

# **British Freestyle Discipline Committee Meeting – Draft Minutes Thursday 20th August 2015 – On-line/Telephone Conference**

## **1. Participants, Apologies**

### **Participating:**

Iain Mackay (IM) Peter Bates (PB), Kay Bates (KB), Martin Carr (MC), Sean Curtis (SC), Paddy Mortimer (PM), Emily Sarsfield (ES), Ian Findlay IF

**Apologies:** Pat Sharples (PS), Gar Trayner (GT), Chris David (CD), Dave Edwards (DE), Lesley McKenna (LM), Stevi Campbell STC

## **2. BSS Governance – Update on Appointing a New Chair**

IM gave an update. Advertising and selection interviews had taken place and a recommendation made to the board. Due diligence and other procedures would be concluded in order to make a recommendation to the BSS AGM.

## **3. Reports on Athletes and other Subdiscipline Matters**

### **Aerials**

Both Lloyd and Elodie Wallace had shown significant improvement and had trained in Switzerland during the summer. Both are potential podium athletes – Lloyd is now ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the world. Both had received some TASS funding and Lloyd has been awarded £6k by the Performance Panel towards his training and competition costs for which grateful thanks had been given. Lloyd also is able to claim £400 for medical cover/support from BSS.

### **Park & Pipe**

James Woods achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> place in the New Zealand Open Championship with a great score.

### **Ski Cross**

A development group was about to be training at Hintertux with Snowboard Cross (SBX) athletes. ES inquired whether it was a selection camp – this was not known by those present. Younger Athletes (U16) need to know where and when they can compete.

Currently SX athletes are training independently on individual programmes. GT now trying to bring them together with SBX and/or to add value to their programmes. Athletes are mostly accessing training via the Fanny Smith Academy and Alberta SX. Two SX clubs have been set up at Hemel Snow centre and The Chill Factor (Manchester).

### **Moguls**

Ellie Koyander and Will Feneley were training and competing in Australia. The FIS competition in Manchester in September would go ahead only if sufficient numbers entered. Ian Danby would be in place of Chris David.

*(Post meeting comment – a very successful competition took place)*

### **Home Nation Programme Developments**

Gloucester Ski Centre now has an air bag allowing talent development and Identification. PM emphasised the need to have a tracking mechanism in place for all relevant subdisciplines (AE, HP, MO, SS) so that athlete progression can be monitored. IF stated that a series of regional sessions were to be run by Snowsport England.

## **4. Chiba Kings System**

Progress was ongoing. It was anticipated that a final selection of the site would be made by the end of September. A feasibility study for building an indoor facility would follow in October.

## **5. Strategy Action Plan**

Discussion was initiated regarding the Strategy action Plan. Concern was expressed that fulfilling it could divert effort away from maximising support for athletes. As an example there are only two or three people directly supporting the aerials subdiscipline. PM advised that we should only focus on those elements which would assist development. PM will ask each subdiscipline to identify two elements to work at this year. IM and PM will discuss.

### **Action 1 (August 2015)**

***IM and PM to refine requirements for the Strategy Document***

The meeting was terminated early due to an inadequate communication system.

## **6. D.O.N.M**

A future meeting date was already set:- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

It was felt that another meeting was required before then

### **Action 2 (August 2015)**

***PB to circulate possible dates for another meeting in September/October***

*Post meeting note; this was not actioned due to other commitments and it was decided to go for the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November.*

## **7. Summary of Actions:-**

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Peter Bates (Oct 2015)