MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT ON 4th NOVEMBER 2012

1. PRESENT Ian Roberts – Chair Julian Adams (JA) Ross Anderson (RA) Susie Berry (SB) Mark Berry (MB) Ingrid Christophersen (IC) Richard Dawe (RD) Richard Ellis (RE) Sian Harris (SH) Peter Harris (PHa) Peter Heath (PHe) Maud Instone (MI) Sid James (SJ) Ali Jubb (AJ) Martin Leach (ML) Christophe Lemeire (CL) Ross McMillan (RM) David Manns (DMa) David Mansfield (DM) Derek Metters (DMe) Adrian Pery (AP) Jenny Shute (JS) Frank Staddle (FS) Logan Tannock (LT) Paul Trayner (PT) Kevin Webb (KW) Larry Young (LY)	
2. APOLOGIES: Peter Willis, Lucy Pyle, Aggi Hunt, Tim Fawke, Nicki Cullen, Spence Wilde	
3. Minutes of 12th May 2012 meeting The Minutes were approved	
4. Matters Arising 5.3 John Poole – will be Chief of Race at the Army Championships to further enhance his CV. 8.6 Child Protection course for TD forum - ongoing 11.2 Chair thanked JA for presentation on timing at the Saturday update	**TF**
5. Reports from Delegates **5.1** British Ski & Snowboard – A report had been received but the Chair had been unable to download ahead of the meeting. See attached. There was disappointment that the Performance Director (paddy Mortimer) had not been able	

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to attend the Saturday to update on progress with the Future Structure. **5.2** BARSC – SB See report, SB requested that the indoor event being organised in October 2013 be a accepted as a zero pointed race. **5.3** CSWSA **–** No report Chair observed that no Services TD had undertaken a TD assignment since the inception of the Designation. SJ pointed out that people's work commitment had prevented this and when pressures reduced they could take up appointments. **5.4** Snowsport England – DMe See report **5.5** Snowsport Wales – PHa No written report. Welsh Alpine Championships will be in Champery from the 22nd to the 25th January. 2 days of FIS races and 2 days of BASS races. **5.6** Snowsport Scotland – FS See report **5.7** British Champs –PT/MI See report 2013 and 2014 championships will be in Meribel. 2015 will need to be assessed due to the World Cup Finals being held there.	**Approved**
6. Seeding and Regulation 6.1 BASS – PHe See report PHe pointed out that using the old version of SkiPro will mean setting the F values for each race or finding and altering the config file. Landgraaf – not enough evidence to recommend reducing the minimum penalty – remains at 40 points. PHe requested information on how the F factor is calculated and the purpose. ML to investigate and report back. 6.2 BartSS – DMa See report 6.2.1 There was a need to ratify the XL race format, trialled in Wales – 2 runs on same course cumulative times for results, max entry 70, minimum 20 seed point entry cut off. Number of events per annum England 8 Scotland 4 Wales 2 (confirmed with Robin Kellen)	**ML** **Approved**

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7. FIS Matters **7.1** Attention drawn to 'step back' ruling and need for publicity/education. Briefing on work being undertaken to identify safe ways of wearing a camera with a helmet in racing. ICR Precisions due out 7 Nov 12	**All**
7.2 Children. See report	
7.3 Medical Injury survey produced a good response with broad range of injuries. Analysis of responses is ongoing.	**JS**
Concerns over fumes from ski wax. FIS Cross country skiers are required to have ventilation systems in their wax rooms. Little public evidence but potential read over to British events. Chair requested that this information was relayed back to clubs and coaches	**All**
SB questioned whether SkierCross should have a FIS sub-committee and not be part of freestyle. ML said this was under discussion	
7.4 Martin Leach indicated that he wished to hand over his TD Commissioner responsibilities in the near future. The Forum would need to propose a successor to the BSS Board and then to FIS. The Chair will table discussions for the May 13 Forum.	**Chair**
• **British TD Matters**	
• **Contact List updates** Circulated and updated. See attached.	
• **Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Ross McMillan – Assessment complete. Practical exam at English Champs 2013. Ali Jubb – Practical Assessment to be undertaken at Inter-Service Champs (subject to agreement). Practical exam TBA Paul Trayner – continues as applicant FIS TD, candidate exam in 1 year's time. David Mansfield – Passed written exam, now candidate FIS TD Ross Anderson – Passed written exam on 3/11/12. Possible practical assessment at British Champs. Chair offered congratulations to David Mansfield and Ross Anderson on their exam results. John Poole – Chief of Race at Army Champs, written exam at November 2013 forum. Tim Fawke – ongoing, aims to take written exam in 2013. DMe proposed Julian Adams as an aspirant FIS TD. Issue raised over Julian's New Zealand nationality. ML to enquire.	**ML**

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- **Sanctions update**
  Nothing to report

- **Child Protection and Disclosures**
  See report — **All**
  - JS recommended TDs familiarise themselves with the new guidelines.
  - The home nations are developing an online awareness course.
  - There is a discrepancy between the England/Wales and Scotland procedures. Legally companies based in England and Wales should not accept the Scottish CRB check.
  - Race officials will not be required to have CRB checks, may be required to sign self declaration at each race.
  - BASI checks are not 'Enhanced', so are not sufficient to cover coaches working in 'regulated activity' positions. A separate check will need to be carried out. Clubs are advised to seek advice from the HN or BSS CWOs.

- **National Referee conversion programme**

SB reported that investigation had been done of the US and Swiss qualifications.

- USA has extensive formal training and exams. The Swiss qualification is one level below a FIS TD i.e. equivalent to a British TD with similar training.
- BASI has a requirement for coaches seeking qualification to be signed off by a TD after acting as a Referee. So far no TD has been asked to do this.
- The Forum agreed in principle to introducing a British Referee qualification. Draft rules and regulations will be prepared for consultation and consideration at the May Forum. — **SB/PT**

SSE are reviewing level 1 and 2 officials courses. Chair asked that Wales, Scotland and other interested parties are involved with a view to developing agreed British training. — **SSE**

- **Injury Survey Update – JS**

See 7.3 above

- **Larry Young Age Verification**

It was agreed that Larry could continue as a TD past the age of 65. — **Agreed**

Spence Wild failed to attend the TD updates in November 2011 and 2012. He would be offered to attend at the one day update, being arranged by the British Army, and failure to attend this update would mean that Spence would lose his TD licence and have to re-qualify, in accordance with BCR VII para 6 Chair reported that Aggi Hunt had tendered his resignation but had agreed to take a sabbatical and re-qualify if he decided to continue as a TD. • **TD Forum Chairperson Succession** Ian Roberts indicated that he had 2 years left of his tenure. He wished to ensure that his successor had the opportunity to be fully familiar with processes at takeover. He asked Forum members to consider potential candidates with a view to a decision at the May 13.	**All**
8. British Calendar and TD Appointments 9.1 See attached spreadsheet SB requested race organisers include Christophe Lemeire in their race teams. It was noted that the International Services Ski and Snowboard Championships (ISSSC) had been allocated a British FIS TD for many years. ISSSC was a British Championships, not a FIS Championships, and was one of the very few British events that held a downhill race. In view of the very high importance of maintaining British TD speed experience, the ability to assign British TDs to the ISSSC was highly desirable. It was generally agreed that British TDs could be assigned to the ISSSC. The Chair undertook to discuss the issue with CSWSA **Calendar Conference** IC led a discussion of clashes occurring on the calendar. Chair will write to HNs and Key Partners to ask them to vet applications from Member clubs/organisations. The aim would be to have race dates available at the May Forum meeting to allow negotiations over clashes to take place in time for formal Calendar publication later in the year.	**All** **Chair** **Chair**
9. BCR/BACR Update **9.1** Rule Changes Pending – see attached report BCR age group changes 608.6 remove words – in case of force majeure……..) 901.1.6 wording changed to 'U12s should not participate in more than one race per day' (Awaiting BSS Future Structure agreement). SB requested Anne Taylor should be thanked for her efforts in updating the British Champs trophies list. Chair outlined proposals for <u>options</u> for U14 and U16 race	**Approved**

formats that were proposed by representatives from England, Scotland and Wales U14 and U16 separate races Girls and Boys run down same course U16 result calculated on cumulative of both runs In U16 race, DSQ and DNF will run at the end of the second run but must appear on second run start list JS expressed concerns over selection as older U14s would not race against U16s – an indicator of potential. Concerns expressed over seeding due to different race formats. U14s would not benefit from the potentially better penalty if U16s were not in the same race.	
It was decided to undertake a 3 event trial at English, Scottish and British. Applies to GS and Slalom	**DMa/KW/FS/MI**
Combi rules approved for inclusion in BCR.	**DMa**
Stubby poles – specification needs defining, must not use cut off slalom poles. See later research circulated by Derek Metters.	**All**
SB requested dispensation for 150 starters at the Schoolgirls for 2013 race only.	**Approved**
BACR – See attached report.	**Approved**
Chair thanked DMa for his work on the rule books	
9.2 Telemark Rules AP AP has adapted Alpine rules for telemark races. Ongoing discussions on seeding – use addition to alpine list or create separate telemark seed list. There has been a request that female racers race in the mix with male racers It was suggested that other countries telemark rules might also be of assistance. The rules as drafted were approved for publication as British documents.	**AP/DMa**
10. Date of Next Meetings **10.1** 18th May 2013 Birmingham **10.2** 15 -17th November 2013 Birmingham **10.3** 17 May 2013 Birmingham **10.4** November 2014 Scotland	**Chair**

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