Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting
Held online on Saturday 8th May 2021 at 15:00-17:40 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); Tristan Cole (TC); Jamie Davies (JD); Richard Dawe (RD); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Richard Ellis (RE); Tim Fawke (TF); Ross Gardner (RG); James Heaton (JH); Kirsty Hope (KH); Simon Horn (SH); Steve James (SJ); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); Martin Leach (ML); Richard Love (RL); David Mansfield (DSM); Derek Metters (DGM); Michael van Moppes (MvM); John Poole (JP); Shell Quaile (SQ); Elke Roels (ER); Jez Spring (JSp); Paul Trayner (PT); Martin Triggol (MT); Gwyneth Watson (GW);	
2	**Apologies:** Ingrid Christopherson (IC); Andrew du Plessis (AdP); Andrea Grant (AG); Christophe Lemeire (CL); Logan Tannock (LT); Jenny Shute (JS); Kevin Webb (KW);	
3	**Minutes of 15th November 2020 Meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** **4.1 Terms of Reference GBR and Lowlands Commissioner** AP reported that following further refinement (including Clarification of position whether Commissioner is or is not a GBR TD) the TORs were sent to GBS Alpine for consideration and legal checks and had been accepted. [Agenda item closed] **4.2 Homologation Updates** DSM reported no changes. Scottish homologations were still valid, DSM to negotiate with SSS to ensure homologation renewal of Scottish slopes in time to be in place for coming season. **4.3 Concussion Update** AP reported that the working group had made good progress, with a statement and rule change published in Nov 2020 which had been well received by the HNs. TF reported that JS had given an online seminar on concussion attended by 100 people, very well received. [Agenda item closed]	
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 GB Snowsport** PT gave a verbal report summarising the best season ever on snow across all disciplines, despite curtailment of season and increased costs. Budgets are in place to support activity in all disciplines. Alain Baxter will join as coach to Alpine Men's Team. Written report to be posted. **5.2 UKAFWSA** SH reported being optimistic about 2022, waiting on policy changes. Calendar events are expected to follow similar dates and venues as previous seasons. **5.3 SE** See written report. LJ reported regular meetings held with other HNs regarding easing of	

	lockdown restrictions, changes in calendar, adjustments to GBR series. Several CNs scheduled to take place under 'COVID measures' regulations agreed last year, hoping to run under 'normal' rules from July onwards. Recent online level 1 official courses totalling 99 attendees show an increased desire to get involved. **5.4 SSW** See written report. GW highlighted launch of national slalom awards designed to encourage participation, using standardised courses or forerunner to predict times and calculate results. Also noted GW is currently running Calcs course with 10 attendees, and there is already interest from others. **5.5 SSS** PT noted the benefit of financial support to facilities through these difficult times. Good progress with development team, 6 training camps coming up, 26 athletes signed up. Written report to be posted. **5.6 British Championships** Plan to go ahead 2022 in Tignes, similar dates to this year. Little else to report. **5.7 Telemark** See written report. **5.8 Finance** See written report. A surplus of £208 was recorded. Post Meeting Note: We are still waiting confirmation from GBS/FIS whether FIS events cancelled to the Pandemic will be charged a calendar fee by FIS. If so the costs will be passed to the ROCs.	
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. DJM reported that validation of race results was now largely automatic, supplemented by brief visual inspection to ensure that PDF and online results tallied (were produced from the same source data). **T&C SC** would discuss whether validation could be entirely automatic, whether or not PDF results/penalties are still required for sponsorship and similar reasons, and if present whether they need verifying against database results; conclusions and any recommendations to be tabled in November. **6.2 Telemark seeding** No change, seeding continues to be operated by TM group. **6.3 2020-21 Snow seeding** See T and C sub-committee written report. **6.4 2021 Artificial Seeding** See T and C sub-committee written report.	**T&C SC**
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** DSM reported that FIS racing managed to carry on, in some cases with more races than usual. GBR FIS races in Santa Caterina; Irish had well-attended series; Belgium, Lux, Denmark series of races in Finland. For our TDs mostly a blank season, DSM one and JA several in USA.	

	Some candidates have been waiting for practicals for two or more years, but this is not perceived as an issue by FIS as participation at annual update ensures currency. Various sub-committee meetings are upcoming. DSM noted that SX becoming Alpine discipline is on agenda for meeting but not clear in which direction this is going, and no firm proposals have been tabled; some indication that this may mean rules come under Alpine but the rest of the discipline activity stays with Freestyle. In the short term there are limited GBR SX events. **7.2 Safety & Medical Matters** DSM noted that despite vaccination COVID measures would need to stay in place in some form for a time to come. On concussion education there is a push to ensure this continues to be a worldwide issue. Options for cut resistant clothing being investigated, various levels of protection being discussed, possibly going as far as mandating at FIS events at some stage, there is an issue about the need "to cut" to ensure access to certain injuries. A study is currently under way regarding repeat knee ligament injuries after repair. **7.3 FIS ICR** DSM reported Rules SC have a number of proposals on the agenda, including change to allow online TCMs, French idea for SG in 2 runs and various thoughts on parallel competitions.	
8.	**British TD Matters** **8.1 Contact List** Circulated via Dropbox, please check, amend and inform Chair of any changes including email addresses. **8.2 Resignations** AP reported that KW had announced his immediate retirement as a TD. The Forum records its gratitude for his service over many years. PT noted that the family of Frank Staddle were grateful for the messages of support following his recent death. The Forum re-iterated their appreciation for everything Frank had done for the sport during his many years' involvement. **8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Shell Quaile — Completed Tech 2019/20 but unable to complete Speed exam, to be re-scheduled. Elke Roels — Passed GBR written exam November 2019. To undertake FIS written exam November 2021. Mentor MB. Passed technical test in Finland last week. Ross Gardner — Passed GBR written exam November 2019. On-snow examinations still to be scheduled. Mentor PT. Taryn Archbold — Passed GBR written exam November 2020. On-snow examinations to be scheduled. Mentor DSM with input/support from DJM on T&C. Kirsty Hope — Passed GBR written exam November 2020. On-snow examinations to be scheduled. Mentor RA. Martin Triggol — Passed GBR written exam November 2020. On-snow examinations to be scheduled. Mentor JD.	**All**

	Xan Alaerts (BEL) Passed GBR written exam November 2020. On-snow examinations to be scheduled. Mentor CL. Andy du Plessis Still current (qualified Artificial), although no assignments this summer. SQ to attempt to contact and discuss his intentions. Jez Spring, John Poole - Pending transition to full GBR. DJM highlighted opportunity to shadow TD and Calcs at any of the artificial races taking place over the Summer. JA identified that the programme of assessment in winter 2021/2022 was "crowded" and that there was a need for candidates to identify availability for assessment preferably by September. **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** None (no competitions since last meeting). **8.5 Child protection, Disclosures & Injury** No new issues were reported. **8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency** Nothing to report. **8.7 TD Expenses** Nothing to report. **8.8 Sub-committee roles** Nothing to report. **8.9 Pandemic Assignment Conditions** Nothing to report.	
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** Nothing to report. **9.2 Artificial Assignments** DJM reported that all bar two competitions on the 2021 artificial calendar had TDs assigned via the online availability planner. BSA Firpark: **DJM** still awaiting confirmation that event going ahead, will then need a TD. Lowlands Champs BASS – NED or BEL TD. MVM offered, **LJ** to confirm with organisers. **9.3 Calendar Fees review** No increase required.	**DJM** **LJ**
10.	**Rule Changes** **10.1 BCR** No changes. **10.2 BACR** No changes. **10.3 UK AFWSA Rules**	

	No changes. **10.4 Telemark rules** No changes. AP noted GBR proposal to FIS to use video gate judging with 5-6 cameras covering course rather than 25+ individual gate judges on the hill.	
11.	**Other items** **11.1 TD Forum TORs** AP and RA outlined the proposed changes and the reasons for them. Agreement from Forum, revised TORs to be adopted with immediate effect. **11.2 Helmets for Officials** AP summarised the forthcoming GBS policy/guidelines for their officials being required to wear helmets. The Forum acknowledged GBS intent and recognised the value of proper protection. Forum agreed that wearing of helmets should be recommended for everyone moving on course and allow them to be removed for those who are in a static position or carrying out work where helmet may be an issue. **AP/RA/DJM** to provide wording for **PT** to take to GBS Alpine to influence wording of document before it is published. **11.3 U16 single run races** A proposal to consider allowing U16 events to be staged as two single run races was discussed, and it was agreed that this was a policy area relating to development pathways so the Forum would not discuss relevant rule changes until directed to do so. It was agreed that if force majeure prevents second run of a two-run U16 race being staged, it should be possible that such events could still be seeded on single run in these exceptional circumstances. **AP/RA/DJM** to consider what rule changes are required to support this. **11.4 Season planning 2021/22** No specific issues to discuss, all are hoping for as normal a season as possible. **11.5 Succession planning** AP reminded the meeting that his second term of office would expire in May 2022. Two candidates to take over as Chair of the TD Forum with effect from the May meeting in 2022 were proposed. An online ballot was held in the 24 hours following the meeting and RA was elected by a sizeable majority.	**AP, RA, DJM, PT** **AP, RA, DJM**
	11.2 Dates of Next Meetings 5th/6th/7th November 2021, location TBC. Aim is for 'in person' meeting. It was noted that various restrictions on choice of dates including Remembrance Day, BEL/NED All Saints National holidays, GBR Half terms and FIS meetings make it difficult to select a date that suits everyone. 7th May 2022 online.	