

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND

ASPC/AEC Joint Meeting

Saturday 26 November 2016 11:00 am

Sportpark, Loughborough



Present:

Bryan Thomas – Joint Chair (BT)
Lloyd Jenkins – Joint Chair (LJ) phone link
Mary Calvert (MC)
Karen Conde (KC)
Mike Frith (MF)

Peter Heath (PH)
Paul Lawrence (PL)
David Manns (DM)
Nigel Vincent (NV)

1. Apologies

Elly Cockcroft (EC)
Alison Eyre (AE)
Andrea Grant (AG)

Ian Roberts (IR)
Jo Ryding (JR)
Paul Telling (PT)

2. Declaration of Interests

Mike Frith reported that he was now Chair of NWSA. There were no other changes to declarations of interest.

3. Minutes from previous meetings

These had previously been agreed and published on 27 September. DM confirmed that he would be publishing the information on Course Setting on www.gbski.com.

Action: DM to liaise with PT/JR and publish Course Setting information on www.gbski.com

4. Action points not on agenda elsewhere

4.1. Ordering of radios – MF confirmed these had been purchased.

4.2. Ordering of portable PA system – BT will order 2 of these at a cost of £200 - £300 each. One will be kept in the North and one in the South. Their hire can be requested by race organisers when bidding for a race.

Action: BT to order 2 portable PA systems

4.3. Tabling an amendment to the rules at the TD forum regarding competency certificates for U10/U12 racers at the All England Championships – LJ reported that this had not been seen as a significant issue and so had not been taken forward.

4.4. Looking into what options might be available to deal with disciplinary situations – LJ confirmed that IR had checked and there was already a disciplinary system in place for dealing with any issues occurring on the slope or within the area covered by race control. The race jury should deal with it on the day. If further action is needed, the matter should be referred to the Chair of the Alpine Committee. There is an SSE document outlining this procedure. BT will check that it is up to date and is on the new website.

Action: BT to check disciplinary procedure document is up to date and published on the website

4.5. Confirmation of submission of safeguarding assessment form – LJ has completed this form and will return it to the safeguarding team. *Post meeting note – this action is complete.*

4.6. Confirmation of reading Snowsafe document – Everyone was made aware of this. It was noted that a summary document will be produced.

5. Finance

PH reported that he expected a probable surplus for the year of ~£11K. This was largely due to the surplus from the Alpine Champs. The budget for 2017 is being prepared and, once BT/LJ have reviewed it and spoken to Tim Fawke, it will be circulated.

Action: PH to circulate 2017 budget once agreed

Queries were raised about the All England trophy costs and repayment by SSW for Welsh trophies. *Post meeting note – PH confirmed that all payments due from Snowsport Wales had been received.*

Action: BT to check on All England trophy costs

6. Report from TD forum

DM reported on the TD forum which had been held on 6 Nov in Solihull and gave edited highlights from the minutes. The full minutes can be found at <http://www.gbski.com/docstore/misc/TD%20Forum%20November%202016%20Minutes.pdf> . It was confirmed that the primary point for all BASS/BARTS seeding, race bulletins etc would now be www.gbski.com . DM also confirmed the regulation that all slopes must use homologated timing equipment for seeded races. (There is a 2 year period of grace.)

There was a proposal that an officials' training/update day be held prior to the artificial season every year. This would be aimed at all level 2 and level 1 officials as well as race secretaries and chiefs of calcs.

Action: DM to discuss annual officials' update day with IR

As BARSC no longer operates, the question was raised as to whether any "BARSC only" clubs would now be included in SSE seed lists or have registration for interclub competitions.

Action: DM/PH to look into "BARSC only" clubs' eligibility for seed lists and inter club competitions

Post meeting note – The new set of rule books (BCR & BACR) were published on 1 December 2017.

7. Sponsorship 2017

BT confirmed that BSA are the agreed sponsors for the 2017 GBR series. PH will adjust the Alpine budget to reflect this. Unfortunately, no sponsor had been obtained for the Alpine Champs at Bormio.

Action: PH to adjust the Alpine budget to reflect the BSA sponsorship

8. Calendar Planning 2017

KC confirmed that the calendar for 2017 was complete. There was unfortunately a clash between the Lowland Championships at Landgraaf and the British Outdoor Championships at Hillend. There had been no other options for the date of the latter.

BT formally thanked KC for all her hard work in putting the calendar together.

9. Progress of Calendar Planning Group for 2018

NV presented on the subject of the 2018 Summer Calendar and the subcommittee (NV, LJ, KC, DM, PL and PT) looking into it. The Terms of Reference were approved subject to any input from the Regional Chairs Meeting on 27 Nov. The main points are:

- a. The exercise will focus on implementing changes for the 2018 Summer Calendar and will only be concerned with the Summer Calendar.
- b. The exercise will be phased to allow for changes to be implemented in 2018 but further work may be required to introduce more fundamental changes if they are needed.

- c. The committee will be looking at the structure of the race days and at improving slope time by considering additional events. However, this will be within the broad structure currently in place.
- d. The committee will be looking at the numbers of races and will be making recommendations on ways to improve the calendar structure.
- e. The committee will engage BSS and the other HNGBs to evaluate the participation and progression of athletes from schools/regions through to Elite.
- f. The committee will consider the geographic aspects of the race calendar.
- g. The committee will make efforts to engage ESSkiA but recognises that this has not been successful previously.
- h. The committee will consider whether the race point cut-offs should be re-visited.
- i. The output from the initial phases will be a set of race principles that will be circulated for comment.
- j. The committee will make a positive statement to the racing community.

NV will send suggested communications to the committee. BT suggested that the initial draft should be more “black and white” about what will be undertaken. NV will circulate a draft findings paper in February 2017 with an aim to complete by June 2017.

**Action: NV to send suggested communications on the calendar review to the committee
NV to circulate a draft findings paper to the committee in February 2017
NV to send Tim Fawke/BT a short article for publication on the SSE website/newsletter**

10. Officials' Training

10.1. A successful level 2 officials' course had taken place recently at Sportpark. It was proposed that an annual course should take place at this time. DM to discuss with IR and date to be set for November 2017.

Action: DM to liaise with IR and set date for 2017 level 2 officials' course

IR had circulated 2 documents to the committee on the SSE Race Officials' Development and Accreditation Programme. Accreditation issues and maintenance of a database for officials were discussed. It was felt that previous officiating experience could count towards accreditation for level 1 (if the individual was then assessed) but not for level 2. DM reported that the splitting of level 2 into 2 one day modules had now been approved by the TD forum. DM would liaise with IR to take things forward.

Action: DM to liaise with IR to take forward officials' accreditation and maintenance of a database

10.2. Ryan Grewcock is working on the level 1 online officials' course in collaboration with IR. Progress is being made. It is planned that there will be a pilot presentation for the committee and then a workbook can be created. The presentation should be ready for the next meeting.

Action: IR to liaise with Ryan Grewcock over level 1 online officials' course.

11. Progress of review on Course Setting Policy

11.1. LJ reported that he had been in contact with JR regarding the possibility of running a course setters course at Castleford. He will take this forward and report at the next meeting.

Action: LJ to liaise with JR and Castleford about running a course setters' course

11.2. It was proposed that the list of course setters be held with the officials' database so that there was a single point of reference for race organisers.

Action: IR to include list of course setters within officials' database as it develops

12. AOB

12.1. KC confirmed that the new online entry system was operational. The ERSA system was still being used for the Ambition and Evolution races as entries for these had opened before the new system was ready. The English Champs at Bormio and the Welsh Champs are both using the new system. PH confirmed that entries were coming in via the new system.

12.2. BT gave an update from the Board – confirming that there was a new interim Chair and 2 new Board members. The Board is reviewing the number of committees reporting to it and this will mean

consolidating alpine into one main committee with sub-committees. ASPC and AEC will now meet as one committee. The Alpine Squad and Ambassador programme will also come within this group.

He reported that the Youth Development Committee (YDC) and Schools' Advisory Committee would merge to form a single committee.

12.3. DM reported that preparations for the Alpine Champs in Bormio were going well. BT recorded a vote of thanks to all those who made this very successful event happen.

12.4. PH asked who was the point of contact at BSS regarding the British calendar. MC will check with Tim Fawke.

Action: MC to ask Tim Fawke who is the contact at BSS on British Calendar matters

13. Date for next meeting

**The date for the next meeting was set for
11:00am on Sunday 5 March 2017 at Sportpark.**

ACTIONS

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5	BT	To check on All England trophy costs	
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