

# SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

Minutes of a Council Meeting held at SportPark, Loughborough  
on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 1.00pm

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Present:

Jeremy Eaton	Interim Chairman
Bryan Thomas	Finance Director
Karen Richardson	Director
Jemima Barnes	Director
Andrea Grant	Director, Alpine Committee Leader
Tim Fawke	Chief Executive
Peter Heath	Company Secretary
Paul Rayson	NWSF Representative
Andrew Jeffries	NWSF Representative
Stewart Smith	YSF Representative
Jeff Elmore	CESA Representative
Gillian Gilyead	ESSkiA Representative
Martin Carr	Freestyle Committee Leader
Nigel Matthews	Coaching Committee Leader
John Shedden	Coaches' Representative

Observers:

Dermot Flahive	ROTP Leader
Bryan Gilyead	
Chris Stroud	
Julia Parker	SSE Operations Manager
Ian Findlay	SSE Talent Development Officer

**1. Apologies**

Graham Pickles                      YSF Representative

**2. Minutes**

Subject to the addition of the following paragraph, the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th June 2011 were approved:

“John Shedden asked the Board to negotiate with BSS to allow SSE to adopt the BSS name – say BSS (England)”

It was suggested that the common branding be extended to the Regions.

**3. Matters Arising**

None

#### 4. Annual Elections

There being no contested positions, the following were appointed as Leader of their respective Key Committees:

Alpine Racing	Andrea Grant
Freestyle & Snowboarding	Martin Carr
Nordic	Glennis Dore
Coaching	Nigel Matthews
Schools & Youth	Martin Tomlinson

#### 5. Strategic Matters

##### a) SSE Strategy

The SSE Strategy document submitted as part of the Whole Sport Plan 2013-2017 application is available at:

<http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/whole-sport-plan-2013-2017-appendix-documents>

#### 6 Sport England Grant Update

Tim Fawke reported that, following the initial submission for 2013-17 in May, he had responded to Sport England's request for additional information. The next stage is a presentation to Sport England later this month. Based on early feedback, Tim said he was optimistic that the application would be approved. It was apparent that Sport England will be much stricter in monitoring our achievement against targets and withdraw the grant promptly if we do not achieve the agreed targets at each reporting stage.

The Development Officers have done a fantastic job in promoting the sport and are now working hard to ensure that all aspects of the delivery structure will be in place and ready to go when the final decision is announced by Sport England in December.

Tim noted that the application to support talent development focusses on Freestyle – aligning with current UK Sport priorities.

Bryan Thomas suggested that monthly accounts would be required for the project with a full review by the Board each quarter.

Bryan asked for a short summary of what we have achieved with the current £980k grant to be provided to the members at the end of the current grant period, and agreed to work with Tim to produce this.

#### 7. Key Committees

Reports from all Committees are as in the Annual Report. Minutes for all meetings are available in the public download area of the web site.

**Alpine.** It was noted that the Alpine Committee and ROTP are to be restructured with each member having a job description. Members will be appointed for their skills rather than as representatives. In accordance with the current rules, the Leader will appoint the committee members, subject to Board approval. Vacancies will be advertised.

Stewart Smith reported on recent difficulties experienced in arranging regional race officials' courses and asked for better co-operation from ROTP.

Andrea Grant replied that ROTP are developing an online Level 1 course as an alternative to a one day course provided by an ROTP member at a club organised venue. As a trial, the 2 day Level 2 course will comprise office-based training on the Saturday at a race venue, followed by supported on-hill experience as an official at the Sunday race.

John Shedden asked if members were aware of the proposals for a revised alpine racing structure which were presented to the recent Coaching Conference by Paddy Mortimer, BSS Performance Director. It was confirmed that Paddy had made a number of presentations including to open meetings of clubs & racers at Stoke and Hemel. A consultation paper had been published, feedback collated and presented to the working group. An update document will be circulated shortly.

**Coaching.** Tim Fawke reported on plans to bring together the Coaching Committee, Alpine Technical Group and England Group. Various conference calls have been held and draft proposals will be circulated shortly. The final proposal will be presented for approval as necessary.

**Freestyle and Snowboarding** Martin Carr reported that Felix Robinson had joined the committee recently and would be setting up a structure to promote snowboarding.

Martin is working with Andrea Grant to organise moguls competitions as part of a GBR Alpine weekend.

Martin reported on-going difficulties in finding new volunteers with the relevant skills willing to commit their time to organise competitions, training courses and other committee duties.

**Nordic.** Tim reported that following Adam Pinney's resignation as Committee Leader in February, Glennis Dore had agreed to take on the job on a temporary basis. She has since agreed to stand for election to the post (see item 4 above) and is looking to develop roller skiing. She has reported similar difficulties in finding skilled volunteers to take on the various duties of the committee.

**Schools** Nigel Matthews reported that the committee had been restructured following advice from the Board and now comprises only 12 members. Much of the documentation has been updated. The sub-committee responsible for ASCL courses is working well. The committee would like to produce a new Ski Way Code DVD, They are aware that there is still a significant unsold stock of the original DVD, but this is rather dated.

## **8 British Ski & Snowboard**

Tim reported that the new BSS Articles have been approved and registered with Companies House. These provide for Discipline Committees and a Home Nations Committee. Nominations and elections for the discipline committees are in progress.

Voting membership is available to clubs, registered performers and others. All performers registered with SSE will be named to BSS as members; those aged over 16 will have voting rights.

Full details are available at:

<http://www.teambss.org.uk/media/73426/bss%20membership%20and%20committee%20elections%20vii.pdf> and:

<http://www.teambss.org.uk/media/67450/bss%20constitution%20-%20final%20-%20approved.pdf>

Robin Kellen has been appointed as interim Chairman while the search for Colin Moynihan's successor proceeds. Tim has joined the Board as the Home Nations Representative.

While the new Articles do not take account of all the concerns expressed during the consultation process, Tim stressed that we should now work within the new structure to review and update the Articles. We also need to encourage our registered performers to engage with BSS and take part in elections.

## **9 AOB**

Concern was expressed that some draft alpine committee minutes are being published anonymously on Facebook before they have been approved by the committee, some reports of committee discussions being published within hours of the meeting.

It was agreed that speedy publication of the official minutes would alleviate this issue. To this end, it was noted that yesterday's ARC meeting had supported the proposal to advertise for a secretary to take the committee minutes – aiming for publication within two weeks.

## **10 Next Meeting**

Provisionally to be held on the day of the 2013 AGM.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2:20pm.