

**British Ski and Snowboarding (the “Company” or “BSS)
Alpine, Speed skiing and Telemark Committee Meeting (AST Committee)**

Minutes of meeting of the AST Committee held by teleconference on 12th June at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT:	NAME	POSITION
Voting Members	Adrian Pery Dave Edwards Tony Willis Lloyd Jenkins Benja Hedley Robin Kellen Anna Morrisey Paddy Mortimer (part only) Marc Telling (part only)	Chairman
Non Voting	Jenny Shute	
By Phone	Ian Roberts	
In attendance	Malcolm Erskine	
Apologies	Benn Hall	

1. NOTICE, QUORUM AND CHAIRMAN

Mr Pery reported that due notice of the meeting had been given and that a quorum was present. He also reported that Mr Bartelski had resigned from the Committee. The Committee asked Mr Pery to Chair the meeting and he declared the meeting open.

Mr Pery also passed on the contents of a note from Mr Bartelski thanking the Committee for their help and support over the last few years. The Committee were unanimous in expressing their thanks to Mr Bartelski for his years of effort and support.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Each Committee member present confirmed that they had no direct or indirect interest in any way in the proposed arrangements to be considered at the meeting, which they were required by section 177 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Company’s Articles of Association to disclose other than those recorded later in these minutes.

Tony Willis declared that he remained on the Management Committee of Sandown Ski club and that his son had been a member of the Ambition academy, headed by Marc Telling, for the last two years. Mr Lloyd Jenkins also recorded that he was the parent of a current Snowsports athlete.

Malcolm Erskine declared his interest as coach of many of the British athletes and owner and Director of the British Ski Academy.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 24th March and 23rd April 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. FEEDBACK FROM BOARD MEETING

- 4.1 Mr Edwards informed the committee that the BSS Board discussed the following items at their Board meeting earlier this week:

- An Independent review of our Board effectiveness as required by UK Sport
- An Independent review of our Olympic Qualification Process and Criteria
- The recent Discipline Committee election results and an appropriate transition of power and responsibilities
- A report back on the UK Sport bid
- A report back from the FIS Congress
- Update on discussions with BUCS and Tignes in an attempt to ensure that BUSC was not held at the same time as the Delancey Alpine Championships but this had not been successful
- The earliest date when the Company AGM could be held because of the production of the audited accounts
- Mr Mortimer's discussions with the Scottish Institute on provision of support for Scottish Alpine athletes
- The need for the ATSC and or the Home Nations to appoint a team manager for the Alpine U16 team.
- A brief discussion on the planning for Scottish Independence and agreement to defer this discussion until after the result of the vote is known
- Progress updates from Nordic and Alpine Disciplines

5. FIS CONGRESS

- 5.1 Dr Shute ran through a written report of the FIS Congress a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The report included:

- The continued support for Andrew Clarke as Chairman of the Telemark Committee
- The inclusion of Telemark events in more major events
- Dick Taplin's last FIS Congress and hopefully the inclusion of Millar Reid as the new Committee member of Speed skiing
- There will be no immediate changes to equipment specs
- Clarification on naming of age groups

- Three Committees expressed strong support for the limiting of number of races for young athletes together with financial sanctions against NSA's whose athletes break the limit
- Discussion on Italy's race entry fees
- Increasing the minimum penalty for CIT races from 9 to 15 and reduction to quota back to 12.
- World Championships in St Moritz in 2017 will have reductions in quotas with a maximum of 100 in the tech events
- Lighter poles for ladies tech World Cup events

6. ALPINE PROGRESS REPORT

6.1 Mr Willis had circulated a written progress report a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The report included:

- An update on the backlog of work on selection
- An update on the selection documentation and processes for major events
- An update on the agreement of a pathway and the documentation of that pathway

6.2 Mr Willis raised his concerns in relation to selection criteria and publication of selection criteria for the Universiade and the way that we work with BUCS on those criteria.

6.3 Mr Willis also informed the meeting about the nationality transfer of a 1995 male athlete from the US to GBR who now looked as though he was the top British 1995 athlete.

6.4 It was agreed that Mr Erskine, Mr Willis and Mr Pery should discuss how the Alpine Business Management Group should be constituted going forward and make a proposal to this committee.

7. SPEED SKIING REPORT

7.1 Mr Hedley provided a verbal update on the progress of British Speed skiing during the season. This included the proposed speed "gliding" camp that will be run in Andorra. Between 12 and 15th January. This will be run immediately prior to the World Championships.

7.2 Mr Hedley also informed the meeting about the gliding camps that Jan Farrell will be running in Hintertux. Mr Willis and Erskine will discuss this with Jan Farrell and see whether Alpine athletes can take advantage of this camp.

8. TELEMAR REPORT

8.1 Mr Pery reinforced the point made by Dr Shute about the potential inclusion of Telemark in future Olympic Winter Games.

- 8.2 The Telemark selection documentation was discussed and Mr Mortimer and Mr Pery agreed to bring forward a proposal in the near future.
- 8.3 The combination of the TD forum for Alpine and Telemark would eventually result in a single seeding system for BASS events.
- 8.4 The dates for the British Telemark Championships have been delayed for a week.
- 8.5 Mr Erskine enquired about the availability of Telemark training equipment for all young athletes.

9. REVISION OF TECHNICAL DELEGATE FORUM TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 9.1 Mr Roberts introduced a document that contained a proposal for changes to the terms of reference for the Technical Delegates forum, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The meeting discussed the terms of reference and unanimously approved the proposed Terms of Reference.

10. REVISION TO RACE STRUCTURE

- 10.1 Mr Roberts introduced a document that contained a proposal for consultation on changes to the British Race Structure, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The document had been produced following a survey and preliminary discussions with a variety of parties. The intention is to use the document as a basis for further consultation with a wider community with a target for creating a new structure and rules to support the structure for the 2014 2015 season.
- 10.2 Mr Erskine raised the wearing of cat suits by U10/U12 athletes and Mr Roberts informed the meeting that the proposal follows the sentiment expressed in the survey that both U10 and U12 athletes should not be allowed to wear catsuits.
- 10.3 The Committee unanimously adopted the document as the basis for further consultation.

11. ATHLETE COUNCIL

- 11.1 Mr Edwards described the current position in relation to the formation of the athletes Council. He agreed to circulate the terms of reference and structure of the athletes Council and the Committee agreed to attempt to identify potential candidates and sell the benefits of their involvement to them.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 The Committee discussed the need for a single point of contact for disseminating information to Coaches. It was agreed that this item should be put on the agenda for the Coaches Conference that would be held soon.

12.2 Mr Willis introduced a document that outlined his view of the application of the BSS constitution to the work of this Committee. A copy of this document is attached to these minutes.

12.3 Mr Edwards asked the meeting to approve the outstanding list of applicants for Organiser membership of BSS:

After some debate the meeting agreed that these memberships should be accepted immediately.

12.4 Mr Pery then raised the issue raised by Mr Bartelski's resignation. Mr Erskine offered to absent himself from the meeting but the meeting declined this offer. Mr Edwards clarified that the Committee could nominate any individual but personally, following the recent election, he felt that it was inappropriate for any one other than Mr Erskine to hold the position. The Committee were unanimous in asking Mr Erskine to take on the role of Chair of the ASTC as an interim until his formal term of office began.

12.5 There was no other Business.

13. NEXT MEETING

13.1 It was agreed that all members would provide Mr Erskine with their availability for a meeting on 30th June 2014.

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Chairman

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