

British Freestyle Executive Meeting – Draft Minutes

Tuesday 23rd Sept 2014 – On-line/Telephone Conference

1. Participants, Apologies

Participating:

Iain Mackay (IM) Peter Bates (PB), Kay Bates (KB), Martin Carr (MC), Chris David (CD), Dave Edwards (DE), Paddy Mortimer (PM), Emily Sarsfield (ES), Gar Trayner (GT)

Iain welcomed Gar Trayner as the lead coach for SX. Dan Brier will be in overall charge of the SX and SBX programmes.

Apologies: Pat Sharples (PS), Lesley McKenna (LM), Sean Curtis (SC)

2. Minutes of May Meeting

The minutes were approved. Actions and matters arising deferred.

Action1 (Sept 2014)

PB to review May Minutes and highlight areas still needing action

3. Selection Policy

Revisions have been sent out, mostly to do with SX but GT has not been in post very long. He has spoken with Dan and Paddy and developments will be reported in the future.

CD is not yet ready to comment on moguls.

No changes required for Park and Pipe.

SC not present to comment on aerals but unlikely to be much change.

Selection Policy v5 had been circulated, sections 1,2 and 3 were agreed.

Section 4

In the past much of the panel's time has been taken up with deciding who gets which licence and which events they can enter.

IM proposed that the panel would decide who gets a FIS licence and on membership of named teams. After that, the week to week decisions would be in the hands of the management group/coach of each discipline and they would decide who entered each event in line with policy. They would be accountable to the committee.

This would work as long as there is a coach in place and if there was a conflict it could be resolved by the grievance policy.

The coach would decide how many EC events they had to complete before doing WC. This was approved with some trepidation from CD due to historical events.

ES commented that there should be a distinction between self-funded athletes and those on funded programmes.

GT thought it should be an enabling rather than a prohibitive document.

MC noted that although power is being devolved it is still within the selection panel.

IM commented that PS does not seem to have problems justifying his decisions to athletes and we need this for other areas too. The policy needs to be specific, like a legal document, but perhaps a simpler version for athletes saying what they need to do for certain levels.

IM then proposed that a small group, coach led, turn the selection document into something they can work with for their area. They will work with PM so the basic philosophy is the same. PM will write a mission statement and IM will write the final document.

Groups:

SX Gar, Dan and Emily who will report by 7th October

MO Chris, Martin, Peter, Kay

AE Mike, Sean

HP/SS Pat and Lesley

Hopefully this can produce a document with agreed elements but different measures of performance specific to each discipline.

Action2 (Sept 2014)

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Action GT, DB, ES ; CD, MC, PB, KB ; SC and Mike Wheally; PS & LM

The document needs a section giving guidelines on return to competition after injury This needs input from surgeons/physios/BSS medical officer.

4. Selection Panel Chair

Volunteers needed for this post as IM cannot continue to fill two roles.

5. Discipline Reports

Moguls CD reported on the first FIS moguls event at Manchester. All went well but there could be some minor improvements for future events. A good number of GBR athletes took part, as well as JPN, USA and many from Europe. The development programme at HN (English) level is improving with more coaches and youngsters at Manchester, Castleford and Hemel. CD and IM will have further discussion.

Ski Cross GT reported that athletes are moving forward. ES asked for clarification on obtaining a SX licence for the first time. IM answered that the current policy sets Alpine FIS points or BASS points for this.

No reports from Aerials or Park and Pipe.

6. Finance

Apart from Park and Pipe money there is no other direct programme funding. PM has some money from elsewhere and is producing papers for the board as to how it will be distributed.

7. Discipline Committee Vice Chair vacancy

As CD was a successful Chef de Mission at the World Junior Championships IM proposed him to fill this vacancy. This was approved by the committee.

8. Matters Arising

None

9. DONM

Tuesday 25th November 8pm

Not possible to decide January 2015 meeting at this stage.

Action3 (Sept 2014)

PB to circulate possible dates ahead of next meeting

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 SEPTEMBER 2014 MEETING

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CD, MC, PB, KB ; Moguls

SC and Mike Wheally; Aerials

PS & LM Park and Pipe

Action3 (Sept 2014)

PB to circulate possible dates for January ahead of next meeting

Peter Bates (October 2014)

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