Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting
Held online on Sunday 15th November 2020 11:00-15:30 GMT

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Adrian Pery (AP) Chair; David Manns (DJM) Deputy Chair; Julian Adams (JA); Ross Anderson (RA); Taryn Archbold (TA); Mark Berry (MB); Susie Berry (SB); Ingrid Christopherson (IC); Tristan Cole (TC); Jamie Davies (JD); Richard Dawe (RD); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Andrew du Plessis (AdP); Richard Ellis (RE); Tim Fawke (TF); Ross Gardner (RG); Andrea Grant (AG); James Heaton (JH); Kirsty Hope (KH); Steve James (SJ); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); Christophe Lemeire (CL); Richard Love (RL); David Mansfield (DSM); Derek Metters (DGM); John Poole (JP); Shell Quaile (SQ); Elke Roels (ER); Jenny Shute (JS); Jez Spring (JSp); Logan Tannock (LT); Paul Trayner (PT); Martin Triggol (MT); Gwyneth Watson (GW)	
2	**Apologies:** Simon Horn (SH); Kevin Webb (KW)	
	The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked TC and DJM for their work in preparing for and enabling the meeting.	
3	**Minutes of 2nd May 2020 Meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** **4.1 Race officials Training** LJ reported good progress working with SSS, training should be aligned by 2021. Current work involves taking L3 course online and breaking into separate modules. LJ to circulate information about latest edition of training pathway, and to add details about online course material once available. Agenda item closed. **4.2 Terms of Reference GBR and Lowlands Commissioner** DSM confirmed that changes needed for clear distinction between roles as Lowlands Commissioner and GBR FIS TD on FIS committees were complete. AP to pass to GBS Alpine. **4.3 Medical Aide-Memoire** RA presented the final draft of Medical Aide-Memoire including flowchart, needs updated link to HSE document specific to ski slopes then ready for publication. DGM to review Event Medical Assessment form in case this needs updating to match. Agenda item closed. **4.4 Homologation Updates** DSM outlined further work being done by FIS, noting that some homologations may in future specify levels of protection below World Cup but that it would take some time for this to work through the system as changes will be made when homologations come up for renewal. DSM reminded TDs that if they cannot get the full homologation information from the venue to which they are appointed then they should contact DSM or TC to acquire a downloaded copy, noting that FIS see this as a protected document not for wider distribution. DSM also noted that due to Covid-19 any homologations that expire during the year will be extended to the end of season.	**LJ** **AP** **RA** **DGM**

	DSM and PT to discuss plans for re-homologation of slopes in Scotland. **4.5 Use of non-homologated Slopes** It was noted that Wengen have now homologated the upper part of the Lauberhorn piste for GS. Agenda item closed.	**DSM/PT**
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 GB Snowsport** See written report. **5.2 UKAFWSA** See written report, noting that options for an UK based or indoor event are still being explored if the situation should allow. SH is now the UKAFWSA Rep. **5.3 SE** See written report. LJ is now the SE Rep. **5.4 SSW** See written report. **5.5 SSS** Report to follow. **5.6 British Championships** See draft programme, nothing else to report at this stage. **5.7 Telemark** See written report. **5.8 Finance** SJ noted that the only recurring costs were for web hosting and Ski Pro, no issues with budget or current financial position.	
6.	**Timing and Calculations** **6.1 Timing & Calcs SC** See written report. **6.2 Telemark seeding** No change, seeding continues to be operated by TM group. **6.3 2020-21 Snow seeding** See agenda item 11.1. **6.4 2020 Artificial Seeding** As no seeded races took place during the season, the end-of-season seed list due for publication on 9th December will not apply the usual loading for lack of results. This will have the effect of simply rolling the points from the end of last season over to the beginning of 2021. DJM to consider whether it would be feasible to support seeded artificial slope races any earlier than the usual early March start of season list.	**DJM**

7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** DSM confirmed that current FIS TD candidates will have their qualification programme extended by a year to account for lack of opportunities for practical examinations. FIS will also be monitoring the seeding system throughout the season for any issues relating to lack of available competitions. DSM summarised the position with the current FIS TD candidates: • TC – passed both on-snow exams during the Winter. • SQ - completed Tech but was unable to complete Speed exam due to cancellations, reschedule once races resume. • ER –scheduled to sit FIS written exam in November 2020. • Paco Krom (NED) XXX – Applicant status, will shadow events 2020/21, exam scheduled Nov 2021. • Xan Alearts (BEL), passed GBR exam. He has extensive FIS experience in all aspects and has been nominated by BEL NSA to start FIS TD development. **7.2 Safety & Medical Matters** (JS) ISS still running, looking particularly at rates of re-injury especially relating to ACL injuries, and cut-resistant underwear. Proposals for altering (lowering) the age groups had been discussed by FIS but voted down by a considerable majority. Concussion was discussed at some length, noting that education across all the board is vital, particularly with coaches. JA reported on the strong process in operation in the USA: one phone call is sufficient to 'de-list' an athlete for the mandatory 28 day lay-off. AP confirmed that TDs should decline start for anyone suspected of concussion unless written medical evidence to the contrary is presented. AP, JS and DJM to produce a written statement detailing our position on concussion and consider any appropriate rule changes in this area. **7.3 FIS ICR** Few changes this year, already highlighted during Update seminar.	**AP/JS/DJM**
8.	**British TD Matters** **8.1 Contact List** Circulated via Dropbox, please inform Chair of any changes. **8.2 Resignations** None. **8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors** Ross Gardner — Passed GBR written exam November 2019. On-snow examinations still to be scheduled. Mentor PT.	**All**

	Taryn Archbold — Passed GBR written exam November 2020. On-snow examinations to be scheduled. Mentor DSM. Kirsty Hope — Passed GBR written exam November 2020. On-snow examinations to be scheduled. Mentor RA. Martin Triggol — Passed GBR written exam November 2020. On-snow examinations to be scheduled. Mentor JD. Xan Alaerts (BEL) — Passed GBR written exam November 2020. On-snow examinations to be scheduled. Mentor CL. Marc Telling — Application considered, following further correspondence application withdrawn by Marc Telling. John Poole, Jez Spring — Awaiting opportunity to convert Service TD to GB TD. Simon Horn, Lloyd Diprose — Application to convert Service TD to GB TD noted. **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** None (no competitions since last meeting). **8.5 Child protection, Disclosures & Injury** No new issues were reported. **8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency** Nothing to report. **8.7 TD Expenses** Nothing to report. **8.8 Sub-committee roles** AP confirmed that SC membership list has been updated to include new TDs. All SC Chairs to ensure that new members are included in all SC communications. **8.9 Pandemic Assignment Conditions** Discussion minuted under item 11.1.	**SC chairs**
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** The calendar had been held open for new applications well beyond the official closing date. TD Appointments for BASS competitions were made during the meeting via the online calendar system as normal. AP to circulate details to ROCs in due course. **9.2 Definition of Calendar Organisational Boundaries** No discussion. **9.3 Calendar Fees review** No increase in calendar fees necessary. No discussion was held with regard "Lowland Expansion". **Post Meeting Note**: changes will be addressed at future reviews as required. **9.4 Summer Calendar** Provisional artificial calendar for 2021 (managed by SE) almost complete.	**AP**
10.	**Rule Changes**	

	10.1 BCR Small changes as noted in separate document circulated prior to meeting were agreed, subject to correction to BCR VII rule 11 to stipulate that any TD substitute must be approved by TDF Chair prior to the race. **10.2 BACR** Small change governing TDF ability to make adjustments to seeding in special circumstances was approved. This rule should also be applied to BCR III. **10.3 UK AFWSA Rules** No changes. **10.4 Telemark rules** No changes. FIS TM Rules changes in 2020 did not require changes to BTR.	
11.	**Other items** **11.1 2020/21 Season** A wide-ranging discussion was held with regard seeding and TD assignments for the 2020/21 on snow season. The discussion included, but was not limited to: Fairness of the BASS with a limited season; impact of local and national restrictions on holding events with regard BASS and travel; duty of care to TDs, Officials and Athletes; pressure on individuals to travel and attend events during the pandemic; the desire to support events where appropriate. The discussion took into account the statement issued by the TD Forum on 10 Oct 2020 and PT (as Chair GBS Alpine Committee) stating he felt it was appropriate for this to be a TD Forum decision. The following position was agreed by a majority vote, with more stringent options failing to reach majority: 1. The British Calendar will be locked immediately so no further BASS events would be accepted this season. 2. A TD will not be assigned – and therefore no seeded races – for any competition until at least the end of January. 3. The TD Forum Executive will review the situation to discuss extending this restriction, with review dates of 10th December for February competitions, 10th January for March. AP to draft statement for approval by TD Exec (AP, DJM, DSM, RA, JA, TC) and GBS AC (PT). **Post Meeting Note**: Following circulation of the DRAFT Statement of the TD Forums position significant pushback was received from the HNs (despite SE, SSW and SSS Rep input into the Forum decision). The HNs CEOs requested a much earlier return to racing and the ability to move events within the calendar (stating they are responsible for delivering the alpine pathway to GBS) and highlighting they had had no forewarning of the discussion during the Forum meeting and as such were not able to make their case. A subsequent meeting was held with AP (Chair TD Forum), Robin Kellen (CEO SSW), Mark Vinter (SSS Perf Coach rep. SSS), TF (CEO SE) and PT (Chair GBS AC) at which all points raised by the HNs and the points raised by the TD Forum on Sunday were discussed. Following that meeting a revised statement with regard BASS Seeding and TD Assignment for the 2020/21 Season was produced and approved by SSS, SSW, SE, GBS AC and the TD Exec (AP, DJM, DSM, RA, JA, no response from TC). This statement was published on 18 Nov 2020 and is important in having HN support.	**AP**

	11.2 Course Setting course for TDs DJM outlined the opportunity for a dedicated Course Setting course for TDs (following an earlier discussion with Paul Telling), to take place at an artificial slope possibly next Spring. TA indicated that something like this was possibly already available as 'course setting for officials' in the coaching setup and offered support to SE if needed. It was clear that there was sufficient demand for this to go ahead. DJM to discuss (with Paul Telling) the best way forward and action through SE Alpine Committee.	**DJM**
12	**Dates of Next Meeting** **12.1** Saturday 8th May 2021 Location: Online for overseas members, for others this may depend on current Covid-19 situation. **12.2** 5th/6th/7th November 2021 Location: English Midlands. CL noted that this again fell on Lowland holidays, limiting their involvement. The challenge of finding a date between the FIS Update and with sufficient time to promulgate information to athletes and event organisers prior to the start of the on snow season remains, with UK Half Term and Remembrance also falling in this period. Many reviews have led to the selection of the current dates but it will be reviewed again and brought to the May 2020 meeting for conformation.	**AP**