ENGLISH SKI COUNCIL LTD

(t/a Snowsport England)

Minutes of a Board Meeting held on Saturday 15th September 2007 at 10:30am at Hotel Ibis, Crick, RUGBY

Present:	Stewart Smith	Chairman
	David Hart	Director
	Nigel Matthews	Director
	Nick Parr	Director
	Barry Spouge	Director
	Peter Stratton	Director
	Peter Heath	Company Secretary
Apologies:	Maureen Whyatt	

584. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2007* were confirmed as a true and accurate record thereof and were signed by the Chairman.

585. Matters Arising

None

586. Strategic Matters

a) BASI Partnership

Stewart reported on his recent meeting with representatives of BASI.
The BASI Board had not accepted the transition arrangements discussed at earlier meetings. Instead, BASI tabled details of their new Coaching Scheme now promoted on their web site.

The Board discussed the BASI proposal at length and considered that the BASI scheme:

- does not offer a development path for volunteer instructors working in clubs
- would not be financially viable for SSE
- could jeopardise SSE's status as a Governing Body
- allows SSE no control over the scheme on behalf of its member clubs.

The Alpine Technical Panel and Coaching Committee will discuss the technical details of the BASI scheme next week.

Action NM/SS

The Board will await feedback from the Coaching Committee before deciding on the way forward.

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b) Database Development

The pilot system is being developed for Sport Scotland in conjunction with four Scottish Governing Bodies including Snowsport Scotland. It should be available to view in October and go live in Scotland next January.

c) Child Welfare

Stewart and Nigel still to consult re future membership and chairman of the CWMG. We need to re-establish Sport England funding to support the work required to achieve CPSU Level 3 Standard.

Action NM/SS

SSE's status with CPU as an Umbrella Body has been queried. David Page has confirmed via Jenny Shute that SSE can still process disclosure applications for SCGB, BARSC and other small independent organisations within ski/snowsports.

587 Finance

The accounts and finance report to 31st July* were received. Disciplines are performing in line with expectations with a year end deficit forecast of £4000 (budget deficit £7000).

The 2008 budget process will commence with the Finance Committee conference call on 19th September.

The terms of engagement document* from Stephen Jones, auditor and accountant, was accepted and signed by Stewart on behalf of the Board

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588 Administration

a) The Operations & Development Manager's post has been re-advertised on all HNGB, SSGB and UK Sport web sites. Closing date 21st September.

b) New membership and coaching fees were agreed for 2008*. A direct debit facility is now available for individual membership renewal. Barry to provide details of additional info required for the proposed ezine.

Action BS

d) Sponsorship Peter reported on the deal agreed with Inghams to be Title Sponsor for the SSE Grand Prix Series 2008-2010. Peter will provide promotional guidance information for use by race organisers. Inghams very pleased with the initial response to their press release.

Action PS

e) Insurance. A quotation has been received from Towergate tlc. Subject to an acceptable outcome from the meeting with Perkins Slade on 24th September, the Board agreed to continue with Perkins Slade.

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589 Key Committees

a. Membership. Subject to one addition, the list of members for each Key Committee* was approved.

b. Alpine
Minutes of April & August meetings were received.

The proposed charges for Club National races* were approved, on condition that ASC/ROTP send a summary of the paper and details of the Inghams sponsorship to all clubs running races on behalf of SSE.

Equipment – Squad. Approval was given for the items listed for 07/08 season only. 08/09 items to be included in the main budget submission next month.

Radios – purchase of 10 licence free radios approved for use at artificial slope races. ASC to submit 3 quotations to Stewart for approval before purchase.

c. Coaching
Coaching Committee & Alpine Technical Panel meeting next weekend.
The remit and membership of the Alpine Technical Panel needs to be clarified. Coaching Committee to be asked to submit proposals.

Coaching Scheme Conference arranged for 29th September at Harben House Conference Centre, Newport Pagnell. Over 50 attending.

d. Freestyle
Minutes of the August meeting were received

e. Nordic
Next meeting 25th September at Sheffield.

f. Schools & Youth
Next meeting 22nd September. Martin Tomlinson has been invited to attend.
Minutes of January meeting to be published.

ASCL documentation almost complete – to be presented at a Tutor training Day on 18th November.

590 Sport England

Peter reported on a new initiative by CCPR to raise money for grassroots sports and recreation projects. BingoLotto is a TV lottery show, which has operated in Sweden for some years raising large sums of money for Swedish sports associations, and is to be launched on British TV. British sports governing bodies will be able to benefit from a distribution of funds in exchange for promoting the lottery to its members.

591 Snowsport GB

The Board received a financial update* on the year to July 2007, which had been circulated by the SSGB Chairman, Oliver Jones.

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592 AOB

Peter reported a deal negotiated with Ski Weekends (Harris Holidays Ltd) to promote holidays in Les Trois Vallées next January and March – details to be advertised in The Piste and on the SSE web site.

Nigel and Barry are now qualified assessors for the Sport England Clubmark Scheme. Scheme to be trialled in 3 member clubs shortly.

Interski have inadvertently circulated to English schools details of the Snowsport Scotland Alpine Ski Leader Course. This course includes a qualification to teach groups of skiers in the mountain environment and is not recognised by Snowsport England. Interski have acknowledged their error.

Barry reported an initial approach from an internet tv channel seeking partners for a proposed skiing tv channel similar to golfbug.tv – Barry to get more info.

Barry has submitted a reply to questions received from the forum website Mysnowsports.com (hosted by Peter Garwood) in relation to the English Alpine Championships.

593 Next Meeting

Conference call – mid-late October. Stewart to circulate potential dates.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 1630.

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