MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, EDINBURGH, 6TH NOVEMBER 2011

1. PRESENT Ian Roberts – Chair Julian Adams (JA) Susie Berry (SB) Ingrid Christophersen (IC) Tristan Cole (TC) Richard Dawe (RD) Richard Ellis (RE) Tim Fawke (TF) Peter Harris (PHa) Sian Harris (SH) Aggi Hunt (AH) Maud Instone (MI) Sid James (SJ) Ali Jubb (AJ) Martin Leach (ML) David Manns (DMa) David Mansfield (DM) Derek Metters (DMe) Adrian Pery (AP) Lucy Pyle (LP) Jenny Shute (JS) Frank Staddle (FS) Logan Tannock (LT) Paul Trayner (PT) Kevin Webb (KW) Larry Young (LY)	
2. APOLOGIES Mark Berry, Nicki Cullen, Ross McMillan. Peter Willis, Peter Heath, Spence Wild	
3. Minutes of 7th May 2011 meeting The Minutes were approved	
4. Matters Arising 5.5 Request for TD training material –very little supplied to date, please continue	**ALL**
5. Reports from Delegates **5.1** British Ski & Snowboard – Chair. See Report. Additionally reviewed BSS Draft Constitution. Draft Constitution covers rule making 4.3.2, 4.3.9. Alpine Discipline Cttee 8.1, 8.2.5 (TD) 8.2.7 FIS Rep. Congress every 2 years 10.1. Medical Cttee Schedule 2. Schedule 2 App A TD Forum reports via Alpine Cttee. Recommending to the Board candidates for nomination to be the Technical Delegate Forum chairman and other suitable potential members of that forum, whose role will be, amongst other matters, to be a source of support and advice for the Discipline Committee, the athletes and all members of the discipline on relevant technical and performance matters **5.2** BARSC – SB. No written report as BARSC does not	

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organise events over the summer period but has run a large number of training camps in a variety of places. The dates for all our club and group events for the coming winter Calendar are now confirmed. **5.3** CSWSA **–** SJ. See report **5.4** Snowsport England – DM. See report. See also Item 6.2 **5.5** Snowsport Wales – PH. See report. It was suggested that coaches should be assigned to act as Referee as Artificial Slope races. The proposal was supported but it was felt that there needed to be a publicity drive to heighten awareness of the matter. TDs and HNGBs were requested to encourage coaches and ROCs to be appoint coaches as referees. **5.6** Snowsport Scotland – FS. See report **5.7** British Champs – PT, MI. See Reports	**All**
6. Seeding and Regulation See attached BASS and BARTS reports **6.1** BASS Category adder – agreement to retain current 40 point adder for 2 run Indoor events. **Review at Nov 12 meeting** GBR FIS race organisers – Please ensure correct information is sent to PHe by the organising committee. Update email addresses on TD report form **6.2** BArtSS Indoor snow. Revert back to 10 point minimum penalty. **Review at Nov 12 meeting.**	**ALL** **RD** **Approved**
7. FIS Matters **7.1** TD documentation will be available in XML and PDF format to reduce paper work. **7.2** Children's Issues. JS reported on equipment rule changes pending for 2012-2013: U16 GS skis Min radius 17m Max height 188cm Max width 65mm This means that U16 won't be able to use men's ski, but can use ladies' ski. Single ski for U10 (130cm ski), proposal to be discussed at FIS Congress 2012. FIS keen to reduce stand height on ski, but this needs radical change in ski structure. There is to be no manipulation of boot stand height. Juniors - transitional rules for 2012-2013, manufacturers unable to supply for North American Market. FIS Council insists one set of rules per race, equipment rules for WJC to be clarified. YOG 2012 - current equipment rules FIS World Snow Day 22nd Jan 2012 Lots of support with FIS for Super Combined event to try to bolster and maintain interest in Alpine Increasing concern and evidence of injuries to CH/Jun. Equal concern that statistics are just the tip of the iceberg. No evidence from within GBR but it is needed.	**ML**

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Agreed to issue an anonymous questionnaire to CH racers to gather statistics on injuries. SSE agreed to generate anonymous on line questionnaire.	**TF/JS**
Concern at lack of knowledge amongst coaches of equipment rules. Consequently, rules may inadvertently be broken or adjustments made that could jeopardise safety. Strong feeling that BSS should provide coach education on equipment rules. Chair to propose to the Alpine Committee.	**Chair**
7.3 ICR Update. Precisions not yet available. NB Now issued http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/precisionsnh_e_nov11.pdf New helmet rules will only apply to World Cup events for the 11/12 season. Helmets for ski racing should have a smooth surface overall, with no peaks or fins. GBR TDs to monitor types of helmets used in 11/12 season and advise racers on legality.	**All**
8. British TD Matters **8.1 Contact List updates** Circulate for update – attached. Notify updates to Chair	**Chair/All**
8.2 Jury Procedures Reinforcement of correct procedures for Jury meetings • Ensure racer has fair hearing • Listen to racer/racer's witnesses but test grounds for evidence (eg position on hill etc) • Wrong to insist on video evidence but admit it if it is available • Ensure gate judges are confident about their decision • Document meeting fully • Any doubt, disqualification should be dismissed • Jury members should keep notes of observations made during the race to help back up decisions • Don't question a child (U18) unless an adult representative is present	**All**
8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors David Manns, Ali Jubb, Adrian Perry – sitting exam 6th Nov 11	
Ross McMillan – Practical exam to be rescheduled. PT to contact	**PT**
Paul Trayner –Paul will be put forward to FIS as a FIS TD for approval	**ML**
David Mansfield - David will be put forward to FIS as a FIS TD for approval	**ML**
Gus Currie – IR/FS to contact. SB to forward contact details	**Chair/FS/SB**
Ross Anderson/John Poole – progressing to aspirant early 2012 Marc Telling – unable to attend seminar due to coaching commitments Christophe Lemeire – SB thanked meeting for the offers of FIS races that have been made. ML encouraged TDs to consider progression to FIS when current FIS TDs retire. Derek Metters. Derek had been assigned to the 2011 BUSC	

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Championships despite not being speed qualified, as he was the only TD available at short notice. Nevertheless, Derek had significant experience as a speed event Chf of Race. It was therefore agreed that Derek should be awarded the speed endorsement to his license. He was assigned to the RAF Championships 2012 where he could gain further experience at a speed event with an experienced ROC. IR thanked GBR FIS TDs, Jenny Shute, Dick Taplin for the work done within FIS in the last 12 months. **8.4 Review of TD Forum Terms of Reference** Revised ToR forwarded to BSS and would be included in the Constitution **8.5 Sanctions update** Nothing to report **8.6 Child Protection and Disclosures** New CRB guidelines mean that some race officials, including TDs, may not need to be checked, new risk assessment events pack currently being drawn up. All race officials and TDs are strongly advised to attend a CP course. TF to investigate possibility of running a course at the May 2012 meeting. TDs and race officials to ensure responsible adult present when dealing formally with a child or vulnerable adult. New vetting scheme running in Scotland, no renewals being processed by SSS at present. Coaches, houseparents will need to be checked via SSE if needed urgently. Portability issues should be resolved in the near future. **8.7 National Referee conversion programme** Action Ongoing SB reported that in Switzerland referee conversion course is same as TD but lower level. 3 yr term as ref before becoming a TD. SB suggested BSS run a similar system. PT/SB to compile a draft proposal **8.8 Chairman Position** IR's current 3 year tenure has ended – IR happy to continue for a second term. MI proposed that IR continues, seconded by IC.	**TF** **SB/PT** **Accepted**
9. British Calendar and TD Appointments See updated calendar attached	**Chair/All**
10. BCR/BACR Update 10.1 Rule Changes No BCR changes due to lack of FIS Precisions. To be drafted once Precisions published. BACR remove 6.8.0.2 slalom – delete 'should', replace with 'may' option of 3 or 4 gate vertical combination 10.2 British Timing Report Encourage use of FIS timing form at BASS races Requirement and guidance to be included in draft rules for consideration at May meeting.	**Approved** **Rules Working Group**

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FIS Alpine timing booklet – lists homologated timing equipment. JA to check if a new list has been issued. All TDs to check timing equipment used in resorts. Homologated equipment is preferred. If not available TD should document, ask ROC to inform resort, and report back to May meeting. 10.3 CH Age Groups and Minis' Racing The Chair had circulated a synopsis of responses to the consultation and a paper by Jemima Barnes concerning the development of young racers. There was an extensive discussion of potential solutions, but it became clear that the BSS Performance Director and Head Coach wanted to consult further. Moreover, the Forum considered that a strategic direction from the Board was appropriate before crafting appropriate rules. Consequently, the following proposals were **approved** for recommendation to the BSS board: • Adopt FIS age categories for CH racing • Adopt minimum age of 8 years old for races • That the drafting of rules should be postponed until the outcome of the further consultation was known and the Board had issued strategic direction. 10.5 Review of BCR and BACR TC/MI reported difficulties calculating the team result at the British CH Championships. DMe proposed that the calculation should not form part of the BCR, rather it was an event specific activity. To be reviewed in May. TC/MI/PT to propose new team calculation method 10.6 GBR Codex Item closed. 10.7 Chief of Calcs training There had been difficulty rationalising all available material. Chair to contact relevant parties to share information across GBR. 10.8 Eyewear – artificial slopes See report from LY. General support for the principle but awareness of difficulty of legislating in an area of specialist technology. JA stated that his information was that 96% of lenses sold in Europe are CR39 (plastic) so will not shatter, frames are still a problem. Rules working group to propose a form of words for consideration in May meeting.	**JA** **All** **Chair** **MI/TC/PT** **Chair** **Rules Working Group/JS**
11. Date of Next Meetings 12th May - Probably Birmingham 2/3/4th November 2012 – Birmingham	**Chair**
12. AOB RD extended invitation to athletes over 16 to ski at the RAF Championships	

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