

British Freestyle Discipline Committee Meeting – Draft Minutes Thursday 5th March 2015 – On-line/Telephone Conference

1. Participants, Apologies

Participating:

Iain Mackay (IM) Peter Bates (PB), Martin Carr (MC), Chris David (CD), Sean Curtis (SC), Dave Edwards (DE), Lesley McKenna (LM), Paddy Mortimer (PM),

Apologies: Kay Bates (KB), Emily Sarsfield (ES), Pat Sharples (PS), Gar Trayner (GT),

2. Minutes of November Meeting

The minutes were approved.

3. Finance

DE outlined the Budget approved by the BSS Board. It was the same as last year with £120k being distributed to disciplines and sub disciplines also as per last year except for the Performance Panel amount. It was noted that £3k was allocated to Freestyle and Snowboard for the World Championships. Some discussion followed regarding the funding requirements for the World Junior Championships – CD was to be representative and requirements for Physio support needed clarification

Action 1 (March 2015)

DE, LM, PM & IM to finalise finances for World Junior Championships

4. Facilities

PM outlined a proposal to develop a training facility for Freestyle and Snowboard based on the Chiba Kings System (see <http://www.chibakings.com/category/movie>). This is based on a ramp into an airbag system. It was felt possible for to have an add-on to the kicker to make it suitable for aerials training as well as Snowboarding, Slope-style and moguls. Snowsport Scotland had expressed interest and it was hoped to make the facility useful for diving.

£120k had been secured for a feasibility study and this was viewed as a very positive initiative by UK Sport. L.M. is in discussion with some Austrian Resorts with a view to testing airbag training in April.

Action 2 (March 2015)

LM , CD & SC to be involved/informed in further development of this initiative.

5. Talent Transfer

There had been some positive meetings with UK Sport with encouragement to liaise with Gymnastics and trampoline to develop an ongoing pathway for leavers – especially early leavers into Freestyle.

6. World Championships

A full report had been submitted separately by PM (and LM??). Major highlights were Lloyd Wallace's performance in aerials and Katy Summerhayes silver medal in Ski Slopestyle.

It was noted that Ski Cross requires athletes who can ski terrain and much more emphasis is needed on this in training and possibly eventually in selection. Being a good Alpine skier is no longer enough.

Action 3 (March 2015)

IM, PM, GT, and Dan Brier to develop a plan to bring terrain skiing into Skicross training

7. Junior World Championships Selection

PB reported on behalf of KB that the new selection policy and criteria seemed to be working well and selection for these Championships was progressing relatively smoothly.

8. Clothing

There had been some significant liaison problems with the current clothing sponsor. However these now appeared to be resolving. SC is tasked with liaising with sponsor re aerials requirements and with CD, confirming arrangements for next year.

Action 4 (March 2015)

CD & SC to liaise with clothing sponsor and firm up details for next season

9. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

All actions had been addressed or superseded by events except for the following :-

- The Sochi Olympics report is on the BSS Website – see the pdf file “BSS Sochi OQS Review” at <http://www.teambss.org.uk/governance/calendar-and-reports/>
- Need to confirm that athletes reps are happy to continue in this role. IM to investigate.
- not known what access there might be to minutes of the selection appeals panel.

Action 5 (March 2015)

IM to confirm continuation of Athletes reps

Action 6 (March 2015)

IM to discuss with PM what access was allowable to selection appeals panel.

10. D.O.N.M

Two future meeting dates were set:- Thursday 25th June and Thursday 20th August

Action 7 (March 2015)

PB to circulate future meeting dates

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!!

ACTIONS FROM MARCH 2015 MEETING

Action 1 (March 2015)

DE, LM, PM & IM to finalise finances for World Junior Championships

Action 2 (March 2015)

LM, CD & SC to be involved/informed in further development of this initiative (Chiba King).

Action 3 (March 2015)

IM, PM, GT, and Dan Brier to develop a plan to bring terrain skiing into Skicross training

Action 4 (March 2015)

CD & SC to liaise with clothing sponsor and firm up details for next season

Action 5 (March 2015)

IM to contact BH re continuation of Athlete rep role

Action 6 (March 2015)

IM to discuss with PM what access was allowable to selection appeals panel.

Action 7 (March 2015)

PB to circulate future meeting dates

Peter Bates (March 2015)