Minutes of the GB Alpine & Telemark TD Forum meeting
Pinewood Hotel, Manchester
Sunday 5th November 2023

No	Item	Action
1	**Present:** Ross Anderson (RA) Chair; David Manns (DJM) Vice Chair; Taryn Archbold (TA); Tristan Cole (TC); Kirsty Crawford (KC); Jamie Davies (JD); Richard Dawe (RD); Lloyd (Dippy) Diprose (LD); Richard Ellis (RE); Ross Gardner (RG); Andrea Grant (AG); James Heaton (JH); Steve James (SJ); Lloyd Jenkins (LJ); Richard Love (RL); Derek Metters (DGM); John Poole (JP); Jenny Shute (JS); Paul Trayner (PT); Martin Triggol (MT); Gwyneth Watson (GW);	
2	**Apologies / Not Present:** Julian Adams (JA); Xan Alaerts (XA); Tim Fawke (TF); Simon Horn (SH); Martin Leach (ML); Christophe Lemeire (CL); David Mansfield (DSM); Michael van Moppes (MvM); Adrian Pery (AP); Elke Roels (ER); Jez Spring (JSp); Logan Tannock (LT); Shell Thomas-Quaile (ST);	
3	**Minutes of 13th May 2023 meeting** The Minutes were approved as a true record.	
4	**Matters Arising not already on Agenda** None.	
5.	**Reports from Delegates** **5.1 GB Snowsport** See written report. **5.2 UKAFWSA** See written report. Also see item 10.3 below. **5.3 SE** See written report. **5.4 SSW** See written report. **5.5 SSS** See written report. **After note:** Ross Gardner has been appointed the SSS rep to the TDF. **5.6 British Championships** See written report. AG outlined the work done over the last few months to seek an alternative venue which did not come to anything. The 2024 event would be based once again in Tignes. Potential alternative venues for 2025 are being investigated. **5.7 Telemark** See written report. **5.8 Finance** SJ reported no concerns with the Forum's financial position.	
6.	**Timing and Calculations**	

	6.1 Timing & Calcs SC See written report. DJM noted the need to document the rules for the Lowlands Indoor Championships – see item 10.1. JD and TC noted on-going issues with acceptance of some emails by the GBSKI system; DJM to investigate. **6.2 Telemark seeding** JD noted that BTR Book III needs overhaul, seeding working well enough.	**DJM**
7.	**FIS Matters** **7.1 Update** JS reported key points from recent FIS meetings. A proposal to limit race starts was briefly discussed, will be voted in May, seems likely to be approved. Two speed camps for Women from developing nations are being organised, complete with support on nutrition, physio, etc. Lack of cross-nation assignment of TDs since COVID, starting to be addressed. Where special quotas are granted the take-up will be monitored, with the possibility of refusing future requests for such quotas. **7.2 FIS ICR** RA confirmed that there shouldn't be any significant changes to rules as we head into Olympic cycle. Scheduling of World Cup is intended to cover several years ahead to help resorts plan their investment. **7.3 Medical** JS reported on upcoming changes in FIS Medical committee with reduced numbers and potential change of direction. Athlete Health Unit now set up, looking at injury statistics, mental health, etc. Podium Analytics doing a study of concussion using sensors in mouth guards. Revised medical guide making no progress in getting approval, hopeful that this will be resolved soon. Airbags becoming mandatory at top level events, likely to trickle down to lower-level events as time progresses.	
8.	**British TD Matters** **8.1 Contact List** Circulated via Dropbox, please check, amend and inform Chair of any changes including email addresses. **8.2 Resignations / Retirements** None.	

	8.3 Candidate and Aspirant TDs and Mentors Jonny Gillespie Passed written exam in November 2023. On-snow exams this season. Jamie Davies Intending to complete Alpine speed assessment at ISSSC 2024. Nick Hands CV submitted, aiming for Services TD. Feedback will be given on developing CV, particularly in COR and Calcs. Could also gain experience on artificial, particularly in Timing and Calcs. Gary Turner CV submitted, aiming for GBR TD. Feedback will be given on developing CV, particularly in COR and Calcs. Could also gain experience on artificial, particularly in Timing and Calcs. **After note**: Gary will plan to attend a BASS event this season and review his Pathway choice for the May 24 meeting. **8.4 Sanctions and TD feedback** Nothing reported. **8.5 Child protection, Disclosures & Injury** TD reported recent use of social media to 'troll' juries following potentially contentious decisions. **8.5.1 Monitor use of photographic/video evidence** Most use of this evidence is in support of re-instatement. Continue to monitor. **8.6 Assessment, Competency and Currency** Nothing to report that isn't covered elsewhere in agenda. **8.7 TD Expenses** Agreed no change in TD per diem which currently stands at £80. Agreed 5% increase in 'standard' travel expense to £525. SJ to update BCR/BACR. **8.8 Right to Work in Europe** No significant changes. **8.9 Vice Chair replacement** Forum agreed RA proposal that DJM stay in post for another 3 years.	**SJ**
9.	**British Calendar and TD Appointments** **9.1 GB Calendar update** RA highlighted changes to online on-snow calendar. If dates have to change, organiser has to go back in and change them on the calendar system. This then triggers automatic notification to TD, GBSKI and/or FIS as appropriate. TC noted that if OCs add valid homologation details, then the homologation pack and certificate should be downloaded to the system automatically. TC will look at possibility of making availability for assignment visible to all TDs to assist with co-operative bidding.	**TC**

9.2 TD Assignments

Competition	Venue	Date	TD(s)
Ambition Tech Series	Pass Thurn	18-20 Dec	James Heaton
Ambition Childrens Champs	Hinterreit	2-6 Jan	Derek Metters
Anglo Scottish Cup	Champery Les Crosets	5-7 Jan	Taryn Archbold
Evolution Speed Series	Reiteralm	8-9 Jan	Derek Metters
Impulse Alpine Champs	Pila	8-10 Jan	Lloyd Jenkins
Ex Telemark Titan	Pralognan la Vanoise	14-18 Jan	Martin Triggol
Ex Spartan Hike	Serre Chevalier	10-18 Jan	John Poole
Ex Pipedown	Les Contamines	10-18 Jan	Lloyd Diprose
RNWSA Snowsports Festival Alpine	Les Deux Alpes	16-26 Jan	Jez Spring
Lecht Open	The Lecht	20-21 Jan	Ross Gardner
Ex Alpine Challenge 24	Saalbach-Hinterglemm	22-25 Jan	Kirsty Crawford
RNWSA Snowsports Festival Telemark	Les Deux Alpes	21-25 Jan	Martin Triggol
Ex Lions Challenge	Serre Chevalier	20-28 Jan	John Poole
Welsh Alpine Champs	Champery Les Crosets	24-26 Jan	Derek Metters
British Schoolgirls	Flaine	28-30 Jan	Richard Ellis
British Schoolboys	Wengen	29-31 Jan	Richard Dawe
ISSSC 24 Alpine	Meribel	2-9 Feb	Paul Trayner JD speed assessment JG exam
ISSSC 24 Telemark	Meribel	4-9 Feb	Jamie Davies
English Alpine Childrens	Bormio	11-16 Feb	Derek Metters
Scottish Childrens	Cairngorm	1-3 Mar	Kirsty Crawford
British Interschools	Champery Les Crosets	11-12 Mar	Richard Ellis
BSA Champs	Champery Les Crosets	13-14 Mar	Richard Ellis
DHO Speed	Wengen	18-20 Mar	Richard Dawe
GB Alpine Childrens	Tignes	1-5 Apr	Steve James Derek Metters (u10/12)

9.3 BARTS events

British Calendar 2024 almost complete, provided for meeting to accept. RD noted no race scheduled for Chatham, DJM to check that this is correct. **DJM**

DJM to update Scottish races on GBSKI with location from details in SSS report. **DJM**

https://www.gbski.com/artcal

9.4 Calendar Fees review

It was agreed that no increase was required at present, to be reviewed in May as part of the normal financial review.

10. Rule Changes

10.1 BCR

10.1.1 Stepping back in Slalom

It was agreed that the FIS rule changes that disallow stepping back (hiking) in Slalom (614.2.3, 661.4.1, 804.3) will be applied at all BASS seeded calendar races (and any accompanying U10/12 races). No changes are needed in BCR rule books as we have no British precisions for these ICR articles, but education needs to be widespread to ensure the message is clear to everyone.

	It was also agreed that other events (for example, unseeded, club or regional races, or team competitions where failure to complete a run can influence team results) may allow stepping back, but the organisers must ensure this is clearly explained in pre-race information. DJM to post a news article on GBSKI. **10.1.3 Seeding results from Lowlands Indoor Championships** BCR IV (Event Regulations and Calendar) needs a section documenting the rules for incorporating Lowlands Indoor Championships results into BASS seeding, to be drafted by DJM and LJ to be presented at the May 2024 meeting. **10.2 BACR** **10.2.1 Stepping back in Slalom** The changes described above under item 10.1.1 will apply in the same way to all BARTS (artificial slope) seeded calendar races and any accompanying U10/12 races. **10.2.2 Artificial slope calendar process** BACR Book IV (Event Regulations and Calendar) section 8 requires a complete replacement as given in the document circulated before the meeting by DJM. SJ to incorporate in BACR. **10.3 UK AFWSA Rules** JP requested the usual dispensation on equipment rules as applied in previous years. The Forum approved this request. Rule allowing stepping back in Team GS and SL will no longer be applied at ISSSC. **10.4 Telemark rules** JD/MT mentioned minor changes to align TD expenses with Alpine, updated TICR, and a newly documented training pathway that would form BTR Book VII. Pathway will follow the pattern already established by SE and share materials and online courses for the first steps in the path.	**DJM** **DJM/LJ** **SJ**
11.	**Other items** **11.1 TDF Terms of reference review** RA noted that TOR has not changed, the official version in Dropbox simply replaces the final draft. RA reported that TORs for Chair, Vice-chair and SCs are under way and will be posted in Dropbox for review in due course. **11.2 FIS Applicant TD Selection Policy/Process** RA noted that the GBR process for selection/application for FIS TD is not formalised. RA to document. **11.3 U16 Race Format – Random draw** It was agreed that use of a random draw for U16 first run could be a positive step in athlete development, but it would be prudent to allow a further period of discussion and reflection before changes are implemented. It was also agreed that such a change would not apply to HN and GB championship events, which would continue to draw using seed points. It was further agreed that no changes would be proposed for U14 draw.	**RA** **RA**

	SJ and DJM to formalise the rule changes and collate a clear description of why these changes are being proposed. These should be tabled at the May 2024 meeting for Forum agreement, then published for public discussion and feedback before a final decision is made at November 2024 meeting for implementation in 2024/25. **11.4 AOB** It was agreed to add 'Gender' as an agenda item for the November 2024 meeting. TA requested clarification on rules for GS delay gate positioning. It was confirmed that the turning gates must be between 10m and 27m apart, and that the delay gate (as it is not a turning gate) can be placed anywhere between those turning gates. TA/LJ to arrange publication of clarification document.	**SJ/DJM** **RA** **TA/LJ**
12.	**Dates of Next Meetings** 18th May 2024, online. 1st-3rd November 2024, Manchester.	