

British Freestyle Discipline Committee Meeting – Draft Minutes Wednesday 14th September 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), Kay Bates (KB), Martin Carr (MC), Dave Edwards (DE), Lesley McKenna (LM), Emily Sarsfield (ES), Pat Sharples (PS),

Apologies: Sean Curtis (SC), Peter Bates (PB), Dan Brier (DB), Chris David (CD), Stevi Campbell (STC), Becky Hammond (BH),

2. Minutes of Meeting 14th July 2016

These were approved.

3. Matters Arising (not on Agenda)

Action1 (July 2016)

Event lead persons to liaise with Su Moore via Iain Mackay and establish contact with Dare2B

No agreements are in place and little has happened on this. ES was asked if SX athletes wanted clothing and she was not aware that they did but would wear their own clothing from personal sponsors. Lloyd Wallace would contact Dare2B and arrange his own needs. It was not a relevant topic for other athletes.

Action2 (July 2016)(Mark Ritchie report)

IM to update at next meeting

Mark Ritchie has been on holiday but LM is seeing him soon and will try to update us later.

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

Done

Action4 (July 2016)

IM to raise possibility with DE and BSS Board of utilising Function Jigsaw across all Freestyle events and with other disciplines.

Other disciplines can have access. There is a menu list of prices for non-P&P athletes. New Action:

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IM to request that Sophie makes the pricing information available to all licensed Freestyle athletes.

4. BSS Constitutional Changes

There are proposed changes to the composition of the Board, arrangements for athlete consultation and arrangements for discipline committees. This is to allow the Board to concentrate on strategy and performance issues. A pack is being sent out to all BSS members before the AGM on 26th September. For our committee the main differences will be that the discipline chairs will not automatically be Board members, only some will be elected to the Board. Athlete representation will be different: athletes will no longer have an automatic place on the Board (which has remained unfilled for over a year) and the new Board will be tasked with finding more effective means of gaining athlete involvement. The new Performance Director will be a board member. In future the composition of Discipline Committees will be decided by the Discipline Chairperson, rather than having to fit a particular pattern. UK Sport are wanting these changes to comply with their governance recommendations.

5. Performance Director Appointment

A person has been identified and they are keen to work with BSS. An announcement and appointment should take place soon. The new person will work in the UK Sport network and bring funding in line with performance plans.

6. SX and SBX Manager Role

DB not present to update this meeting. There is no money in the budget for a SX/SBX Manager. DB is creating interest in trials and pathways but it all has to be self-financed. There have been some suggestions on how to proceed.

Action2 (Sept 2016)

DE, DB and IM to attempt to sort out the SX and SBX manager situation in consultation with the Snowboard Director.

7. Event reports

The FIS Moguls event in Manchester had been cancelled due to insufficient entries. MC is looking at possible events next year. It was agreed it was not good to put a competition on the FIS calendar which later had to be cancelled and we do not want this to happen again. A weekend date and clearer details are needed if it is proposed again.

Aerials

Lloyd Wallace had placed 12/34 in a SUI water ramp event and will compete in Minsk soon. He will do most of the World Cups this season.

Moguls

Will Feneley trained and competed in AUS and placed 40/60. There is less MO impetus round the Manchester area since CD moved away. Some training sessions have been cancelled as no moguls had been made.

Skicross

There has been a massive push from DB and his team on the GBX pathway programme with lots of activity and interest.

P&P

Woodsy won both events in Cardrona with Tyler and Felix in finals and other competitors from the SSE pathway also competing. Tyler now had sufficient FIS Points to earn an additional WC quota spot when these are recalculated in January. IM remarked that this vindicated the earlier decision to send Woodsy so as to ensure a good FIS Points rating of the event. PS outlined the training planned October onwards leading up to the start of OWG qualification events in Colorado in December.

8. FIS business

IM had not yet received papers for the next FIS meetings in Zurich at the end of this month, apart from the ones he had produced. By the end of September the FIS Freestyle Committee will no longer exist and there will be a new Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Committee. GBR have made three nominations to this new committee which will be chaired by Dean Gosper. IM noted that there were no proposals on how to manage TDs in Freestyle Ski and Board after the merger. IM will forward any papers to this committee. IM will attend a Cross and Slopestyle course builder's course in the Dolomites immediately after the FIS meetings.

Post meeting note – IM circulated FIS meeting papers on 16/9/16 and various committee members made comments to him.

ES was against the proposed pre Christmas SX Tour as there were too many competitions too close together. This would put great pressure on nations like ours which did not have team support to help athletes get to each venue.

Action3 (Sept 2016)

IM and ES to discuss pre Christmas SX Tour and report back to this committee

9. GB TD programme

There had been a GBR Freestyle Ski and Board TD clinic the previous weekend taught by a top Italian TD. Of the 20 participants, mainly from Snowboard this committee was asked to approve the following as Freestyle TDs:

Dave Tozer

Dennis Ledger

John Craig.

These were all approved.

10. Selection Update

Registrations are on-going.

No further progress has been made with the OWG selections as BOA are currently fully occupied in Rio.

Action4 (Sept 2016)

IM, KB and LM to contact Mahdi at BOA to complete the OWG selection criteria documents.

Universiade selections have been made and will be forwarded to BUCS this week. There are 3 SX, 3 MO and 1 AE athletes nominated.

MC has joined the P&P Selection Panel as a representative from the Freestyle Selection Panel.

11. AOCB & DONM

Meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 7th December 2016 and Tuesday 21st February 2017.

12. Summary of Actions:-

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Kay Bates (October 2016)