

Alpine Committee Meeting
Sunday 8 December 2019 11:00 am
Sportpark, Loughborough

Present

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ)
Bryan Thomas (BT)
Mary Calvert (MC)
David Chapman (DC) by phone link
David Manns (DM)

David Eaves (DE) by phone link
Mike Frith (MF)
Andrew Hjort (AH)
Julian Sambles (JS) by phone link

1) Apologies

Simon Bannister (SB)
Gareth Case (GC)
Tim Fawke (TF)

Claire Pennell (CP)
Paul Telling (PT)

Tim Fawke sent the following message to the committee:

Please pass on my thanks and the Board's to the committee for the work done in 2019. While we don't have the results for the year yet, it is clear it has been a successful 2019. This is down to all the work the committee and volunteers do to help. Please wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

2) Declaration of Interests and Safeguarding

All committee members have completed declaration of interest forms. There were no new notifications and no safeguarding issues.

3) Minutes from previous meeting - previously agreed and published 7 November 2019.

4) Action points not on agenda elsewhere

- i. There has been no progress so far on linking the Snowsport England database to the Officials' database. This is necessary to facilitate the committee (via AH) having an up to date list of registered officials as well as to record new officials who have completed the online level one officials' course.

Action: MC and AH to continue discussions with Ryan Grewcock on linking of the registration process and Officials' log and to report at the next meeting

- ii. LJ has had discussions with Robin Kellen regarding UKCP courses being advertised on the gbski and Snowsport England websites.
Action: LJ to continue to take forward advertisement of UKCP courses
- iii. A complete list of the summer season artificial slope trophies has been lodged in the Snowsport England offices (with CP) as well as the contact list for the 2019 winners.
- iv. BT will have talks with Victoria Stonehouse regarding event mailers in the New Year.
Action: BT to link with Victoria Stonehouse regarding mailers for events

5) Alpine Squad Report

JS presented a draft English GB Snowsports Alpine Pathway. This was very well received. Lengthy discussion took place on how it could be taken forward. JS will undertake further discussions with Snowsport England groups, other Home Nation groups and GB Snowsports. He will liaise with the Alpine Committee as discussions progress.

Action: JS to take forward discussions with other groups to develop a new English GB Snowsports Alpine Pathway
Action: JS to liaise with the Alpine Committee during discussion process for a new English GB Snowsports Alpine Pathway

6) Alpine Championships (Bormio)

- i. DM gave an update on the upcoming Alpine Championships in Bormio (appendix 1). MF discussed the collection points for any kit needing to be transported to Bormio. DM will email the volunteers with this information.

Action: DM to send details of kit collection to volunteers for the English Alpine Championships in Bormio

- ii. DM confirmed that job descriptions for the Chief of Championships, Chief Race Director and Race Secretary have all been written. These will be lodged in the Snowsport England office. Although none of the current team are planning to retire this year, they would welcome approaches from any potential future candidates for these posts.

Actions: DM to ensure that an invitation to future Alpine Championship volunteers is included in the follow-up article on the Snowsport England website
AH to include an invitation for Alpine Championship volunteers in his request for officials for the summer races

7) Finance

- i. Third quarter accounts - BT had circularised summarised accounts showing an encouraging surplus above budget. These figures are understated due to Lowland Champs entry fees being wrongly allocated to the fourth quarter, GBR sponsorship 2019 not being received until November and Bormio sponsorship 2019 still awaited. Even though the fourth quarter budget indicates a loss overall, it will be a year of excellent performance and well above budget.
- ii. 2020 budget statement - The circularised summary of the 2020 budget against the 2019 year's budget and nine month's 2019 actual shows a further increase in surplus. Whilst this is very encouraging, to be financially prudent in our planning the committee agreed with BT's recommendation to exclude from the budget the sponsorship which as yet has not been secured. DE and LJ fully supported this action. This will reduce the budget to approximately the level to be achieved in 2019, in itself a record year. BT will re-issue a revised statement and forward to committee members.
Action: BT to issue a revised 2020 budget statement to committee members and forward it to the Snowsport England Board
- iii. BT and LJ have discussed with TF the long standing Club National deduction from race entry fees. This deduction is both to cover specific race costs and as a contribution towards Snowsport England and the operation of the Alpine Committee. It has been increased in recent years to cover increases in race costs such as TD expenses, GBS calendar fees and bank charges. It is not anticipated that any further increases will be required in the foreseeable future.
- iv. Update on GBR sponsorship - TF and Robin Kellen have made a potential contact for this and are meeting up soon. The outline proposal is for £10K sponsorship for 1 year with an option for second year. Further efforts in the open market are on hold.

8) Calendar Planning including officials' allocation (appendix 2)

- i. Update on calendar plan for 2020 – AH emphasised that he needed to receive a correct list of race officials from race organisers in order to keep the officials log up to date. He will circulate the current log to those who have opted into it so they can check if the details recorded for them are correct.

Action: AH to circulate the Officials log to those who have opted in so they can make any necessary corrections

He confirmed that, in the future, the depth of volunteers available at the right level for a race would be used when deciding race allocation.

AH recommended that the following were considered for the 2020 season.

- a) A club competition along similar lines to the Club National Series to take place. This would need to go into the race manual and be advertised when the GBR sponsorship is announced.

Action: DM to draft a set of rules for a GBR Club Series and circulate to the committee

- b) Overall series leaders to race in red bibs.

Action: MF to obtain a quote for red bibs (20) and take this forward

- c) Once sponsorship is known, consideration might be given to a pro-Slalom series taking place on the Saturday of double header GBRs (probably just Indoor).

ii. Process for review of calendar plan for 2021

- a) A bid document will be issued to venues for 2021 which includes the stipulation that there must be a fixed price for the event.
- b) Bidding will start immediately after the end of the winter season.
- c) The factors to be considered when awarding races to slopes/clubs will be declared. Races will not automatically be awarded to the same clubs/slopes each year.

Action (a, b and c): AH to distribute bid document to relevant parties at the end of the winter season

- d) There was discussion as to whether there should be double header weekends for GBR races or whether there should be Club National/GBR weekends. AH will put out a consultation to relevant parties to assess which is preferred.

Action: AH to put out a consultation regarding double header GBRs or Club National/GBR weekends

- iii. Purchase of trophies for 2020 – Robin Kellen purchases all the GBR trophies. The interregional and All England (including inter-club and open teams) trophies are organised/purchased by the Chief of Race for those events. The British, Anglo-Welsh and British Indoor are also organised/purchased by the relevant Chiefs of Race.

9) TD Forum

DM gave feedback from the TD forum November meeting (appendix 3). He highlighted that medical and first aid cover at races was described in the regulations.

Ian Roberts is standing down as a TD and the committee recorded their thanks to him for all his work over the years.

10) Course Setting

The course setters' list has been updated and published on gbski. There is nothing further to report at this stage.

11) Ambassadors' Programme

GC sent a report stating that, once the next OBARTS list is published, he will be putting the Ambassador Squad together and will draft out invitation letters. He would like these to be sent out officially by Snowsport England in January.

**Action: GC to inform Alpine Committee who the Ambassadors will be for 2020
MC to check with CP regarding who will send out Ambassador Invitation letters**

12) Equipment

MF confirmed that the replacement bibs have now arrived and that one set would be based in the south and one in the north. Both sets go up to 180. It was agreed he would order 12 new earpieces for the radios which would then be used in Bormio.

Action: MF to order earpieces for Snowsport England radios

13) Volunteer Recognition

It was noted that this is very important. The committee recommended that a "roll of honour" is created which volunteers can be put on when they have undertaken a suitable amount of volunteering. They could also be given a discount code to order an item of their choice from the Snowsport England branded items list.

It is up to Snowsport England to decide the level of funding allocated for this.

For this to work, there must be clear links between the Snowsport England registration system and the officials log.

AH has a list of the level of volunteering over the last season. He has concerns that not all volunteers appear on it. It is essential that race organisers feed back a log of the volunteers at their race to him.

Action: TF to decide level of funding available for volunteer recognition
MC to liaise with CP, AH and Ryan Grewcock regarding a link to the registration system
AH to provide TF with a list of volunteers to be added to a Snowsport England Roll of Honour
AH to provide TF with a list of volunteers to be offered discount codes

14) AOB

- i. **Athletes Declaration and Club Membership** – There has been some confusion and discussion over the need for an Athlete's Declaration to be completed for non-registered racers at events. DM has written a background document on this (appendix 4).

For the time being, there is no option other than for the Race Organising Committees to ask athletes to complete the declaration form and pay £5 for insurance cover if there is any doubt as to their Home Nation registration or membership of an affiliated club or school.

15) Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is
11:00 am Saturday 7 March 2020 at SportPark.

Actions:

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4 ii	LJ	to continue to take forward advertisement of UKCP courses
4 iv	BT	to link with Victoria Stonehouse regarding mailers for events
5	JS	to take forward discussions with other groups to develop a new English GB Snowsports Alpine Pathway
5	JS	to liaise with the Alpine Committee during discussion process for a new English GB Snowsports Alpine Pathway
6 i	DM	to send details of kit collection to volunteers for the English Alpine Championships in Bormio
6 ii	DM	to ensure that an invitation to future Alpine Championship volunteers is included in the follow up article on the Snowsport England website
6 ii	AH	to include an invitation for Alpine Championship volunteers in his request for officials for the summer races
7 ii	BT	to issue a revised 2020 budget statement to committee members and forward it to the Snowsport England Board
8 i	AH	to circulate the Officials log to those who have opted in so they can make any necessary corrections
8 i b	DM	to draft a set of rules for a GBR Club Series and circulate to the committee
8 i c	MF	to obtain a quote for red bibs (20) and take this forward
8 ii a/b/c	AH	to distribute bid document to relevant parties at the end of the winter season
8 ii d	AH	to put out a consultation regarding double header GBRs or Club National/GBR weekends
11	GC	to inform Alpine Committee who the Ambassadors will be for 2020
11	MC	to check with CP regarding who will send out Ambassador Invitation letters
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Update for SE Alpine Committee on English Alpine Champs

David Manns. 2nd December 2019

Programme

Once again, we have a packed programme covering all age groups. At the request of the resort (as they expect numbers of regular visitors to be very high) we are having to run two of the U14/16 races on the Adler piste across the other side of town. This is not new to us or our competitors but does add some complexity to the logistics.

In order to squeeze everything in and once again provide three races for the U10/12 age groups, on Thursday and Friday we are running three races at once, so will again be looking for support from clubs and teams to help out wherever possible.

To add to the mix, Team Evolution are intending to run a FIS Team parallel race in the 'space' between the end of the final FIS Super-G on Friday and the main prize-giving. Whilst this does not require any official involvement from our organising team, we will be co-operating with EVO in helping to ensure that this can get off the ground. An added side benefit of this event should mean that we can use their start equipment for our U14/16 team parallel, thus allowing it to be run as a true relay race for the first time.

Team

The team is now finalised, travel arrangements are virtually complete, and the first draft of role allocations has been circulated. This includes several people taking on roles for the first time, but the composition of the team allows for some mentoring and support to be in place to make sure this works.

We will as usual be putting out calls for volunteers to help with some of the roles/places not fulfilled by full-time team members, including things like provisional times board and commentary.

Web Site

Some changes are being made to the Alpine Championships portion of the SE web site, in order to make it easier for people to access the information they need, and to make it easier for the team to publish that information quickly.

Finance

We continue to work on minimising costs where possible and keeping the figures in the budget documents up to date. The latest calculations show a working surplus of £2377, with a total surplus of £11927 once we factor in the support from sponsors which we are now recording separately.

Future

Although some way off in the distance, the decision of the IOC in June to award the 2026 Winter Olympics to Milan-Cortina throws a large spanner in the works for us, as Bormio will host the Alpine events during 6th to 22nd February which will almost certainly conflict with the dates we need!

Possibilities we will need to contemplate might include:

- Find an alternative venue for that year
- Run on different dates
- Skip a year

Alpine Officials' Training and Race Calendar

Volunteers in 2019

I have had a reasonable return of information, but still short of what I would want for a complete analysis of the spread of volunteers. The key omissions are:

1. Some non-reporting
2. Lack of club affiliation/association for non-logged volunteers

This aside, I can give an idea of who has done what

Individuals in 2019 (names redacted)

1 xxxx	36
2 xxxx	22
3 xxxx	20
4 xxxx	20
5 xxxx	18
6 xxxx	17
7 xxxx	17
8 xxxx	17
9 xxxx	16
10 xxxx	16
11 xxxx	15
12 xxxx	14
14 xxxx	13
15 xxxx	12
16 xxxx	10

287 individuals are listed as volunteers

15 volunteered 10 or more times

49 volunteered 5 or more times

207 volunteered once or twice

Clubs in 2019

No great surprises. Later, in a discussion of "objective" criteria for awarding races the figures below, or some manipulation of them, might prove helpful. However, the results are far from uniform and the presence of one of the volunteers listed in the table above has a distorting effect on the table below.

Snow races are a big factor, being a member of the Bormio or Tignes team may add 8-12 roles to the list.

Obviously, the 207 who volunteered once or twice are disproportionately not represented below! As an example, of nearly 20 volunteers at the Bromley CN, only a small number were associated with a club and only one with Bromley.

Club 1	Total	Volunteers	total/volunteers
RTR	77	19	4.1
Aldershot Ski Race Club	58	8	7.3
BSS	50	8	6.3
Midland Ski Club	45	13	3.5
Pendle Ski Club	43	12	3.6
Hemel Ski Race Club	42	9	4.7
SZ Racing	37	3	12.3
Norfolk Ski Club	33	12	2.8
SMK	24	9	2.7
Suffolk Vikings	22	16	1.4
Gloucester Ski Club	21	6	3.5
Telford	21	2	10.5
Cardiff	16	4	4.0
Team Snowtrax	11	3	3.7
NWSF	10	1	10.0
Evolution	9	5	1.8
RAF	9	1	9.0
Rosendale	9	1	9.0
Manchester Ski Racing	8	5	1.6
British Ski Academy	9	2	4.5
Chatham	6	4	1.5
Dragons	5	1	5.0
Torquay	5	2	2.5
ERSA	4	1	4.0
Avon	3	1	3.0
Glasgow Ski Racing	3	2	1.5
Lions	3	3	1.0
LSC	3	1	3.0
SnowSport England	3	1	3.0
Excel	2	1	2.0
Ambition	1	1	1.0
Berkshire Race Squad	1	1	1.0
Bromley	1	1	1.0
PPS	1	1	1.0
Precision Racing	1	1	1.0

Volunteers so far for GBR and National races 2020

Will be pestering the usual suspects in due course, some of whom are reading this. *Much of what follows has already been put before the committee. I would like a clear indication of whether what follows is accepted or rejected!*

Recommendations for 2020

This list is appearing for the third time. I have only included what I feel to be the best ideas

1. Club Competition (along similar lines to Club National Series competition)

Male and female

Teams of 4 by seed points on the day

Score is sum of race points

Max is 100, so a team with **20.66**, 167.56, 232,11 and 248.34 race points would score **320.66**. 100 for DNF/DSQ

Incomplete teams score 100 for missing scores

2. Red Bibs

Shameless rip-off of the world-cup red bib idea. Add a shameless rip-off of the TdF “Yellow Jersey” by letting them keep the bib even if they lose the position

Recommendation

1. That the above ideas be either accepted or rejected.

3. Official's Hoodies

Might have mentioned this before [**already done**]

Recommendations for 2021

Bid Documents

I think the GBR/National bid should be made on a standard document. This was a bonus, I believe for the CN series bidding.

The rationale for a minimum price is clear

The rationale for per racer increments above the minimum price is dubious

The rationale for a maximum number of racers is clear

Recommendation:

1. Bidding slopes be asked to:
 1. Set a price to host the event
 2. Set (or be given as part of the spec) the start/finish/duration of the event
 3. Declare any additional charges, e.g. parking, which impact on the viability of the bid

Timescale

This whole process started at least 8 weeks, possibly 12 weeks too late. I can see no reason not to bring everything forward.

Recommendation:

1. The bidding process for Summer 2021 should be made public at the end of the 2020 Winter season

(Monday after Tignes)

2. The bidding timeframe be clearly set. The actual length of time is less significant than the clarity!

This could be

6 weeks to bid

6 weeks to adjust

But the important part is the timescale being known!

Adjudication

The final selection of venues should be made on known criteria. The final selection needs to be supported by the Alpine Committee.

Recommendation:

1. The following criteria be declared as guiding the decision of the Alpine Committee

Price	Does the bid represent value for money
Slope	Is it the best or worst slope in the country?
Facilities	Is there a good café, reasonable toilets, viewing space?
Access	Can you get to the slope easily? Is it near a motorway?
Location	Where is it geographically? This is about spread and accessibility, not about regional identification or club affiliation.
Parking	Is there adequate, free, onsite parking?
Accommodation	Are there hotels nearby?
Local Support	Will the local club(s) provide a significant number of entries?
	Local Volunteers Will the local club(s) provide a reasonable number of appropriately accredited volunteers?
Local Outreach	Do the local club(s) travel and support events at other slopes?
History	As/If the number of slopes capable of hosting increases relative to the number of events, the location of events, whilst being mindful of the other criteria, needs to allow all eligible slopes to host

GBR Format

Recommendations:

For 2021 both indoor and outdoor:

1. The GBR series will have 5 races and a championship
2. Each series should run on three, double-header weekends
3. England, Scotland and Wales should have one weekend each for each series
4. The final weekend in subsequent years, will rotate

These recommendations should go out to relevant individuals/groups for consultation.

Inter-regional

Recommendations:

1. This should be offered as the second day of a Club National weekend
2. If possible, the format should be changed to include U12/U10 racers

SnowSport Scotland

No progress since the last meeting.

Registration

We have missed the boat again on this one! Of my question in the last report I have one answered:

1. Do Officials have to opt-in to the log every year? Tim, for SE, says not.

Not answered:

2. Can we please add the opt-in to the registration process?
3. Can the L1 Course finish with a link to the opt-in page?

Maybe I need to word it as a specific recommendation? However, it is complex and all of us are busy. I would hope that whoever leads within SE on registration will be able to liaise prior to the 2021 renewal!

Officials Lists

For 2021 I would like to distribute a spreadsheet for Race Secretaries/Chiefs of Race to complete. This will greatly simplify the addition of data to the log.

Course Setters, Coaches (Referees) and Safeguarding

As signalled last time. If the Alpine Committee agrees, the log will evolve to include everyone who could act as an official. This would include an up-to-date course setters list, coaches at UKCP2 and above (potential Referees) and Safeguarding Officers, who can act as Safeguarding lead.

Feedback to SE Alpine Committee from TD Forum November 2019

David Manns. 2nd December 2019

Medical Plans and First Aid Cover

After a wide-ranging discussion over appropriate levels and differences in requirements for different venues and competition types, it was agreed that a working group was required to take this further. Remit is to review current documents, identify minimum standards of medical cover for various types of races and report back to the next meeting. Working group of six people includes Lloyd.

However, some changes to the existing wording on medical cover were agreed to apply for the coming season in BACR II 3.13:

The ROC is responsible for organising adequate first aid and medical coverage during the official training periods and the actual competition. This coverage should be dedicated to participants, accredited personnel and spectators within the course area of the competition and must be separate from provisions made for members of the public outside the course area. Where coverage is not physically present in the race slope area, communication arrangements are to be put in place to facilitate immediate response to an incident.

Homologation

There is still concern about the apparent current trend of (snow) slope homologations where they are increasingly worded only from the aspect of the highest level events, and can thus include significant levels of security (e.g. protection for TV towers) that are not applicable to lower level (e.g. normal FIS) events or indeed BASS races. FIS know about the issue but as yet have no solution, so the TDs remit for this season is to gather as much information as possible to inform the debate.

On the artificial slope front, both Swadlincote and Llandudno have been returned to 'diamond' matting. Tim undertook an inspection visit to Swadlincote earlier this month; there are a few remedial measures that require action before this can be signed off. Llandudno will be homologated at some point before the first races scheduled to take place there on 6th and 7th June.

North of the border, Bearsden ski slope has also been homologated for club level seeded races, increasing the number of recognised Scottish dry slopes by 50%.

Rule Changes

Further reminders have been published about the need to renew HN registrations in good time to get onto the seed list. TDs have been briefed once more about the changes and are primed to work with ROCs to ensure details go into race bulletins etc., and to back up ROCs if/when complaints start flying around in resort!

New editions of all rule books incorporating the changes for 2019-20 have already been published on GBSKI. Most of the changes in British rules are to cover alterations in the practicalities of how things are done (online entry, calendar applications, etc.), the only significant rule changes to highlight are:

BACR I 621.3: Unregistered competitors to be drawn separately from any registered racers without points.

BACR I 621.6: Late entries to be added to start (on dry slope) or end (on indoor slope) of all start lists. This includes indoor CN where start list for run 2 is flip of first run, late entries must now appear at the end of the list on both runs. A bit more work for Calcs, but fairer to those who have entered on time.

BACR IV 3.2: a new rule that provides a minimum quota (8 male and 8 female) for entry into the British Artificial Slope Championships. This will not affect English, Welsh or probably Scottish racers, but is intended to encourage participation from Irish racers who have little opportunity to improve their seed points and face the expense of travelling to the UK in the hope that their results from Saturday are enough to gain them entry to the British on Sunday. It also helps to ensure the presence of enough competitors from all nations to compete in any International team race at this competition.

Sanctions and TD feedback from competitions

Issues with competitors re-entering the course having knowingly committed a fault have been highlighted by several TDs during the season, apparently often with the same competitors involved. TDs will continue to monitor this, and to record offences so that trends and repeat offenders can be identified.

The topic of the ability of Timing & Calculations personnel was also discussed, prompted by issues at several artificial slope races this season. It was agreed that this was largely an issue for the ROC to select 'appropriate' people for these roles, but TDs can support, or mention availability of training where issues arise. It was further agreed that the onus is on constituent groups to ensure progression of appropriately trained T&C to supplement the current very small group of experienced people.

TDs for 2020 artificial slope races

As the 2020 calendar has now been approved, the bidding and availability process for TDs has now started. This has been moved online, with a new page on GBSKI where TDs can indicate their preferences and availability for all artificial slope calendar events.

So far half of the expected 10 TDs have responded. No deadline has yet been set for finalising the assignments, but this will need to happen before the end of February as the first races of the season are in mid-April.

TD Changes

Taryn Archbold and Kirsty Hope have been accepted as Aspirant GBR TDs, with some CV gaps to fill in but currently looking at sitting the written exam in November 2020.

Ross Gardner and Elke Roels passed their written GBR exam and move up to Candidate, and now need to undertake practical assessment and exam this Winter.

Shell Quaile passed the written FIS exam and becomes a Candidate FIS TD, again looking to undertake the relevant practical examinations this Winter.

Ian Roberts has retired as a TD after many years in the role including several years as Chair of the TD Forum. Sid James (Services TD) has also retired.

Appendix 4

SE Alpine Committee – ADs and Club Membership

David Manns. 2nd December 2019

This document is intended to provide some background to the topics to be discussed under this agenda item.

The only information widely available regarding competitor registration ROCs is GBSKI. This is updated by me from membership information provided by the HNs and periodically uploaded to the GBSKI database. This currently happens about once a month as new data is required prior to publication of each seed list.

In terms of GBSKI and seeding, I deal exclusively in competition years. CY2020 is for the 2019-20 Winter (mountain) season and 2020 Summer (artificial slope) season. From the beginning of December all competitor registrations I acquire from HN systems and post to GBSKI will be deemed as competitors active for CY2020.

However, this does not correspond with the membership year operated by the HNs. The roll-over date is 31st October for England and Wales, and 31st May for Scotland.

This can mean for example that someone who registered with SE in July would remain on GBSKI as active for the current CY to the end of November, regardless of the fact that their SE membership has by now already expired. The situation is even more extreme for Scotland, where their membership year rolls over on June 1st, so people could be on GBSKI as active for several months after their membership has actually lapsed.

It is therefore currently impossible to use the active status on GBSKI as any indication of current HN membership/licence, and hence insurance status.

For unregistered racers, determining membership of affiliated clubs, and hence whether or not to charge any additional fee for temporary insurance cover, is largely impossible without access to more up-to-date information than is available with any of the existing HN membership schemes.

Wrapped up in this is the issue of Athlete's Declarations for competitors who have never been registered, where each ROC will in all likelihood require those competitors to sign an AD even if they may have signed one the week before at another event. Without a means of centrally administering these or providing ROCs with the ability to verify that the form has been signed at some stage, there seems to be no other option.