

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND



Alpine Events Committee Meeting

19:30 Monday 11 July 2016

Teleconference

Present:

Lloyd Jenkins – Chair (LJ)
Bryan Thomas – Deputy Chair (BT)
Mary Calvert (MC)
Karen Conde (KC)
Mike Frith (MF)
Andrea Grant (AG)
David Manns (DM)
Nigel Vincent (NV)

1. Apologies – Paul Lawrence (PL), Jo Ryding (JR)

2. LJ welcomed NV to the committee. He is taking over Dermot Flahive's role leading on the organisation and running of events on artificial surfaces. LJ also announced that Ian Roberts had joined ASPC – taking over from Alan Bullock and leading on training of officials.

3. **Declaration of Interests** - Everyone present confirmed that there were no changes to their previous declarations of interest.

Action: MC to send NV code of conduct and declaration of interest forms.

4. **Bormio Budget** – AG confirmed that the Bormio budget for 2016 had been submitted to Peter Heath for checking. There was a surplus of ~£5000 despite a slight overspend on hotels and travel. There had not been budget lines for some of the “extras” this year but the 2017 budget would be more detailed. BT commented that it had been an excellent event and financially acceptable.

AG confirmed that the 2017 budget was being put together. There was a new contract with Bormio for 2017 and the hotel costs would be higher. Progress was being made with sponsorship.

5. Actions from previous minutes not on the agenda elsewhere

- **University registrations** – These had been discussed with Tim Fawke but as yet there was nothing positive to report. BT will follow up as appropriate.
- **Orders of portable PA systems, banners and radios** – MF was looking at setting up the Motorola radios (stored with him) to the same frequency as the radios in current use at races. He would progress this after the races at Castleford (16/17 July).
It was agreed there should be 2 portable PA systems. One would be kept in the north (MF) and one in the south (AG).
BT reported that the SSE office was organising banners – and that the SSE staff would be responsible for taking these to appropriate events (and storing them in between events).

**Action: MF to get Motorola radios tuned so they could be added to radios currently in use
BT to arrange for purchase of portable PA system(s)**

6. **Officials' Training** – BT/DM reported on behalf of IR. A level 2 course is planned for 12/13 November at Loughborough. (BT has booked a room at SportPark.) IR is working to split this course into 2 modules – allowing participants to either do both modules on that weekend or just to do the first (followed by the second at a later date). BT will ask the SSE office to book Fri/Sat night accommodation for the course tutors.

Action: BT to ask SSE office to book tutors' accommodation for 11/12 November

Ryan Grewcock is developing a digital version of the level 1 course. It is planned that this would be available to clubs as an aid for informing new racers/parents of the basic elements of running races and the continuing need for new race officials.

7. Calendar 2016/2017 - KC reported that there were not many events left on the 2016 calendar and that they were all in hand. BT confirmed that, after a slow start to the season, the actual entries compared to budgeted entries were up for the season. (This was largely due to the entries for Landgraaf – but other races had also shown significant increases.)

Planning is underway for the 2017 calendar. KC had sent invitations to all regional chairs asking if they wished to host any of the GBR races. CESA and NWSA had responded positively, Snowsport South were interested but do not currently have a slope which is homologated for GBR races (they would like to consider one for next year). ERSA had replied that they were unable to host an event.

Costs for slope hire for GBR and Championships need to be confirmed.

BT confirmed that the Board had agreed there would be no increase in entry fees for 2017.

KC has asked Snowsport Scotland to confirm the 2017 dates for the Scottish indoor and outdoor champs as well as the British Outdoor.

Dates and venues for the 2017 All England and Inter regional events need to be fixed. KC and LJ will discuss these.

Action: LJ/KC to discuss dates/venues for the 2017 All England and Inter regional events

The TD forum (weekends of 13/14 May 2017) and alpine squad dates (17/18 June, 9/10 September, 4/5 November 2017) have been added to the calendar to avoid clashes.

Once the 2017 championship and GBR dates have been fixed, invitations will be sent out for Club National bids to be submitted. KC hopes that this will be by the beginning of August.

Action: KC to send out invitations for 2017 CN bids

Confirmation is needed regarding sponsorship for next year's GBR series. This year's sponsorship by Ambition was felt to have worked well.

Action: BT to liaise with Tim Fawke and Marc Telling to discuss future GBR sponsorship options

8. Planning for 2018 calendar and beyond – PL had submitted a report on a proposed race survey to help with future planning. BT and LJ would meet with him separately to discuss this.

Action: BT and LJ to meet with PL to discuss PL's race survey report

It was recognised that a review of the current calendar was necessary. It was felt that there were too many events in the season. Seeded races should be limited to Excel, CN, GBR and Championship events. CN races should not be allowed to clash with GBR races. A sub group would carry out this review and report back to AEC (and ASPC). This group should include LJ, BT, DM, KC, NV, PL.

Action: NV to convene subgroup to meet to discuss calendar planning for 2018 and beyond

9. AOB

NV proposed that documents relevant to the Alpine committees be kept in a new ARC Dropbox folder accessible by all members. This would be especially useful for updates to the calendar.

Action: MC would discuss with Claire Pennell and arrange for Dropbox to be set up.

It was agreed that teleconference meetings could take place on weekday evenings (probably a Monday or Tuesday). The next meeting would be by teleconference before the Snowsport England AGM.

A face to face meeting in Loughborough would be scheduled before the end of the year.

Action: MC to check everyone's availability for future meetings

No date was set for the next meeting

Actions:

3	MC	to send NV code of conduct and declaration of interest forms.	
5	MF	to get Motorola radios tuned so they could be added to radios currently in use	
5	BT	to arrange for purchase of portable PA system(s)	
6	BT	to ask SSE office to book tutors' accommodation for 11/12 November	
7	LJ/KC	to discuss dates/venues for the 2017 All England and Inter regional events	
7	KC	to send out invitations for 2017 CN bids	
7	BT	to liaise with Tim Fawke and Marc Telling to discuss future GBR sponsorship options	
8	BT/LJ	to meet with PL to discuss PL's race survey report	
8	NV	to convene subgroup to meet to discuss calendar planning for 2018 and beyond	
9	MC	to discuss with Claire Pennell and arrange for Dropbox to be set up	
9	MC	to check everyone's availability for future meetings	