that the calculations required to still give U14 two separate runs do not impose a clear advantage or disadvantage to any age group, and to check the wording of the 'max 140 per race' rule to see if changes may be required there. DJM and AP to create briefing document explaining how the changes work, including worked examples to show how start order, results and penalties are to be worked out, and how to run U14 as a group (recommended to run as a group after all other competitors). **11.3 Schoolboys and Schoolgirls event regulations – entry level events and ski regulations** After some discussion on the process of applying entry level classification to some competitions, and with clear feeling in some quarters that the 40 point category adder originally proposed was too high, a wider debate on the issues around ski equipment followed. The meeting agreed that in order to support the BSS aims of widening participation and lowering cost of entry, the most appropriate change would actually be wider de-regulation than originally proposed, and to dispense with ski regulations in technical events. The meeting thus agreed that the equipment regulations for ski dimensions in technical races (SL and GS) would be changed to remove 'minimum' and replace with 'recommended' to apply to all races except national championships (British Champs and 3 Home Nations Champs), retaining the catch-all for Jury (as worded in equivalent USSA regs) to prevent start on inappropriate equipment. Rules SC to confirm wording, to be provided AP for checking, then to BSS AC for ratification before publicising as soon as possible. It was agreed that there was no need to give the same long notice period usually adopted for equipment changes as this change was actually making it less likely that new skis would need to be purchased. 11.3b Limit on number of races at one competition	**DJM** **DJM/AP** **RA/AP**

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	The meeting discussed a proposal to increase the current limit of two races per event type on the same slope within a five day period. It was agreed that this would be increased to three races for speed but that the limit for technical races would stay the same. DJM to forward the precise wording of the change to RA. **11.4 TD recruitment and officials' pathway** RA led discussion on how we recruit officials and TDs. No changes to current documentation were proposed, and there was agreement that we should all do what we can to encourage participation and development of officials at all levels. **11.5 BCR Pro Slalom** DGM led a discussion about lack of official guidance or framework for Pro Slalom despite the fact that this type of race appears at a number of competitions on the calendar. Consensus was that as these are unseeded races there is no requirement for Forum to regulate.	**DJM**
12	**Dates of Next Meeting** 2,3,4 Nov 2018 Ramada Hotel, Solihull, Birmingham. IR to produce flyer asap to publicise the event. 11 May 2019 TBC, English Midlands. 1,2,3 Nov 2019 Belgium. AP to broach with CL and hand to IR. May 2020 TBC, English Midlands	**IR** **AP**

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