Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting held online on Saturday 13th May 2023

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Ross Anderson (RA) Chair; David Manns (DJM) Vice Chair; Julian Adams (JA); Taryn Archbold (TA); Kirsty Crawford (KC); Jamie Davies (JD); Richard Dawe (RD); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Richard Ellis (RE); Ross Gardner (RG); James Heaton (JH); Steve James (SJ); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); John Poole (JP); Derek Metters (DGM); Adrian Pery (AP); Jenny Shute (JS); Jez Spring (JSp); Logan Tannock (LT); Paul Trayner (PT); Martin Triggol (MT);	
2	**Apologies / Not Present:** Xan Alaerts (XA); Mark Berry (MB); Tristan Cole (TC); Tim Fawke (TF); Andrea Grant (AG); Simon Horn (SH); Martin Leach (ML); Christophe Lemeire (CL); Richard Love (RL); David Mansfield (DSM); Michael van Moppes (MvM); Elke Roels (ER); Shell Thomas-Quaile (ST); Gwyneth Watson (GW);	
3	**Minutes of 6th November 2022 Meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** None.	
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 GB Snowsport** RA noted that a written report from Juliet Foster (GBS) is expected post-meeting, and provided the meeting with key points: Performance overall successful especially given the financial constraints; gained access to Swiss residency visas to allow staff to spend more time in country; good results across all disciplines; 3 male athletes in top 30 WC event; para turned in a good haul of medals; increased board size; focus on generating funds; recognise need for increased admin support; still looking for lead sponsor for British Championships. JS queried whether increased time in Europe applies only to Alpine or across all disciplines, particularly thinking about cross-country need for acclimatisation; RA confirmed that current arrangements apply only to all athletes on a GBS Training Programme. **5.2 UKAFWSA** JP reported a successful Inter Services event. JP also highlighted difference in 'stepping up' rule in GS team events currently in operation; RA confirmed that this only needs changes to services own rules and/or risk assessments, nothing that needs TDF approval. **5.3 SE** LJ covered key points from the submitted report: English Alpine Champs ran the same programme spread over a longer period this year, starting FIS races several days early to help decompress the timetable; reports from coaches show this was well received; with good snow in resort and no weather issues, both FIS and Childrens'	

	competitions were delivered in full; new management in resort provided excellent support for racing. Artificial slope season already under way; Braehead (Snow Factor) remains closed which required re-jig of GBR Indoor Series to allow a full five race series to take place during the season. BASS Indoor races in Landgraaf (Netherlands) again cancelled due to on-going issues with work permits; alternative use of Peer (Belgium) was not practical due to pricing; Lowlands Indoor Championships will take place at Landgraaf in September to be run by Dutch federation. Several race officials training courses already staged, more to come later this year; some elements/roles available in modular format which is proving popular. **5.4 SSW** *No report currently available.* **5.5 SSS** *No report currently available.* **5.6 British Championships** RA summarised: significant challenges due to weather with two metres of fresh snow at the beginning of the Seniors week meant all speed events had to be cancelled. In the end only the NC and NJC Slalom races were completed during the week; weather for Childrens' week was a great deal better although still challenging at times, allowing all but one race to be completed; discussions are under way for 2024 event. **5.7 Telemark** JD summarised key points from report: managed to run full programme this Winter although not without challenges due to weather; Navy to run its own champs next Winter which will mean another calendar event will require TD. **5.8 Finance** SJ reported that the team were still catching up with refunds for cancelled races but finances are in good shape. SJ requested that billing for costs/expenses needs to be done in a timely fashion to avoid issues with financial planning.	
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. **6.2 Telemark seeding** JD confirmed : no change. **6.3 2022-23 Snow seeding** See T and C sub-committee written report. **6.4 2023 Artificial Seeding** See T and C sub-committee written report. Agreed to merge items from section 6 into a single agenda item for future meetings as they can all be covered by a single report.	**Chair**

7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** PT reminded the meeting that the Fluoro ban will come into force this Winter, although on-site inspections are likely only to happen at the highest level as the cost of testing is high. JS highlighted the presence of two GBR athletes currently serving as members of FIS Athletes' Commission. PT reported that restricting first- and second-year starts was discussed at length, not yet ready for decisions with some complex issues to resolve; nations enforcing this (or not) to varying degrees. **7.2 FIS ICR** PT reported key points from recent FIS meetings: • No stepping back in SL. • Use of electronic noticeboard to be allowed explicitly, removing the requirement for publishing paper forms. • Clarification on allowing double entry if two events in same place on same day. • Rules for delay gates to include definition of minimum distance 0.75m. • Allowed to change colour of individual panels (not poles) in Super-G if needed to improve visibility of gates. • New set of over-arching rules constructed for Team Combined, although still some debate over whether this event should count for WC points. **7.3 Medical** JS reported on current activities: • Trans-gender discussions on-going, no conclusions yet. • New Athletes Health Unit approved by council, looking at all aspects of health and well-being across all disciplines. • Projects on concussion under way, including wearable devices to measure impact. • Changes in medical committee status are coming, watch this space.	
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 / Retirements**	**All**

	Mark Berry has retired as a TD. RA thanked Mark on behalf of the Forum for his valued input over many years. **8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** JA offered the Forum's thanks to DGM and RD for their work in ensuring that Ross Gardner successfully completed his practical assessment and examination in somewhat difficult circumstances. Ross Gardner Approved as a full British TD. Jonny Gillespie Scheduled to take written exam in November 2023. Jamie Davies Looking to complete Alpine speed assessment in 2024. **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** RA explained the three instances of unsportsmanlike behaviour under FIS ICR article 223.1.1. Interesting to note that in all three instances the Jury received full support for their actions from the coaches of the athletes concerned. **8.5 Child protection, Disclosures & Injury** JS affirmed continued work with various bodies around safe guarding. Noted that there will soon be information available on safe guarding for adults. Significant work on-going at FIS on various aspects of injuries. **8.5.1 Monitor use of photographic/video evidence** No concerns raised during the Winter season - monitoring will continue. **8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency** Nothing to report that isn't covered elsewhere in agenda. **8.7 TD Expenses** Chair. To be discussed again in November, possibly implementing a more frequent small increase in expense levels to keep abreast of increased costs, rather than leaving it for a prolonged period before a larger increase. **8.8 Right to Work in Europe** No significant changes. **8.9 Vice Chair replacement** Chair re-iterated the intention to find a replacement for DJM as Vice Chair of the Forum. Nominations should be sent to the Chair, for discussion at the November meeting.	
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** RA summarised the changes being made to the calendar process, including the ability to change dates after applications have been approved, and to streamline the process for billing. **9.2 TD Assignments** RA thanked all those who fulfilled their assignments over the Winter, and those who have already made the switch from Winter to Summer mode and are attending artificial slope events. **9.3 TD Assignments Summer 2023 BARTS events**	

	Artificial slope assignments are always available online on GBSKI (TD Forum, Assignments): https://www.gbski.com/tdassigns.php?art **9.4 Calendar Fees review** It was agreed that no increase was required at present.	
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.	
11.	**Other items** **11.1 U16 race Format – random draw** RA summarised the proposal (as detailed in separate white paper) to use a random draw for U16 races as has already been successfully trialled in the USA. The meeting agreed that this could be a positive change and wider discussion was required. RA to organise sub-group to discuss the proposal and seek input from racing community. RSC to lead with other TDs and HN Reps to be nominated by the end of May. **11.2 UK Government concussion guidance** RA would welcome any Forum members reviewing through the new guidelines to ensure they are familiar with the contents, also cross-checking with our rules to see if there is anything we need to add or change in our handling of concussion incidents. JS noted that there are already FIS guidelines in place and a lot of work is currently being done in this area. JA noted that USSA maintains a list of those currently out of competition due to concussion, which for safety of the athletes is publicly accessible to ensure that TDs, OCs and others involved are fully aware of potential issues. RA to distribute the information to the Academies and Clubs to inform into the wider debate and understand any concerns from the Alpine Community regarding possible introduction of a similar scheme for British athletes. *Post meeting note: around 35 athletes currently listed on USSA 'on hold' list, with about 1/3 noted as injured during training rather than competition so this is wider than incidents seen/reported by TD.* JS highlighted work currently under way with other aspects of health and safety including diameter/weight of gate poles. **11.3 Peter Heath** RA and others related how much Peter contributed to the framework and backbone of the whole sport over the many years. It was agreed that PH should be retained on the circulation list for Forum communications.	**RA** **SJ** **All** **RA**

12.	**Dates of Next Meetings** 3rd-5th November, Manchester (Best Western at Manchester Airport). 11th or 18th May 2024, online.	