

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

ARC Meeting

Sunday 12 January 2014
SportPark, Loughborough



Present:

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ) – Chair
Jeremy Eaton (JE) – Chair, SSE
Ian Findlay (IF) – Talent Pathway Officer,
SSE Dermot Flahive (DFI) – Chair, ROTP
Peter Heath (PH) – Finance
Steve Lambert – Regional Rep
David Manns (DM) – Chair, STP
Tim Fawke (TF) – CEO, SSE
Darren Fellows – Communications Rep
Andrea Grant

Minutes:

1. Apologies were received from:

Mary Calvert (MC) – Secretary
Taryn Archbold (TA) – Coaches' Liaison Officer
John Harrington – Schools'
Rep

2. Conflict of Interest Declaration

All those committee members present confirmed there were no changes to their conflict of interest declarations.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 18 August 2013

These had been confirmed by the chair and committee as accurate when published in September 2013.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 A Course Setter's course has been arranged to be held at Aldershot for 6th April 2014. A further course is to be arranged at Chill Factore and LJ will discuss with the slope with regard to the most convenient and cost-effective date.

TA was not available to report on a review of the course setter policy 2008/9.

**Action: TA to report on courses, review policy and list
LJ to enquire at Chill Factore**

5. Financial Update

5.1 PH presented the provisional Alpine accounts to 30 September 2013. These show a deficit of £2598 against a budgeted surplus of £2449. This largely reflects the loss at the Alpine Championships in Bormio which has not been recouped by the summer races. The Alpine Squad levy accounts for £2125.

PH advised that Alpine Squad equipment is now accounted for in the Alpine budget but depreciation will cease in June 2014.

5.2 PH presented a draft of the 2014 Alpine Budget. This currently shows a deficit of £3800. It was proposed that the £1500 provision allocated to Training Support could be removed to reduce the deficit.

5.3 The Alpine Squad Levy is still in the budget and £2125 is allocated. This is to be reviewed.

5.4 DFI advised the meeting of proposed Race Entry fees for 2014, which had been discussed at the previous ROTP meeting and were tabled for approval by ARC. The proposals were as follows:

- Maximum of £20 for Outdoor races
- Maximum of £26 for Indoor races
- GBR Races will be at £20 and £26
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For team races at artificial events, the following entry fees are proposed:

- Inter Club Outdoor - £44 per team
- Inter-Regional Outdoor - £105 per team
- Team Event Indoor - £104 per team

The above entry fees were discussed and agreed. AG felt that the proposed team dual slalom on 21 June should be subsidised to keep entry fees as low as possible to attract as many entries as possible.

5.5 The Bormio entries as of 11 January indicate that revenue should be approximately £20k and the indications are that the event should make a surplus in 2014.

DFe expressed concern at the race entry fee of £45 per Children's SG races at Bormio 2014, i.e. £90 per day of racing, which is expensive. DM agreed that this would be reviewed in future years but the invitation has been published for 2014 and an announcement would be made at the captain's meeting. The provisional programme has the 2nd race as the Championship race

5.6 Discussions at the current position with regard to the Alpine Budget is that a lot of time is having to be spent trying to save relatively small sums of money to balance the budget resulting in pressure to increase race entry fees which could affect entry levels. LJ felt that commercial sponsorship is essential to enable development of SSE events.

Action: LJ to discuss with JE how the SSE Board could help with seeking sponsorship

6. Artificial Race format/calendar consultation and survey

LJ advised that since the last meeting, the proposed changes for the Artificial Season in 2014 have been consulted with Regional Representatives and some modifications were made. The agreed changes were approved at the TD Forum in November and incorporated into the BACR, and published in December 2013.

7. Artificial Race Calendar 2014

DFI advised the meeting that the calendar for the 2014 artificial season is now virtually complete. The only problem is the venue for the Anglo Welsh/British Indoor Champs weekend of 6/7 September. Castleford haven't bid for the weekend. MK have submitted a bid, but their price is prohibitively expensive. TF agreed to discuss further with MK management to seek a reduction that may enable MK to host.

If this is unsuccessful, the weekend of 27/28 September at Chill Factore could be used.

Action: TF to discuss with MK Slope management to seek reduction in hire charge

8. TD Forum Update

DM had circulated a comprehensive report on the key issues discussed and agreed at the TD Forum in November 2013. There were concerns that BARSC intended to create an alternative source of training for 'British' race officials. It is hoped that SSE will be closely involved in developing any changes.

The proposed online race result database has been well received. DM reported that the system would be trialled throughout the 2014 winter alpine season and would be used for the 2014 artificial races if these trials go well.

9. Selection Policy

IF presented the new selection policy documentation focusing upon the U14 selection policy. BSS had announced at a meeting in Meribel that the Home Nations would be responsible for proposing nominations for U14 racers to represent GBR at International races. BSS will only select athletes to the U16 Squad for 2015 and that the current policy is to focus upon race results.

The SSE policy places emphasis race results and performance for the initial selection. Athletic Capacity Evaluation (ACE) will be used to provide feedback for U14 athlete development and that is a requirement for U14 athletes to attend ACE events. This approach is consistent with that employed by BSS for older age categories.

Home nations are to submit their nominations for U14 representation at International races and BSS will select athletes for the individual races.

IF advised that selection of athletes to the SSE U16 Alpine Squad would be based upon those not selected to the BSS U16 Alpine Squad.

It was agreed that BSS would have to have their U16 Selection Policy published prior to the English Alpine Championships.

With regard to U18 selection, it was essential that the process to be adopted for first year selection be communicated out clearly.

For the future, the 'ownership' of squads needs to be confirmed and communicated and there was likely to be a need for an administration resource to provide support.

Action: LJ to discuss with IF potential proposals for resourcing administration support

8. Any Other Business

8.1 JH circulated a request prior to the meeting that ARC discuss the role of schools within the committee as ESSKIA are represented at SSE Board level (Rob Robson) and maybe that was the appropriate forum.

This was discussed and the committee was unanimous in the view that schools matters should be dealt with at ARC and it was essential that ESSKIA are adequately represented on ARC with regard to schools racing.

8.2 TF advised that a meeting had been held in November between SSE Board members and the Chairs of Key Committees to outline the proposed governance review that was to be conducted by SSE during 2014.

TF outlined the timetable for the governance review which was to be carried out by Geoff Parsons. The articles and memorandum for SSE are to be reviewed and a series of meetings with key stakeholders would be arranged early in 2014 and governance changes will be communicated by the Board prior to the AGM in 2014.

Action: LJ to submit Alpine Target document to TF

8.3 TF advised that SSE is aiming to implement a new membership CRM database between May/June 2014. This will include an online entry module which should be in place for the 2015 winter season.

8.4 DFe announced that he would be standing down from ARC and that this meeting was to be his last. LJ took the opportunity to thank DFe for his contribution to ARC over several years.

9. Date of Next Meeting

A suggestion was made to trial a different method of holding the next ARC meeting and that a telephone conference would be adopted.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th April at 7pm as a telephone conference and details would be circulated prior to the meeting.