

British Freestyle Executive Meeting - Minutes

Thursday 11th July 2013 – On-line/Telephone Conference

1. Participants, Apologies

Participating - Simon Ashton (SA), Kay Bates (KB), Peter Bates (PB), Martin Carr (MC), Becky Hammond (BH), Iain Mackay (IM), Gladys Marr (GM)

Apologies: Chris David (CD), Dave Edwards (DE), Ian Findlay (IF), Paddy Mortimer (PM), Craig Robinson (CR), Pat Sharples (PS)

2. Actions from last meeting on 1.5.13

Action 1 (May 2013) SA to ask BSS office to communicate with all GBR licence holders regarding how to raise their concerns with athlete reps. COMPLETED

Action 2 (May 2013) IM and PS to look at Slopestyle course safety and make a GBR proposal to a FIS meeting. COMPLETED

This was discussed at the FIS meeting although GBR did not make a proposal. The problem was acknowledged at the meeting and the need to improve the appointment of WC course advisors. Weather issues had not been discussed.

Action 3 (May 2013) IF to report to IM on SX course building and safety. ONGOING

IF not present so IM will take this up with FIS SX personnel.

Action 1 (July 2013) IM to discuss SX course building and safety with FIS SX personnel

Action 4 (May 2013) Discipline managers to write up how BSS and HNGB interface for their discipline to identify any gaps. SA will help managers with this. ONGOING

GM has discussed this with IM at SSE level but all managers need to document this.

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Action 5 (May 2013) SA, PM and IF to discuss ideas for getting new athletes trained, especially how to fund this. ONGOING

Various training camps are scheduled. E.g. SX and HP training in Bormio after the All England Champs (Feb/March 2014). BH will be there to encourage girls to compete. Valmalenco is bidding again for WJCh and this is near Bormio and at a similar time to the proposed Bormio camp.

Action 6 (May 2013) BH, IF and PS to get information to the HNGB to send to alpine clubs about the Freeski Camps. COMPLETED

Action 7 (May 2013) MC, PB and KB to look at judge and TD succession. PARTIALLY COMPLETED

Judge training for MO and Park and Pipe took place at Manchester before the recent English Championships. Another training is proposed for the next competition in September. This allows trainee judges to shadow at the competition. Hopefully those training in one discipline may move across to other disciplines later.

Still need to find new TDs.

Action 8 (May 2013) SA to revisit the job descriptions of team managers and discuss with them. ONGOING

SA has sent out existing job descriptions but these need to be reviewed and additional areas covered.

Action 3 (July 2013) Team managers to review current job descriptions and all committee to write their job descriptions. Everyone

Action 9 (May 2013) PM working to share off snow training across events. ONGOING

PM is coordinating training such as SX with Alpine and sharing off slope training.

Action 10 (May 2013) Team managers to find out where each of their athletes is going each month and email to the committee. ONGOING

Discussion on how to do this – Google calendar, spread sheet, Dropbox etc. PM needs to know where everyone is in Oct/Nov and KB needs to know who is competing where to get results. Team managers know where their athletes are but a common system is needed which will not involve lots of typing.

Action 4 (July 2013) SA to discuss with PM ways to easily log where each athlete is training/competing.

Action 5 (July 2013) MC to add discipline managers to those who can alter committee Dropbox folders so this could be used for further information sharing.

Action 11 (May 2013) IM to send draft FIS calendar for 2013/4 to committee. ONGOING

The WC calendar is available on the FIS website. IM has a paper copy of the current state of EC (which will probably change).

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Action 12 (May 2013) CD to report back on suits at next meeting. COMPLETED

Chris has discussed with Dare2Be and suits should be ready by October.

Other items carried forward from last meeting

1. Selection Panel Terms of Reference ONGOING
2. Selection Panel Policy for Oct 2013 COVERED IN OTHER ITEMS
3. Licence Structure link with HN ONGOING
4. Conditions of Sochi aerials courses This was discussed at the FIS meeting NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDED

Other items which have had some discussion but need final approval

5. Iain's paper on Teams and Squads sent out 21.6.13

PM wants to have a similar process across all disciplines, a British Squad with a set level out of which teams are selected for various competitions e.g. WC, WJCh, Olympics (Olympic selection is done by BOA). The squad should include all A licence holders plus possibly some B licence holders.

There was discussion on how to achieve this. The problem is how to define which B licencees could be in the squad as in some areas (SS, HP and AE) an athlete's first FIS competition is likely to be at B level. There was agreement that a second level needs to be set for British Squad status different from the licence levels and that things such as performance level (competition results) and type/frequency of training and competing should be taken into account.

The licence selections can be announced now but decisions on who (if any) from the B licencees are in the British Squad will be delayed until just before the winter season. IM will discuss with Team Managers to find suitable indicators for each discipline. IM and the other selectors were thanked for the work they have done on selections.

Action 7 (July 2013) IM to publish licence selections on BSS website

Action 8 (July 2013) IM to discuss British Squad selection levels with each discipline manager to allow Squad selection before the winter season starts.

6. Kay's paper on British Championships sent out 29.3.13

There was general agreement with the ideas put forward but several modifications of wording were proposed for clarity.

- An additional line stating there must be 2 or more competitors for the winner to be awarded British Champion title
- Remove the first sentence from part 6
- Change part 7 to 'ranked highest in the competition' and then remove last sentence of 7.
- Add that the event will normally be nominated one month in advance.

Reworded document sent with these minutes. Once approved it will be sent to DE and published on the BSS and MCs websites.

Action 9 (July 2013) KB to amend paper on British Championships, attach to minutes and if no further comments send to DE for publication

4. AOB

SA asked that the committee minutes should be published on BSS website.

Action 10 (July 2013) PB to check minutes from the last two meetings then send to BSS to publish.

5. DONM

Thursday 19th September at 9pm

Summary of actions below. Please check any items against your name and ensure the item is completed before the next meeting. You will be asked to update!!

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