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

Minutes of the AST Committee meeting held by teleconference on 16th September 2013 at 6.15 pm.

PRESENT:	**NAME**	**POSITION**
	Tony Willis	Acting as Chairman
	Paddy Mortimer	
	Dave Edwards	
	Lloyd Jenkins	
	Ian Roberts	
	Robin Kellen	
	Jenny Shute	
	Adrian Pery	
	Benn Hall	
Apologies	Konrad Bartelski	

1. NOTICE, QUORUM AND CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported that due notice of the meeting had been given and that a quorum was present. Accordingly, the Chairman declared the meeting open.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2013 were agreed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. The report of the smaller meeting from August 27th were referred to but this meeting was not felt to be a full meeting of the Committee and there was no need to agree the minutes

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Each 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.

As for previous meetings, Tony Willis declared his interest as a father of an English skier and Head of training at Sandown Park. Lloyd Jenkins also declared personal interest in relation to his daughter who is a member of the British U16 Alpine team.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Robin Kellen reported on progress of appointing a coaching representative. He suggested that Taryn Archbold be considered as a starting point and the meeting agreed that this could be progressed off line. Ian Roberts suggested that a set of parameters or terms of reference should be drawn up for the position. Robin Kellen agreed to produce a draft.

4.2 Dave Edwards reported that there was still a very low level of interest in the positions remaining open across BSS for athletes' representatives. He was formulating a plan to give some kind of incentives and then re-invite the relevant current and ex-FIS licence holders to apply.

5. BRITISH CHILDREN'S TEAM

5.1 The meeting reiterated the position of the Board that we should ensure that the current season's programme should continue in its current form and also expressed support for the way that Jenny Shute was leading this. In Jenny's report some concern had been expressed regarding the smooth functioning of the selection policy and Robin Kellen agreed to work with Paul Trayner to ensure that this process was conducted properly.

5.2 The meeting also considered the request from the Board to appoint a working group to consider the Board's recommendations for structure from the 2014/15 season onwards. It was agreed that this should include: Jenny Shute, Lloyd Jenkins, Tony Willis, Robin Kellen and a small number of others to be agreed after the meeting.

5.3 It was also discussed and accepted by the members of the full BSS Board that were present that if the working group felt strongly that a recommendation was inappropriate then it was expected to raise the issue with the Board for further discussion. It was also agreed that any detailed discussion of the recommendations themselves should be deferred to the working group.

5.4 It was hoped that this committee could meet and come back with its views on a reasonably short time frame. No precise guidelines were given but it was anticipated that that would be before the next full AST Committee meeting.

6. ARNOLD LUNN WORLD CUP

6.1 Tony Willis presented a short report on the progress of the project to form a squad to target the Arnold Lunn World Cup that could serve as part of a pathway of representative racing. It was agreed that his proposals should be refined by the working group formed primarily for the British Children's Team. They should then be presented back to the AST Committee for full launch before the 2013/14 season starts.

7. SELECTION ISSUES

7.1 The bigger part of this discussion concerned qualification standards for the World Championships due in 2015. Paddy Mortimer felt that the sooner detailed criteria could be published the better. He also reported his support for the idea of having an A standard and a B standard. The A standard would be an absolute level, and the B standard would be relevant to U21s and should reflect their age. If we could not fill the slots we had with athletes qualified for the A standard we would then use athletes qualified for the B standard.

7.2 There was also a discussion about the need to publish criteria for EYOF also due in 2015, and the World Junior Championships which are an annual event.

7.3 It was anticipated by the meeting that proposals would be drawn up and circulated to the Committee by email for approval and input before the next meeting which is currently scheduled for November 18th.

7.4 There was also an inconclusive discussion about any need for revisions of the qualifications for or structure of our elite squads.

8. SERVICES MODEL

8.1 Paddy Mortimer spoke about the structure of service provision within BSS, focussing particularly on the Strength & Conditioning and Nutrition links that had been established with John Moore's University in Liverpool. This was necessarily a short and therefore incomplete overview, but was much appreciated as the start of a journey for the AST Committee in being able to understand better and contribute to further developments in these areas.

9. RACING STRUCTURES AND COACHING ISSUES

9.1 Ian Roberts spoke to the documents he had circulated outlining the draft positions relating to race structures. The BASS Race Structure draft was out for consultation with the Constituent Groups with a deadline of 30 September for response. The BARTS Structure consultation was being led by Lloyd Jenkins and had been circulated for information.

9.2 There was a report on the Snowsport England coaching conference partly from Lloyd Jenkins and partly from Robin Kellen. One question raised was how this conference stacked up as a forum for snow-based race coaches. Robin Kellen was clear that the group of coaches available at the British Championships was much more relevant to a proper discussion of issues related to alpine racing.

9.3 Dave Edwards confirmed the position of BSS in relation to the British Champs. The Board had reluctantly agreed to the terms put forward by Meribel and an announcement was to be expected as soon as final signing had taken place.

10. TELEMARK

10.1 Adrian Pery spoke about the progress of Telemark from both a sporting and a structural perspective. There was clearly promise among the athletes and the potential inspiration of inclusion in a wider Alpine Championships in Norway. Indoor races in Glasgow and Hemel had gone well. Structurally there was a discussion as to how Telemark should organise itself in a way that would fit well within BSS but allow the sport to continue to organise itself. The members of the Committee committed to reading in detail the documents that Adrian had circulated and reporting back with comments and/or concerns by the end of the week.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday 18th November at 6.30 pm by teleconference.

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Chairman

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