MINUTES OF THE TD FORUM MEETING HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, BIRMINGHAM AIRPORT ON 17 NOVEMBER 2013

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1. PRESENT Ian Roberts – (IR) Chair Ross Anderson (RA) Susie Berry (SB) Mark Berry (MB) Ingie Christophersen (IC) Tristan Cole (TC) Richard Dawe (RD) Richard Ellis (RE) Peter Heath (PHe) Maud Instone (MI) Sid James (SJ) David Manns (DJM) David Mansfield (DMa) Ross McMillan (RM) Derek Metters (DMe) Adrian Pery (AP) Jenny Shute (JS) Frank Staddle (FS) Kevin Webb (KW) Larry Young (LY) **PRESENT for Part** Michael Huber (FIS Inspector) Martin Leach (ML) (GBR FIS Commissioner) Julian Adams (JA) (Candidate FIS TD) Paul Trayner (PT) (Candidate FIS TD) Christophe Lemeire (CL) (Candidate FIS TD) Hannah Hazeldine (HH) (Candidate TD) Michelle (Shell) Quaile (SQ) (Candidate TD) Stephen James (StJ) (Candidate Services TD) Richard Love (RL) (Candidate TD) Tim Fawke (TF) (Candidate TD) **2. APOLOGIES:** Lucy Pyle, Nicki Cullen, Ali Wilde, Peter Harris, Logan Tannock, Peter Willis.	
3. Forum Admin As had been previously circulated, the retirement of Peter Harris had created a need for a new Deputy Chair and a Note Taker. Following brief discussion David Manns was appointed as Deputy Chair with immediate effect and Kev Webb was appointed as Note Taker from May 2014. The Chair thanked Larry Young for volunteering to take the notes of this meeting.	
4. Minutes of 18 May 2013 Meeting The Minutes were approved	

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5. Matters Arising **5.2 SB** reported that the BUDS 2013 (November) at Hillend, had gone well and the problem of filtering athletes had mainly been resolved. **5.3 CSWSA Equipment rules –** see 11.1 **8.6** Child Protection Course for TD Forum - ongoing, TF stated that a single course, of around one hour duration, to be done at a TD Forum, would be best value. TF agreed to investigate for May 2014 meeting. The **Chair** stressed that, if it was possible to arrange training, there was an expectation that TDs would make an additional effort to attend the May meeting. **Officials' Courses** – Ongoing, **SB** is writing a BARSC officials training course based on SSE's current scheme but with additional focus on snow. This will be trialled at BARSC 2014. It was hoped that the combined course could be "British Badged". **DJM** would work with **SB** on the production of material. **RA** will look at CSWSA Training to ensure there is a scheme in place and link in with **DJM**/**SB**. **SJ** asked if the Training Scheme could be ready to implement by the May 2014 meeting. **DJM**/**SB** agreed to try for that date.	**TF** **All** **SB, DJM, RA**
6. Reports from Delegates - see Reports attached **6.1** British Ski & Snowboard (See attached) **6.2** BARSC (See attached). A discussion took place on the wearing of corrective lens spectacles when racing. It was generally agreed that TDs were not qualified to make judgements on this issue in the absence of guidance from FIS. It was agreed that the BCR should contain guidance that goggles were the preferred method of eye protection but that athletes were responsible for their own choice of eye protection, in line with the Athletes' Declaration. **DJM** to include words to that effect in the BCR. **6.3** CSWSA (Report to be passed to **Chair** for distribution - Action **RA**) **6.4.** SSE (See attached) **6.5.** SSW (See attached). Gwyneth Watson had been co-opted to represent SSW at the May 2014 Meeting and onwards. **6.6.** SSS (See attached) – **FS** asked for Hillend (due to its exceptional length of slope) artificial races to be treated as 2 single races, as in snow. Chair indicated that the proposal should be postponed until the outcome of the ongoing "Race Structure" discussions was clear. It would then be necessary for SSS to submit a brief, reasoned case for the proposal. **6.7.** British Championships (See attached)	**DJM** **RA** **FS**

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7. Seeding and IT **7.1** BASS – **PHe -** see Report attached **7.2** BARTS – **DJM** – see Report attached. **7.3** IT Support. **DJM** had produced an IT system to submit British Calendar results through the GBSKI website. The system would be trialled over the 2013/14 Season in parallel with the current methodology. Guidance would be produced for TDs and ROCs in the near future. Chiefs of Calculations would need to be informed of the system. A CODEX would be allocated to each discipline/event and ROCs would need to give their programme dates when submitting a calendar application. Discipline/event dates could be changed, if needed. The **Chair** stressed that TDs would need to take the initiative in familiarising themselves with what was required and ensuring that ROCs were apprised. Any issues should be directed to **DJM**. **Chair** agreed to amend the British Calendar Application form to show the intended programme and to include Telemark races. In addition, a reminder to ROCs of the need to attend the Annual Update would also be included. **7.4 SB** proposed that BUISC (British Universities Indoor Ski Championships) be seeded. This was agreed and BUISC organisers were invited to make a calendar application. **7.5 Chair** thanked **PHe** and **DJM** for their work over the season	**All, DJM, Chair,** **SB**
8. FIS Matters **8.1** See report **8.2 Medical 1** See Medical Report. **JS** said that all FIS medical information could be accessed through the "anti-doping" section of the FIS website. **DJM** had placed a link to FIS Medical on the GBSKI website. There was guidance on concussions, back problems and attempts to make a "cut" proof suit to avoid lacerations. **8.3 Medical 2** **JS** said that FIS was progressing its "global" gathering of information on Ski racing injuries and that the data was proving very useful. The methods for gathering information are not yet complete and work continues. **8.4 FIS ICR**. See report attached. **8.5 GBR & Lowlands FIS Commissioner Succession** **ML** formally handed over the FIS Commissioner role to **MB** and the meeting welcomed **MB** to the task. **ML** said he remained available for any advice or guidance, if required. **8.5 Chair** and **Forum** thanked **ML** for his excellent work in representing GBR within FIS over many years.	

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8.9 Michael Huber informed the Forum that Christophe Lemeire, Julian Adams and Paul Trayner had all passed the FIS written examination. They were congratulated by the Forum.	
9. British TD Matters Tristan Cole (TC) was welcomed back to the Forum following a short sabbatical**.** **9.1 Contact List updates** See attached. Please inform Chair of any changes **9.2 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Ross Anderson - Practical exam in Winter 2014, at BARSC. Ali Wilde – Ali had lapsed as a Candidate TD after 2 years since written examination (BCR Book VII para 3). Nicky Cullen – Had not yet undertaken any assignments. **RA** agreed to contact Nicky to ascertain intentions and inform the Chair. Paul Trayner – Successfully completed the FIS written exam in November 2013 to move to Candidate FIS TD. Christophe Lemeire – Successfully completed the FIS written exam in November 2013 to move to Candidate FIS TD. Julian Adams – Successfully completed the FIS written exam in November 2013 to move to Candidate FIS TD. Tim Fawke – Successfully completed the GBR written exam in November 2013, now a Candidate TD. Hannah Hazeldine – Successfully completed the GBR written exam in November 2013, now a Candidate TD. Michelle (Shell) Quaile – Successfully completed the GBR written exam in November 2013, now a Candidate TD. Richard Love - Successfully completed the GBR written exam in November 2013, now a Candidate TD. Stephen James - Successfully completed the GBR written exam in November 2013, now a Candidate Services TD. John Poole – Successfully completed the GBR written exam in November 2013, now a Candidate Services TD. The Forum congratulated all candidates and mentors. **DJM** proposed Andrew du Plessis as an aspirant TD. Many supported this proposal as Andy has an ideal background and good potential but lacked experience, particularly in the Chief of Race role on snow. **DJM** was asked to re-present the proposal in May following Andrew's winter participation in events. **9.3 Sanctions update** Nothing to report **9.4 Child Protection and Disclosures** See report. **JS** said that the latest review of CP indicated that TDs no longer need to be subject to vetting checks. **9.5 National Referee Conversion Programme –** Progress had been	**RA** **DJM** **SB**

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made and it was hoped to agree a process in the near future. Ongoing **9.6 Injury Survey Update – JS** See 8.3 above **9.7 TD Retirements** **Chair** announced that Peter Harris and Lucy Pyle had resigned from the Forum. **Chair** thanked them for many years of good service. **9.8** See 9.5 **9.9 Alpine to Telemark TD Conversion** **AP** is planning to set up an "Alpine to Telemark" TD conversion course and assessment for any Alpine TDs who wished to include Telemarking in their TD role. **AP** also said that some Alpine TDs (without training) may be needed in season 2013/14 to cover some events. **AP** agreed to liaise with **Chair** when requirements were known. **9.10 TD Forum Finances** The previously agreed Calendar fee of £40.00 (increased from £25.00) per race day would be applied from the 2014 season onwards (ie applications for calendar 2014/15). The Chair had informed Constituent Groups. **9.11 TD Forum Structure** The Chair had previously circulated a proposal (See attached) to restructure the Forum to spread the workload, increase TD involvement, and develop succession plans. The proposed structure was agreed in principle. The **Chair** would further develop the proposals with a view to implementation after the May 2014 Meeting.	**AP** **Chair**
10 British Calendar and TD Appointments **10.1 Calendar Procedures** New procedure had been implemented although some Applications were submitted late, as might be expected in the first year of a new process. **10.2 British Calendar and TD appointments 2013/14 Snow Season** See Attached marked up Calendar. **TDs** to contact ROCs. After note: Following discussions, IR is unable to meet the BARSC programme. MI assigned to BARSC	**All**
11 BCR/BACR **11.1 Rule Changes** As per circulated document. Proposal that undertaking a Chief of Race at a BASS event may count as a TD Assignment was not supported. There were doubts about the availability in sufficient numbers for BASS races of skis conforming to the 2013/14 FIS Rules. It was	

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agreed that skis conforming to the 2012/13 and 2013/14 Rules could be used at BASS races during the 2013/14 Season. **DJM** to promulgate.	**DJM**
Due to the issues with the availability of the new specification ski helmets, a dispensation had already been issued for BASS races in line with the FIS dispensation.	
CSWSA were close to finalising their ski equipment rules. **RA** was to provide a copy for the Chair in due course.	**RA**
11.1.1 Criteria for Examining and assessing TDs. The proposal to widen the field of Examining TDs was not supported. However, it was agreed that all qualified TDs could administer a TD Assessment. It was noted that there were a significant number of Candidates to be examined in the near future and it might be necessary to appoint an additional examiner on an ad hoc basis.	
11.2 Telemark Rules **AP** was developing Rules for CH participation in adult Telemark races	**AP**
11.3 Future Race Structure **Chair** updated the Forum on the slow speed of progress with developing a new race structure in response to the initiative started by Paddy Mortimer. Concern was expressed at the lack of central leadership. A draft proposal for 2013/14 had been drawn up and a copy was circulated. The proposal was agreed with the exception of the following and the **Chair** was to update and circulate the document:	**Chair**
11.3.1 Catsuits should not be worn as an outer layer by U12/U10 athletes.	
11.3.2 U10/12 races should not be under the mandatory supervision of an assigned TD as this would enforce additional costs on an ROC. However, wherever possible a TD should oversee or control such events.	
11.3.3 There was a need to clarify the Comments relating to the mix of stubby/regular pole SL.	
11.3.4 U14 and U16 to be seeded separately, even if they use the same course.	
11.4 The Forum agreed that TDs would collect feedback on the conduct of races under the proposal and feedback would be collated in Spring with a view to re-forming the original Working Group and agreeing a future structure.	**Chair, All**
12 Date of Next Meetings	
12.1 17 May 2014 Birmingham	
12.2 14 – 16 November 2014 Scotland – Beardmore Hotel & Conference Centre, Glasgow.	**Chair**

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12.3	16 May 2015 – Venue TBD (England)	

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