

**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 17th Sep at 6.30 pm.

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

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FROM THE BOARD MEETING AND AGM

4.1 Mr Pery updated the Committee on actions since the last meeting. He had attended the Board meeting and presented the reports (circulated to the committee) for each sub-discipline. He had also attended the AGM.

4.2 The main points arising from the board meeting were: An update on Mr Erskine's appeal due to be heard on the 17th Sep; a presentation from Dr Sarah Rowell on the BSS Olympic Selection review (full details of review to be published by BSS) and the news that a further review of the BSS discretionary spending was to take place after a challenge from the Freestyle discipline. Mr Pery will attend the meeting on 23 Sep with the PD and other disciplines to finalise the budget.

4.3 The committee noted the events of the AGM meeting and discussed a number of the points raised therein, as well as those raised by Mr Gordon Crawford. The committee noted the decline in numbers of recent years but those with club involvement agreed that decline had reversed. A debate followed with regard the matters of raising funds, open communication and ensuring there was no discrimination (real or imagined, past or future) against athletes for speaking out. The committee agreed that where possible ASTC members should attend ski meets (in UK and without) in an open and representational manner in order to improve communication, noting there was no funding available for this (Afternote- BSS Officers should also be encouraged).

5. INTERIM STEWARDSHIP

5.1 The Committee discussed the situation with regard Mr Erskine's appeal and the implications should he be unsuccessful. It was felt that should Mr Erskine lose his appeal then elections should not be rushed in order to allow a full debate to occur this coming season. The ABG will circulate a proposal to the AST for approval and subsequent submission to the board within the next few days. In the interim the committee confirmed their desire that Mr Pery should remain as acting chairman until matters are resolved. Should Mr Erskine win the appeal then he will of course resume his duties forthwith.

6. ALPINE REPORT

6.1 Mr Willis highlighted the alpine report submitted to the recent board meeting.

(a) The Development pathway was discussed and it was acknowledged that greater Home Nation (HN) input was desirable and necessary. The pathway is to be inclusive and have a bias towards education.

(b) Children's selection for the first tranche of races is scheduled for September 24th. There is work still to be done on preparation for the meeting and drafting communications to parents of both successful and unsuccessful athletes.

There is also considerable work to do in terms of recruiting staff and preparing logistics. However at this stage this all looks achievable.

- (c) Funding. There have been applications from 14 out of the 20 eligible athletes for the funding programmes that were outlined in August. There is considerable work to do to take all of the relevant information and form it into concrete proposals.
- (d) Mr Willis had intended to brief the meeting on the current status of the programmes of Alex Tilley, Charlie Guest and Darcie Mead. It is likely that Alex Tilley and probably Darcie Mead will be leaving the programme run by Stefan Moser. Anyone who wants an update should talk to TW directly and he will provide further updates as more information when the picture becomes clearer.

6.2 The ABG will bring the final funding options to the AST after the ABG has gone through the applications.

7. TELEMARK REPORT

7.1 In addition to the Telemark report submitted to the board the previous week Mr Pery updated the committee with regard the Olympic aspirations for Telemark. He was asked to circulate the presentation given by Mr Clarke, the FIS Telemark Chairman.

8. SPEED REPORT.

8.1 Mr Hedley outlined the speed report and the fact that the recent changes had made the speed fraternity feel valued. He stated that the dates for the gliding camp were still to be confirmed and a discussion followed about cross over training between Speed and the Alpine Speed disciplines; it was felt that there were few cross-over training opportunities given the current state of funding and limited access to safe training slopes.

8.2 Mr Hedley asked how Speed athletes could gain access to any funding. It was outlined that speed (along with telemark) athletes will be able to apply to the Performance Panel (yet to be formally formed). The available pot and how non-Olympic, but including WC, athletes will be able to apply will be published after the final discretionary spending meeting in late Sep.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Mr Pery outlined efforts to improve communications across the alpine diaspora. He has engaged with Betty Garner and the BSS staff to try and improve processes; for which a recent survey has been part, as are recent 'push' emails and updates to all members. It is acknowledged that BSS does not have the facilities or staff to do it all; we need to encourage the Alpine community, especially academies and coaches, to

engage with the process. The TD Forum will be encouraged to ensure that Race Organisers send in results and media reports, although it should not formally be a TD requirement.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 One outstanding application for 'organiser' member status of BSS was discussed. It was denied as not meeting the stated requirements of: *[being] involved in the Coaching, management or officiating of elite British snowsport*:

10.2 The appeal of a FIS licence application was discussed. The application was turned down in favour of the offer of a limited licence as the applicant does not meet the requisite requirement of less than 200 BASS points. The committee agreed to refund the application fee, less the FIS costs, should the applicant request it. (Afternote – a full refund was granted following further correspondence and discussion with BSS CEO)

11. NEXT MEETING

11.1 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place in the week starting 20 or 27th Oct. The Chairman would circulate possible dates.

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Chairman

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