

British Freestyle Discipline Committee Meeting – Approved Minutes Monday 14th July 2016 – On-line/Telephone Conference

Note that the word “event” in these minutes refers to the subdisciplines of Freestyle skiing (i.e. Ski Cross (SX), Aerials (AE), Moguls (MO), Slopestyle (SS), Halfpipe (HP) (or combined as Park & Pipe (P&P))

1. Participants, Apologies

Participating:

Iain Mackay (IM) Peter Bates (PB), Kay Bates (KB), Dan Brier (DB), Stevi Campbell (STC), Martin Carr (MC), Chris David (CD), Lesley McKenna (LM), Emily Sarsfield (ES), Pat Sharples (PS),

Apologies: Dave Edwards (DE), Sean Curtis (SC), Becky Hammond (BH),

2. Minutes of Meeting 16th May 2016

These were approved subject to correction to spellings noted.

3. Matters Arising (not on Agenda)

Action 1 (May 2016)

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This action outstanding. It becomes new action

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Action2 (May 2016) (Mark Ritchie report)

Ongoing becomes new action

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Other Matters

All other actions completed or no longer active. Action 7 becomes a permanent feature of meeting preparation. The dates for the next meetings were set for Wed 14th September and Wed 7th December.

Action3 (July 2016)

PB to circulate dates and to ask BSS office to circulate Freestyle Athletes ahead of each meeting to remind them of contact details for Athletes Rep

3. Scottish Rep

IM welcomed Stevi Campbell (STC), Freestyle Development Officer for Snowsport Scotland, to her first meeting. She gave a brief outline of her involvement in activity in Scotland. She runs Newmilns Ski Centre in Ayrshire and in winter runs the Freestyle Development Squad for Cairngorm Ski Club. Apart from on slope activities they also do gymnastics and trampolining. LM mentioned that level 1 trampoline courses were to be available possibly at Inverness. PB also mentioned that there could be a source of funding from Awards for All. (The Scottish Freestyle Ski Club, now defunct, had successfully applied a number of years ago.)

5. BSS Restructuring

IM informed briefly that the new Chair of BSS was proposing a restructure of the strategy, board and constitution with discipline business very much managed at discipline committee level. It was noted that the performance director PM had now left BSS.

6. Olympic Qualifying Selection

Basic criteria were due to be signed off by the BSS board tomorrow, but the B.O.A (British Olympic Association) are currently fully occupied by the Summer Olympics in Brazil so full agreement is unlikely to be reached before the Autumn.

7. World Ski Championship Qualification Standards

IM reported that FIS are introducing qualification standards in addition to quota spots. BSS will not have additional criteria.

8. Return From Injury

LM outlined the current system used very successfully by P&P. They employ Function Jigsaw who had developed a set of protocols to be confirmed before an athlete returned to snow competition. This enabled safe return to snow at the level at which athletes were previously competing and worked well with very few repeat injuries. KB reported that this would be a much better system for all freestyle athletes and make the job of the Selection Panel much easier. More details would be required as to the financial implications – it was possible that discretionary funding might be available.

Action4 (July 2016)

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9. FIS Moguls Competition Manchester

MC stated that arrangements were in place but that currently insufficient competitors had registered to make the competition viable.

10. Selection

KB reported that the age criteria for entry into skicross had been modified to take account of the age system used in Alpine.

11. AOCB

None

12. Summary of Actions:-

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