Minutes of the GBR Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting
held virtually (using GoToMeeting) on Saturday 2nd May 2020 14:00-17:30 BST

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Adrian Pery (AP) Chair; David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair; Julian Adams (JA); Ross Anderson (RA); Taryn Archbold (TA); Mark Berry (MB); Susie Berry (SB); Ingrid Christopherson (IC); Tristan Cole (TC); Richard Dawe (RD); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Tim Fawke (TF); Ross Gardner (RG); Andrea Grant (AG); James Heaton (JH); Kirsty Hope (KH); Simon Horn (SH); Steve James (SJ); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); Martin Leach (ML); Christophe Lemeire (CL); Richard Love (RL); David Mansfield (DSM); Derek Metters (DGM); John Poole (JP); Shell Quaile (SQ); Elke Roels (EK); Jenny Shute (JS); Logan Tannock (LT); Paul Trayner (PT); Gwyneth Watson (GW)	
2	**Apologies:** Jamie Davies (JD); Richard Ellis (RE); Jez Spring (JSp); Kevin Webb (KW)	
3	**Minutes of 3rd November 2019 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**. LJ confirmed existence of a log of race officials at races organised for/by SE, also includes some SSW races. This is populated from information sent by CORs of each race to Andrew Hjort (alpineofficials@snowsportengland.org.uk). LJ to circulate levels/pathway used by SE to all constituent groups with a view to standardising terminology to assist with greater understanding. **4.2 Terms of Reference GBR and Lowlands Commissioner** DSM summarised progress, latest draft to be reviewed by CL, PT, JS before going for approval. **4.3 First Aid at Summer Events** [Discussed under 10.2 BACR] **4.4 Homologation Updates** DSM outlined recent discussions, FIS meetings to take place in 10 days so no changes yet agreed. It was agreed that clarity is needed, ideally with separate homologation documents written for WC and FIS levels, or at least itemising differences in security measures, but most existing homologations are a long way from this. There is also a wide range in the level of detail in the documents, from 'put some B net where you think you need it' to fully detailed diagrams showing where every installation needs to go. DSM will keep pushing with FIS. **4.5 Use of non-homologated Slopes** After a wide-ranging discussion regarding the running of various types of race on different slopes, it was agreed that the principle will be that for seeded British calendar competitions there must be no planned use of slopes that are not homologated for the type of event being run (SL, GS, SG, etc.). Previous dispensations in this area would not be given for next season. RA to draft change for BCR to be ratified at November meeting. DJM to include statement to this effect to be included in template for emails that go to ROCs at start of season notifying them of their appointed TD.	**LJ** **AP/CL/PT/ JS** **DSM** **RA** **DJM**

	TC advised members that at least one ROC was intending to use Austrian national homologation for proposed SG races next season. DSM/TC to check on status of Austrian homologation setup. **Post meeting note**: Austria does not have a National Homologation system, slopes either have FIS homologation or a local organiser "liability contract" for Austrian races. For clarity, for British races to be added to the calendar slopes either need to be Homologated by FIS or an approved National System, of which only FRA and ITA are currently recognised.	**DSM/TC**
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 GB Snowsport** See written report. **5.2 UKAFWSA** See written report. SH has taken over from RL as UKAFWSA rep. The Forum thanked RL for his contribution. **5.3 SE** See written report. **5.4 SSW** See written report. GW noted that rule change to only allow points from published BASS list to be used had reduced the amount of pre-race work for organisers. DJM supported this statement. **5.5 SSS** No written report, as there is still no delegate on the Forum to represent Scotland. PT/TF to contact Trafford Wilson to follow this up. PT reported that Scottish homologations were due next summer and hoped that this did not cost as much as last time. **5.6 British Championships** No competition, no report. Back to Tignes in 2021! **5.7 Telemark** See written report. **5.8 Finance** See written report.	**PT/TF**
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. Following several recent instances of using a 'stand-in' for absent TD, the lack of a clear definition of the requirements for this role was discussed. It was agreed that the guiding principle in the case of Force Majeure should be ask a suitably qualified official to assume the role whilst maintaining some form of independence or asking the Chief of Race to step up. In all cases the new appointments should be Minuted at the start of the event. Information for the ROC should be included in the TD assignment email.	**DJM**

	AP will write to the HNGB CEOs to highlight the issue. RA and AP will review the rules to see if this principle can be sensibly incorporate for clarity. **6.2 Telemark seeding** No change, seeding continues to be operated by TM group. **6.3 2019-20 Snow seeding** DJM noted that the number of athletes failing to achieve any results during the season was not significant due to the cancellation of the last few competitions (including the British Champs) and thus the 2020 BASS list was closed at list 6 with no alteration to the method of calculating points. **6.4 2020 Artificial Seeding** Having published the opening BARTS lists in March, no further lists will be published until there is a clear understanding of how and when competition will resume. It was agreed that if the entire season is lost (with no seeded races taking place) then the seed points will simply be rolled over to the following season without the usual end-of-season loading. It was further agreed that more information about the timing and methods of resuming competition was required before any judgement could be made on the best way to accommodate this within the seeding system. T&C SC to formulate a proposal on this when more information is available.	**AP** **RA AP** **T&C SC**
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** DSM summarised the position with the current FIS TD candidates: • TC – passed both on-snow exams during the Winter. • SQ - completed Technical but was unable to complete Speed exam due to cancellations, reschedule for 2021 season. • ER – continuing development, scheduled to sit FIS written exam in November 2021. • DSM also noted a FIS TD candidate proposal from NED, Paco Krom. DSM indicated that IC would no longer operate as a FIS TD, the Forum thanked Ingie for her service to the sport in this role and looked forward to her continued involvement in GBR and Forum matters. DSM also noted that Ireland had now joined the Lowlands group. AP welcomed all lowland nations to the Forum with an open invitation for all Lowland TDs to join future Forum meetings. After some discussion about the TD development pathway and the need to go through the (GBR) national TD process before moving into the FIS TD pathway, it was agreed that the principle of the current system was working although there may always be exceptions to be considered where fast-tracking might be appropriate.	

	ML confirmed that the GBR system was well regarded by FIS, with FIS candidates prepared through the GBR system having an excellent exam pass rate. CL indicated a possible candidate for Belgian national TD who could go through the GBR/Lowland pathway to qualification. **7.2 Safety & Medical Matters** (JS) Injuries still being discussed at FIS; ISS still running but now being operated by in-house team. Looking at specific areas at May meeting: cut-resistant underwear, and the rate of re-injury. Proposals for altering (lowering) the age groups are again being tabled for discussion, along with proposals for limiting the number of starts for the youngest age group, although it was noted there is considerable opposition to the proposal. An updated FIS Medical Guide is now available, along with a Medical checklist (the latter being a guide to assist organisers of major events rather than a legal document). FIS are also continuing to work on gender balance, something that the Forum notes with regard to British technical officials and will continue with its current efforts to redress the imbalance. **7.3 FIS ICR** DSM highlighted a few changes being discussed, largely procedural changes and some improvements in wording. Noting that Fluorinated waxes are to be banned from the 2020/21 season (if a suitable control device can be developed in time!) and that there is the possibility of a change in minimum vertical drop for ENL Super G and perhaps some alteration in Category Adders.	
8.	**British TD Matters** **8.1 Contact List** Circulated via Dropbox, please inform Chair of any changes. **8.2 Resignations** None. **8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Andy du Plessis — Due to personal commitment unable to progress with on-snow examination. Wishes to remain as Artificial only TD, which was accepted. Elke Roles — GB Written examination passed. Proposal to write FIS Exam Nov 2020 with fast track GB on snow examination 2020/21 season and then FIS on snow afterwards. Mentor MB. Ross Gardner — GB Written exam passed. On snow examinations to be completed 2020/21. Mentor PT. Taryn Archbold — Gained more experience during 2020 season, aiming for written exam Nov 2020 and practicals during 2020/21. Mentor DSM. Kirsty Hope — Gained more experience during 2020 season, aiming for written exam Nov 2020 and practicals during 2020/21. Mentor RA.	**All**

	Martin 'Triggs' Triggol Proposed by JD for the Telemark pathway, accepted as an aspirant for development in 2020/21 season and potentially written exam Nov 2021. Mentor JD. **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** See written report, no significant issues raised. **8.5 Child protection, Disclosures & Injury** No new issues were reported. **8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency** Nothing to add. **8.7 TD Expenses** Some discussion over possible issues with £400 'automatic' limit (beyond which prior agreement with ROC should be sought), but it was agreed that the system is working so no changes required at present. **8.8 Sub-committee roles** AP to update list to include new TDs. JH preference for Training or Safety. **Post Meeting Note** TA expressed a preference for Safety and Security and KH expressed a preference for S&C or Rules. **8.9 Scottish Events and 8.10 When TD cannot attend** Discussed under item 6.1.	
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** TC confirmed changes to online system now allow submission before insurance document is available. In theory applications for all competitions should have been received for discussion at this meeting but it was noted that quite a few of the expected applications had yet to be made and some allowance will be made in these current circumstances. **9.2 Definition of Calendar Organisational Boundaries** No discussion. **9.3 Calendar Fees review** SJ had already confirmed that given the current state of Forum finances, no increase in calendar fees was necessary. **Post meeting Note**: Discussion will need to take place about costs associated with Lowland Group 'expansion', to be discussed in Nov **9.4 Summer Calendar** Already discussed under 6.4.	
10.	**Rule Changes** **10.1 BCR** No changes. **10.2 BACR** It was agreed that the existing wording that medical cover should (rather than must) be dedicated to the race be retained. It was also noted during the discussion that there were limitations at some slopes, for example where use of facility staff is mandated as part of their terms. ROCs should be aware of HSE guidance in this area (https://www.hse.gov.uk/event-safety/running.htm). . Given the potential legal implications, RA to expand the draft text taking into account best practice and HSE recommendations and check with legal to ensure we are not opening up potential liability issues.	**RA**

	10.3 UK AFWSA Rules No changes. **10.4 Telemark rules** No changes.	
11.	**Other items** **11.1 2020/21 Season** It was agreed that it was not possible to make any firm plans for next season until more information is available, but it was also noted that as most of our Winter races take place in other nations it is probable that ROCs would have to take into account notice of regulations from multiple governments regarding safe operation of competitions. Appropriate wording will be added to the TD assignment email if required. **11.2 Combined vs separate age groups** Concern was raised about lack of clarity over whether age groups were to be seeded as a combined race or separately at any event. It was agreed that the ROC intentions should be indicated in race bulletins but accepting that plans may have to be changed nearer the time. DJM to add a note to template for emails sent to ROCs at the beginning of the season.	**AP DJM** **DJM**
	11.2 Dates of Next Meeting 13/14/15 Nov 2020 : English Midlands, venue TBD by AG 8 May 2021 Location TBC/online	**AG**