Minutes of the GBR Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting held at the Ramada Hotel, Solihull on 4 November 2018

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Adrian Pery (AP) Chair; David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair; Derek Metters (DGM); Mark Berry (MB); Susie Berry (SB); Paul Trayner (PT); Julian Adams (JA); Gwyneth Watson (GW); Jamie Davies (JD); Ross Anderson (RA); Elke Roels (EK); Christophe Lemeire (LM); John Poole (JP); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Jez Spring (JS); David Mansfield (DSM); Andrew du Plessis (AdP); Andrea Grant (AG); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); Richard Ellis (RE); Jenny Shute, (JSh); Tristan Cole (TC); Richard Dawe (RD); Steve James (SJ); Shell Quaile (SQ); James Heaton (JH).	
2	**Apologies:** Martin Leach; Tim Fawke; Logan Tannock; Richard (Sid) James; Ian Roberts.	
3	**Minutes of 12 May 2018 Meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** **Introduction by Chairman** AP had been in post for 3 years, he was willing to stand again and was elected without contest for a further period. **Agreed** The strength of the group depends on the way the sub-committees worked together. There would be the option for re-confirming roles later in the meeting. DJM agreed the Chairman's proposal that he remain in post as Vice-Chair for a further term. **All Agreed.** Post Meeting Note: ToRs for the Vice-Chair need developing. **4.1 Race officials Training – Update on competency framework**. The HNGB were working together on the framework of competency but delivery might differ depending on needs of groups. SSE had identified four levels of official training and accreditation, these were a development on the previous 3 levels and now involved practical undertaking of roles. UKAFWSA would contribute. Further development pending new chair of SC. **Noted** **4.2 Terms of Reference GBR and Lowlands Commissioner** These had been updated to match the current situation. There may be further changes as the situation evolved and they would be reviewed as necessary by AP, PT, DSM, CL. **Noted** **4.3 Hosting of GBSKI and GDPR** Data sharing under GDPR agreed. No change on hosting of GBSki or Calendar website. Not ideal, these should be part of BSS system for reasons of compliance, costings and succession planning. DJM to claim hosting and other costs back from BSS. **Agreed** **4.4. Central file system** Dropbox file sharing issues working. **Noted** **4.5. TDs for Scottish races** Currently, there are only two active Scottish TDs (see 8.2) SSSc had been informed and had agreed to whatever was necessary to ensure races could go ahead, including allocation of TD from England. **Noted** **4.6 TD Forum and Update 2019.** After discussions with BEL, dates and venue were agreed in Brussels. Although this might limit attendance by British officials it is anticipated this will be countered by officials from the other Lowland countries. It is necessary to publish date, hotel and deal details as soon as these were available. Further discussion included the possibility of a suitable venue near an airport in the south of England. **Noted**	**DJM, AG** **AG, CL** **AG, All**
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 BSS Report** A verbal report was given. BSS had a new CEO with a brief to develop new funding streams as the sponsorship contract with Delancey ends. The organisational and coaching structure has been strengthened with both men's and women's WC teams, a men's EC team with plans for a women's team to come. Paraski-ing and snowsports and biathlon were	

	now part of the BSS structure with a consequent impact of staff. PT had been employed as a consultant to support a number of different issues. A BSS rebranding launch was planned for 20 November 2018. Effective and efficient communications remained an issue. As part of the development (see 7.1 below), BSS had received funding for a parallel start gate for 2019. **Noted** **5.2 UKAFWSA** See written report. **Noted** **5.3 SSE** See written report. **Noted** **5.4 SSW** See written report. **Noted** **5.5 SSSc** No written report (see 8.2). There is a need to consolidate a link with SSSc. **Action** **5.6 British Championships** See written report. Due to a number of different issues there would be a need to develop new team members for 2019. PT proposed a massive vote of thanks to the work that Kev Webb (logistics and on hill roles) and Alan Bullock (calculations) had undertaken in the past. As previous reported SQ had agreed to work with Kirstie Hope and PT with Jamie Paxton on development as potential volunteer officials. **Noted** **5.8 Telemark** See written report. **Noted** **5.9 Finance** The TD forum account was in credit and the formal report would be given at the May meeting. In the meantime, invoicing, debt collection and recording were much improved due to the work of AG. **Noted**	**AP, PT**
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. Work was ongoing on the new seeding system but the alignment factors seem to be correct. The 2018 end of season list had been republished using the new system. TDs and others are reminded that the seeding system only exists to generate start lists, it is not used by BSS as any part of selection. **Noted** TDs should familiarise themselves with the new arrangements for calculating seeding in technical races. **Action** Post Meeting Note: BASS List dates have been changed to: 0 Wed 12 Dec 18 1 Wed 12 Dec 18 2 Wed 16 Jan 19 3 Wed 6 Feb 19 4 Wed 27 Feb 19 5 Wed 13 Mar 19 6 Wed 27 Mar 19 7 Wed 24 Apr 19 **6.2 Telemark seeding** No further report. **Noted**	**All**
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** Minimal rule changes, Southern Hemisphere precisions were on the FIS website. FIS were working to develop parallel events, these were well received by spectators and had an important part to play in the athlete development. A mistake in the helmet regulations was being corrected. **Noted** **7.2 Safety** FIS was working with equipment manufacturers to identify issues and solutions. In the meantime, there was a request to reduce speeds, especially in GS and to ensure finish areas were adequate. **Noted** **7.3 FIS ICR** 2018/19 ICR and southern precisions now available on FIS website. **Action**	**All**
8.	**British TD Matters** **8.1 Contact List** Circulated via Dropbox, please inform Chair of any changes. **Action** **8.2 Resignations** Peter Willis, longstanding England based member of the TD forum.	**All**

	Frank Staddle, longstanding Scottish based TD and SSSc contact on the forum. Frank has asked to remain on the forum circulation list. It was proposed that in recognition of his contribution to SSSc and the forum that he be given emeritus status. Susie Berry retired as a FIS TD but remains a BSS TD and member of the forum. The contribution of Peter, Frank and Susie to ski racing, in different ways over a long period of time was recognised. **Agreed** The forum was informed of the recent death of two long standing volunteers. Neil Griffiths, former Scottish based volunteer official and TD, a previous chair of the TD forum. Ros Humphrey whose contribution to ski racing at regional, English and national level as well as with BARSC and the Ladies Ski Club was immense. The forum recognised and recorded their substantial contribution **Agreed**	
	8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors	**LJ, PT**
	Lloyd Jenkins — Qualified as Artificial slope TD examination. Technical practical January 2019 Anglo Scottish Cup.	**AdP, RD JH, TC, RD**
	Andy du Plessis — DJM mentor Qualified Art; Snow assessment English Championships	**TC, DSM**
	James (Heats) Heaton — TC mentor Requires further development linked to formal examination. Assessment at RAF	**SQ, DSM ER, MB**
	Tris Cole — Passed FIS examination, progression now via FIS processes.	
	Shell Quail — Accepted as FIS aspirant; needs to take examination.	
	Elke Roels — Accepted as BSS aspirant. MB mentor. CV accepted but need for timing and calculations experience in 2018/19 Examination proposed for November 2019.	**RG, PT**
	Ross Gardner — Accepted as BSS aspirant. PT mentor. CV accepted but need for timing and calculations experience in 2018/19 Subject to appropriate progression, examination proposed for November 2019.	
	The forum discussed recruitment and development pathways for coaches and officials to TD. Alpine nations regarded TD as a natural progression for coaches, but it was more difficult in the UK for younger, developing coaches to gain the experience. The forum agreed that the training sub-committee should look at options to widen options and encourage new officials onto the pathway. **Action**	**Tr SC**
	It was noted that in the USA, the contract between parents and the clubs and regions requires two days officiating as part of that contract. **Noted** A GBR pathway for Alpine TDs to qualify as a Telemark TD exists. **Noted** **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** No sanctions had been applied in the summer season. A summary of TD comments had been circulated. The role of the jury and options for further protests and appeals was identified. **Noted** **8.5 Child protection, Disclosures & Injury** No new issues were reported. **Noted** **8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency** The number of Rockport walk test results good to excellent were an improvement on 2017 but there is a need to improve the process. **Noted** All TDs had undertaken two calculation exercises as part of the annual update. **Noted**	**All, AP, TF**
	SSE have undertaken to print and will provide license cards with photographs after notification of currency/competence. Photographs are uploaded as part of the official registration process or can be forwarded to SSE. **Action** **8.7 TD Expenses** The new system becomes operational for 2018/2019. To date there was no adverse comments from ROCs. Travel needs to be agreed with ROCs to a maximum of £400 unless special arrangements are made. **Noted** **8.8 Service TD principles** UKAFWSA are working, as far as possible, to ensure TDs are appointed outwith the organising service division and the independence of TDs outside of service. hierarchies. **Noted**	
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** The online system was working, it was noted that some ROCs are less confident with IT than others and needed support **Noted**	

	9.2 Definition of Calendar Organisational Boundaries No discussion. **9.3 Calendar fees review** No discussion but under constant review **Agreed** **9.4 2018/2019 assignments** See https://bss-calendar.the-owls.org/Calendar/2018Winter/TD/ForumAllocator . Individual assignment details will be forwarded by email. **Action**	**TC/Cal.SC** **All** **TC**
10.	**Rule Changes** **10.1 BCR** A paper was circulated showing proposed rule changes. **Noted** There was discussion about the appropriateness of the current category adder for indoor BASS races and about 3 run slalom races in line with FIS entry level. No change but issue to be kept under review. **Agreed** **10.11 BCR Equipment changes for technical events** A paper was circulated showing proposed rule changes. After discussion it was agreed that the Lowland Championship regulations should be the same as the other championships. **Agreed** **10.2 BACR** A paper was circulated showing proposed rule changes. **Noted** **10.3 UK AFWSA Rules** A paper was circulated with the request for continued dispensation for skis. **Agreed** **10.4 Telemark rules** No changes. **Noted**	**Rules SC**
11.	**AOB** **11.1 BCR Pro Slalom** A guidance paper was circulated. After discussion of its purpose and about FIS developments it was agreed for circulation as guidance. **Agreed** **11.2 Catsuits in BACR** Rule deleted to bring into line with BCR. **Noted** **11.3 Composition & distribution of TD reports** Future TD reports to include general issues and recommendations once only, with race specific issues daily. It was important that TD reports were open, honest and accurate both as an educational tool and for seeding purposes. Progress was being made towards online reporting with the aim to develop for start of season. TDs to have access to reports, injury to be a tick box with a supplementary option (JS to determine circulation) and a tick box for sanctions (HNGB and BSS to have access to details). **Action** **11.4 SSSc consultation on U10/U12 events** A paper was circulated. The forum welcomed the consultation but agreed that it should not be incorporated into BCR as racing at this level should have as wide a variety of options as possible to develop and test skills. **11.5 Sub-committee composition** Various adjustments were made to sub-committee composition. These included changes in chair, where appropriate, as well as new members, these have been posted to TD Forum Dropbox. JA was elected as chief examiner and AG as Forum organiser. IR was thanked for his contribution in these roles. **Agreed**	**DGM, GBSKi** **S&C SC**
	Dates of Next Meeting 11 May 2019 English Midlands TBC **Action** 1/2/3 Nov 2019 Brussels Airport TBC **Action** 09 May 2020 English Midlands TBC **Action** 6/7/8 Nov 2020 Midlands or London TBC **Action**	**AG** **AG, CL** **AG** **AG**