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 30th July at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT:	NAME	POSITION
Voting Members	Adrian Pery Tony Willis Lloyd Jenkins Robin Kellen Anna Morrissey Benn Hall Benja Hedley	Chairman
Non-Voting	Jenny Shute Ian Roberts	
Apologies	Marc Telling Dave Edwards Paddy Mortimer	

1. NOTICE, QUORUM AND CHAIRMAN

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

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.

3. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

3.1 Mr Pery updated the Committee on actions since the last meeting. He had informed the BSS Board of the Committee's views from the last meeting, including their support of the Boards actions. The Chairman of the BSS Board had agreed to the Committee's suggestion that a decision on an election for a new Chairman be delayed until any appeal by Mr Erskine was completed.

3.2 Mr Erskine has lodged an appeal to the Board's decision for dismissal. After appropriate legal advice BSS were forming an appeal panel to conduct the process.

3.3 The budget was still under discussion by the BSS Board, subject to further input from the Performance Director.

3.4 The date of the BSS AGM as 10 Sep 2014 was noted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

4.1 The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2014 as a fair an accurate record and approved their publication.

5. CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

5.1 The Committee discussed the voting rights of the members. The majority feeling was that the constitutional balance was correct and that whilst the co-opted member's views were essential to an informed debate the voting balance should remain with elected members. The Committee requested Mr Pery to canvas the other committee chairmen to see if there were any concerns within the other discipline committees.

5.2 The apparent anomaly of paragraph 8.2.2.1 of the BSS Constitution was discussed, there being no SSS Rep on the AS&T but three HN nominated reps. The committee felt that as the HN Committee had appointed three representatives, and this had seemingly been accepted by the Board, then the current status of all three should remain. However, should SSS formally join BSS then the situation should be reviewed.

6. ALPINE REPORT

6.1 Mr Willis highlighted the alpine input into the submission from the AS&T for the last BSS Board meeting. The committee noted the main points and approved the next objectives for the Alpine Business Group:

(a) Launching the concept of 3 layers of international representation.

(b) Launching a coaches' advisory group.

(c) Completing preparation for the season of U16 and U14 international racing.

(d) Continuing preparation for the intended but ambitious target of launching a development pathway in October this year.

(e) Agreeing a 2014-15 budget and going public with the process of allocating the resources.

6.2 Mr Kellen raised a query from the recent Board meeting about who had had input to the Alpine Selection document. Mr Willis will provide information for the Chairman to write to the Board and clarify the drafting process.

6.3 Dr Shute asked for a decision on where the funds for the U16 Team should be held, noting there were a number of potential sponsors who would wish to deposit funds The committee felt that the funds should be administered from BSS to enable best probity. Dr Shute offered to help with any additional administration.

7. TELEMARK REPORT

7.1 Miss Morrissey updated the committee on the progress within Telemark. Three successful indoor races had been run so far this summer which had identified a large pool of young (U21) talent. There is now an intention to run a youth development camp for this season. The 4th race in Sep had been postponed until Sep by the venue.

8. SPEED REPORT.

8.1 Mr Hedley introduced the draft advertisement for the Speed Skiing Camp to be run this coming season, the dates of which will be confirmed in September. Advice was sought and provided to ensure participants are given the correct information for insurance and equipment requirements. The Speed Skiing camp is open to all comers, but especially alpine discipline skiers who wish to improve speed discipline techniques. Equipment suitable for alpine speed disciplines (meeting FIS standards) is acceptable for this camp.

8.2 It was advised the camp be advertised through the HNs, clubs, academies and specialist ski media.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 It was acknowledged that improved communication of AS&T business would help BSS members and supporters better understand and support the ongoing processes. The committee approved the publishing of minutes from the meetings, commencing with the minutes from the last meeting and all future meetings.

9.2 Mr Hedley and Miss Morrissey stated that communication with the Speed and Telemark communities, being smaller, was less of an issue as they operated all informed networks.

9.3 Mr Kellen offered to create a quarterly public report on AS&T business, with the report being cleared through the AS&T Chairman and the BSS CEO prior to publication. His offer was accepted with thanks.

9.4 The committee felt that a more positive engagement with specialist media should be made. Mr Pery was to take this forward after discussion with Mr Edwards.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Two outstanding applications for ‘organiser’ member status of BSS were discussed, one was approved the other was denied, pending further information.

10.2 The Committee discussed applications for BSS ‘Organiser’ membership and approved those known to them as organisers. Those applicants unknown to the committee were deferred pending further information.

10.3 Mr Bartelski’s report form the UCLAN conference was discussed. It was commended to the Alpine Business Group noting that the majority of the recommendations from the report had already been included into the Alpine business.

10.4 Mr Pery was tasked to find out whether a report from the AS&T is required for the AGM.

10.5 There was no other Business.

11. Next Meeting

11.1 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place after the AGM, in the week 16-18 Sep. All committee members were to submit their availability on these evenings to the Chairman.

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Chairman

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