

British Freestyle Discipline Committee Meeting – Minutes Thursday 13th March 2014 – On-line/Telephone Conference

1. Participants, Apologies

Participating:

Simon Ashton (SA), Peter Bates (PB), Martin Carr (MC), Chris David (CD), Dave Edwards (DE), Iain Mackay (IM), Gladys Marr (GM) Paddy Mortimer (PM) Emily Sarsfield (ES)

Apologies: Kay Bates (KB), Pat Sharples (PS), Becky Hammond (BH)

2. Actions from December Meeting

Action 1 (December 2013) SA to clarify who is the second athlete rep.

Athletes reps are Emily Sarsfield and Becky Hammond

ACTION COMPLETED

Action 2 (December 2013) SA to clarify who needs to post job descriptions

ACTION ONGOING as new actions

SA confirmed that job descriptions were needed for all positions listed in the BSS Charter

DE confirmed that committee could co-opt specialists as required

Action1 (March 2014)

SA to add relevant sections of charter to dropbox

Action 2 (March 2014)

All to view and respond as necessary

Action 3 (March 2014)

ES & MC to arrange access for Emily to Dropbox

Action 3 (December 2013) MC to check that snowboard manager is on Dropbox folder. This action was discussed in conjunction with Action 7 (December 2013) below. It was noted that Lesley McKenna was to be asked to take up position of "Park & Pipe" Manager freeing Pat Sharples to concentrate on coaching. ES emphasised the need for an expert Ski Cross manager.

Action 4 (March 2014)

PM to liaise with Lesley McKenna and report to back

Action 5 (March 2014)

PM to liaise with ES re expert manager for Ski Cross

Action 6 (March 2014)

PM to provide MC with emails for inclusion on freestyle committee once at conclusion of each of actions 4 & 5

Action 4 (December 2013) IM to check what is to happen regarding forwarding of approved minutes to BSS. Approved Minutes of meetings now linked with BSS website and appear automatically.

ACTION COMPLETED

Action 5 (December 2013) SA to confirm that all actions relating to a proposed GB Juniors Team had been completed. (See Minutes of Sept Meeting). This was confirmed.

ACTION COMPLETED

Action 6 (December 2013) IM to discuss and clarify with SA status of people with respect to this committee and who should have access to the Dropbox.

ACTION ONGOING as new actions – see above

Action 7 (December 2013) SA and /or PM to update next meeting re BSS and HNGB interface. Some progress reported but ongoing. Will update as necessary

ACTION COMPLETED

Action 8 (December 2013) SA to discuss with PM ways to easily log where each athlete is training/competing.

ACTION ONGOING as new action

Action 7 (March 2014) DE to investigate whether BSS office can pass each entry to Kay Bates to ensure follow up in recording of results

Action 9 (December 2013) (CD, PS, DB) to communicate (email group) any information available re athlete programmes/location.

ACTION ONGOING as new action

Action 8 (March 2014) ES to remind athletes of the importance of updating information to committee re their programmes of training and competition.

ALL to think what the best way of doing this might be.

Action 10 (December 2013) IM Selection Panel to review policies relating to quota spots and athletes' return after inactivity.

Agenda Item see below

Action 11(December 2013) CD to update moguls competitors on new criteria quota spots and athletes' return after inactivity.

Action dependent on update of selection criteria.

No further action meantime

Action 12(December 2013) PB to communicate unclear areas re moguls judging to IM

ACTION COMPLETED

Action 13(December 2013) IM to communicate with Jay Simpson re SS and HP judging manuals

ACTION COMPLETED

Action 14(December 2013) PM to circulate report re UKS and UKAD update

This becomes new action

Action 9 (March 2014) PM to circulate report re UKS and UKAD update

Action 15(December 2013) MC and CD to liaise and agree details of moguls championships

ACTION COMPLETED

Action 16(December 2013) ALL to note British Championships event document and PB to locate document with these minutes in Dropbox

ACTION COMPLETED

New Items

3. Sochi Olympics – post event review

PM reported that there would be reviews by BSS, UK Sport and BOA The view was expressed that BOA should be asked to review their policy on not taking up "hand back" spots.

Action 10 (March 2014)

PM to feedback results of Sochi reviews to next meeting.

Overall there had been some very creditable performances despite injuries to athletes with potential podium expectations.

It was felt that there needed to be some analysis of injury occurrence to check whether British Athletes had suffered a significantly higher proportion than other nations. PM reported that BSS had in some disciplines instituted activity checking before athletes returned to competition. This would be rolled out to BSS Freestyle Squads (no timeline yet in place). It would also be worth accessing FIS data on injuries. It was also noted that some countries had brought in training in dealing with concussion. This needed to be a future agenda item

Action 11 (March 2014)

PB to add analysis of injury occurrence to next meeting agenda

Other comments were with respect to the TV coverage of the moguls events where a great deal of each run was shown from the side so that public awareness of the performance of each competitor was confused and the commentary by the BBC lacked expertise.

It was also noted that for the future, Slope Style and Halfpipe competitors would need to raise the degree of difficulty in their performances as these new events became more competitive and more widely trained

4. FIS Representation

The committee unanimously endorsed an application for IM to have a seat on the FIS Freestyle Committee

Action 12 (March 2014)

DE to contact Chris Robinson to confirm request.

5. Selection Report

IM reported that Olympic Selection had been by a specially convened panel. It was unknown if minutes of this were available.

There had been a selection for Junior World Championships. All selected had met the criteria. The question of priorities regarding athletes not following a British programme was raised.

Action 13 (March 2014)

IM to draft a discussion paper re non programme athletes for topic to be raised at future meeting.

6. Selection Policy

The selection policy was being reviewed and updated following the Sochi Olympics.

Items to be considered included a policy on return to competition after injury.

PM stated that there was an existing BSS policy.

Action 14 (March 2014)

IM to scrutinise BSS policy and prepare a draft for next meeting

Squad structures for future World Cup and Olympics needed reviewed. PM would like to see the development of a skills matrix as a part of selection. Concerns expressed re aspects of skicross selection. Concern also expressed at the lack of a ski cross expert on the selection panel. Important that any individual concerned should have no conflict of interests.

Action 15 (March 2014)

ES to ask athletes to nominate possible candidates for skicross representative for selection panel.

Action 16 (March 2014)

ES to send comments re ski cross selection to IM

A numbers of members expressed concern at the BOA policy of not accepting handback places in the Olympics. Countries such as France had no such qualms. There is considerable benefit to the development of sports in allowing participation of athletes in the Olympics. This consideration should be addressed at the next meeting and the means of submitting views to the BOA be established.

Action 17 (March 2014)

ES to ask interested athletes to submit information re BOA Handback Policy for consideration and action by this committee. ALL to submit views to IM or PB.

7. Finance

BSS are putting together a submission for all disciplines to UKSport. PM is actioning this.

Action 18 (March 2014)

ES to forward information and statistics re skicross to PM

Action 19 (March 2014)

SA to forward PMs email to ES

Delancy have widened their sponsorship of Snowsports and a start of consideration of how this was to be dispersed would be made at the next BSS Board meeting on March 26th.

PM is also considering how cross discipline training and support might be fostered.

8. Freestyle Committee Chair – Succession Planning

SA announced that he intended to resign as Chair of the British Freestyle committee as soon as a successor could be in place. Potential candidates needed to be in contact with members of the Freestyle committee and a voting system put in place. Those eligible to vote would be current athletes and members of BSS .

9. Proposed International Moguls Competition at Chill Factor

CD had circulated details of a proposed international Moguls Competition at the Chill Factor on the weekend of 13th & 14th September. IM had contacted Garth Hager at FIS and there had been some positive indications that this might be a FIS competition. The Committee unanimously endorsed this proposal.

Action 20 (March 2014)

CD and IM to take proposal for International Moguls Competition at Chill Factor further.

10. Proposed Introductory Moguls Competition for Children

Slovenia had expressed interest in this idea

Action 21 (March 2014)

CD to take proposal for International Children's Moguls Competition further.

11. AOCB

ES asked where the minutes of the BOA selections and appeals could be found.

Action 22 (March 2014)

IM to investigate and report location of the minutes of the BOA selections and appeals.

IM and CD attending Junior World Championships and would report on these at the next meeting.

Action 23 (March 2014)

IM and to report on Junior World Championships at next meeting

amendments, comments and corrections to be emailed to him either directly (pjbates@blueyonder.co.uk) or via bss.committee@carrs-silverware.co.uk

12. DONM

May 22nd 2014 at 8pm

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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