

## Alpine Committee Meeting

Saturday 7 March 2020 10:00 am

By Phone Link

### Present

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ)  
Bryan Thomas (BT)  
Mary Calvert (MC)  
Gareth Case (GC)  
Andrew Hjort (AH)

David Manns (DM)  
Julian Sambles (JS)  
Paul Telling (PT)  
Claire Pennell (CP)

### 1) Apologies

Simon Bannister (SB)  
David Chapman (DC)  
David Eaves (DE)

Mike Frith (MF)  
Tim Fawke (TF)

### 2) Declaration of Interests and Safeguarding

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

The committee wished to remind all skiers of the advice from both the Government and the Snowsport England board regarding care and consideration about travel and gatherings so as to minimise the risks associated with health and wellbeing. The Snowsport England website is being kept updated but the Government website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> is an excellent reference point for both home and overseas advice and current conditions.

### 3) Minutes from previous meeting - previously agreed and published 22 December 2019.

### 4) Finance

- i. **Accounts** BT had circulated the draft Alpine 2019 accounts. These fully reflect the estimated year's result of a £20,000 surplus after taking into account the year-end adjustment for the Squad Levy of £2,700. The draft statement shows a surplus of £17,382. There are one or two queries to be resolved. These accounts do not include the Bormio Sponsorship which should be transferred over from Central Services. The slope fees are also being checked. Overall the results are excellent for both the Alpine Championships in Bormio and the calendar races at home. Congratulations are due to all concerned.
- ii. **2020 Budget** There is no change to the submitted forecast for a surplus of £20,000 excluding the Bormio sponsorship which has some level of uncertainty.
- iii. **GBR Sponsorship** BT presented a proposal for reallocating the eola sponsorship to generate £5,000 in the form of 10 x £500 vouchers for age group winners (to be used towards one-week open training camps). This will require the agreement of our CEO, SSW and SSS which BT will seek. The proposal received the full support of the Alpine committee. If this allocation cannot be agreed the alternative is to allocate funds from the Alpine Accounts. JS was very supportive of money being channelled back to the athletes in this way. It is not known how many clubs/academies would want to participate in this scheme but it was agreed that all those running open camps should be invited to participate.

**Action: BT to follow up proposal of bursaries for GBR Series with TF/Simon Levene, SSW and SSS**

## 5) Alpine Pathway

JS reported that DC is leading this on behalf of the Alpine Committee. DC spoke with Paul Traynor at Bormio and will start to pull things together now that the Alpine Championships have taken place. Anyone on the committee who would like to get involved should contact DC.

The office will help with communication of the pathway but the Alpine Committee will provide the content. Ideally, someone with marketing experience will help. It was suggested that the committee needed someone to act in a marketing role. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

BT is liaising with regional chairs and confirmed that they would like to be more involved.

**Action: DC and BT to report on the Alpine Pathway at the next meeting  
MC to add marketing role to the agenda for the next meeting**

**GBS selection** JS has been in contact with GBS following recent selections for International Children's Races in Japan. There had been some confusion at the time and, due to the urgency of selection, some stages in the prescribed procedures were missed out. The procedures have now been confirmed and, going forward, the problem should not arise again.

**Talent Liaison Role** JS proposes we consider (in discussion with Ian Findlay) appointing a talent rep. They would be located in the Alps during the winter season and in the UK for the artificial slope season in the summer. The aim would be to provide talent liaison – not coaching. Some concerns were raised by PT and GC who questioned whether this was needed as a full time role. It was agreed that JS and GC would work together to develop a proposal for which funding would then need to be found.

**Action: JS/GC to prepare a proposal for a Talent Liaison Role  
and present it at the next meeting**

## 6) Alpine Championships (Bormio)

DM had circulated a report from the English Alpine Championships (appendix 1). A report from Simon Levene to the Board had also been circulated. Feedback from racers, coaches and supporters indicated that it had been the best English Championships on record. The planning for 2021 has already begun with the local Club de Sport. There is still a need to recruit new volunteers. DM is liaising with Victoria Stonehouse to achieve this.

DM has contacted all volunteers to thank them and TF will be sending out official letters of thanks in the next 2 weeks. A team photo was taken (with as many volunteers as possible). BT asked that this be put onto the Snowsport England website with a public note of thanks.

**Action: TF to send out official letters of thanks to Alpine Championships volunteers  
DM to arrange for "team photo" to be put onto Snowsport England website  
with a note of thanks to volunteers**

## 7) Calendar Planning and Officials

AH reported that the key officials for the summer GBR races being organised by Snowsport England were in place. For 2021, he would like to have this organised earlier. He will draft a new Club National bid document as well as one for the GBR Series. He will link with Snowsport Wales and Snowsport Scotland.

**Action: AH to produce new bid documents for Club Nationals  
and GBR races in liaison with SSW and SSS**

Ideally there would be a level 3 officials' training event before the start of the artificial season. For this to occur, there would be a need to match available TDs with venues and potential candidates. However, it was recognised that this may not be possible this year because of the situation associated with coronavirus.

**Action: DM to ask the TD group for their availability to lead officials' courses**

PT asked if the GBR Series would be restructured into 3 double weekends as suggested in AH's previous paper to the committee. He also suggested that bidders provided an overall price rather than a basic one with different add-ons. This would make comparison of bids easier.

## 8) Volunteer Recognition (Alpine Officials)

AH has a list of volunteers whom the committee would like to recognise. This should tie in with the new Snowsport England merchandise using a discount code of up to 100% (depending on how much volunteering the person has completed). This was approved by the committee.

**Action: MC to link with Victoria Stonehouse regarding available  
merchandise for volunteer recognition  
MC/AH to provide list of volunteers to be recognised**

#### 9) Alpine Committee Terms of Reference (technical role)

DM proposed that some changes be made to the technical role in the Alpine Committee's Terms of Reference (appendix 2). This would reflect the role better. The meeting agreed these changes. BT pointed out that, in the light of work going on with the Alpine Talent Pathway, there will be further changes to the terms of reference and allocation of duties for other roles in due course.

**Action: MC to make changes to Alpine Committee terms of reference re technical role and forward to TF for agreement by the Board**

#### 10) Course Setting

SB had submitted an updated Course Setters' Policy document (appendix 3). This was accepted.

GC asked whether any Course Setting courses were planned. He felt there was a backlog of people wanting to do a course. PT confirmed his availability for April/May to deliver courses.

**Action: MC to contact SB and Ryan Grewcock for Course Setting course dates in the run up to the new season**

#### 11) Ambassadors' Programme

GC reported that all invitation letters to Ambassadors had been sent out and that all 18 racers had accepted. Their kit has been issued. He is now trying to arrange a training day mid to end of July. He wanted to thank Snowsport England for their help.

GC also recorded that 10 of the current 18 Dry Slope Ambassadors were at Bormio and performed very well.

#### 12) Equipment

LJ confirmed that the new bibs and microphones/earphones had all been delivered.

#### 13) AOB

**Trophies** LJ confirmed that the Chiefs of Race for non GBR events would purchase the trophies for their event. This year these include the All England Championships (both individual and team events), Inter-regional Event, British Outdoor, Anglo Welsh and British Indoor Championships.

#### 14) Date of next meeting

**The date of the next meeting is  
19:00 Wednesday 3 June 2020 by teleconference.**

**Actions:**

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5	DC/BT	To report on the Alpine Pathway at the next meeting
5	MC	To add marketing role to the agenda for the next meeting
5	JS/GC	To prepare a proposal for a Talent Liaison Role and present it at the next meeting
6	TF	To send out official letters of thanks to Alpine Championships volunteers
6	DM	To arrange for “team photo” to be put onto Snowsport England website with a note of thanks to volunteers
7	AH	To produce new bid documents for Club Nationals and GBR races in liaison with SSW and SSS
7	DM	To ask the TD group for their availability to lead officials’ courses
8	MC	To link with Victoria Stonehouse regarding available merchandise for volunteer recognition
8	MC/AH	To provide list of volunteers to be recognised
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## Update for SE Alpine Committee on English Alpine Champs

David Manns. 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Programme

For the FIS programme, in the light of expected entry numbers in the two super-G races, it was decided to move the second race from Friday to Thursday and hence run two FIS (not NJR) SG races back-to-back on Thursday. This not only released international athletes a day early, but also meant that the team was no longer attempting to run three races on Friday.

The GBR programme went ahead as planned, but with such high entry numbers the U14 and U16 age groups will in future need to be split onto separate days throughout the week. If the weather had not been so kind the Slalom day may not have been completed.

For the U10/12s all races ran without issues, including the individual dual slalom although some minor adjustments to the rules will be needed for next time so that the rules match the running order generated by the Ski Pro application. The resort has new start gates for the duals and are hopeful of being able to upgrade these next year to allow the team parallel to run as a proper relay.

The races run on the Adler piste on the opposite side of town went well, although there is a slight conflict of interest between accessibility for spectators and the ideal course for competitors. The final pitch on the approach to the 'official' finish line at the bottom of the slope is a little challenging for less experienced racers, but does mean that the spectators can at least see the last part of the course without having to undergo a long hike or use skis to access the finish area.

The hoped-for FIS Team parallel race to be organised by Team Evolution did not take place, largely due to the apparent lack of FIS athletes prepared to take part, particularly given our SG programme change and the fact that there were FIS races taking place nearby at Santa Caterina.

Options are already being considered for the 2021 programme, including holding early discussions with local clubs to minimise the risk of day-to-day clashes with other races in the region.

### Team

All members of the team worked well together, and the feedback received so far from the team has been very positive. Having one or two extra people on the 'hill team' meant that we had some flexibility in allocating to roles, and in some cases allowed us to double-team (notably at the team parallel slalom) to make the job much more manageable.

This was also the first time we have run the competition in Bormio without any of our own course crew, but both Sci Club Bormio (contracted by us to provide course crews for both GBR and FIS races) and the lift company staff stepped up to the task of preparing gates and ensuring everything was in order.

The presence of Ed Drake on commentary was well-received by competitors and parents, this is something we would like to repeat for future competitions. Thanks must also go to those parents and others who stepped up to help with various roles in resort, including marshals, provisional times board and indeed commentary.

Job descriptions are now in place for all three of the main ROC roles, and work is on-going to promote the opportunities for joining the team as well as officiating 'informally'.

## Finance

The final accounts are still being prepared, but with higher than budgeted income from race entries, lift passes and other sources it is already clear that the overall surplus should be considerably higher than we could have imagined.

*Post-meeting note (not in document as originally circulated): due to application of tax regulations we will now have to pay an unexpected amount of around £4000 for VAT on the invoice from the lift company (slope hire etc.).*

A deadline has been set for the submission of expense claims (60 days following the end of the competition) which should help to move towards finalising the accounts before the next Alpine meeting.

## Future

Discussions about what to do for 2026 (when Bormio will host some of the Winter Olympic competitions) have already started and will be followed up in more detail when we return in 2021.

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## Appendix 2

### Alpine Committee TORs

David Manns

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019



This is a suggestion for some small alterations to TORs for items currently listed under the Technical role, and to split one element out to a separate role, although both currently undertaken by me. The current definition is written more like the set of areas that are historically covered by me, rather than a clear definition of roles/remit.

Insertions in **green**. Deletions in **red**. Explanations in **blue**. Hopefully reasonably clear!

#### Technical

- To ~~communicate and work~~ **liaise** with the **GBR Alpine & Telemark** TD forum  
*(for consistency of wording with other roles in TOR)*
- To ~~publish and~~ ensure that the **Snowsport England** Race Manual is updated for use by those involved in race organisation, ~~in conjunction with TD Forum~~  
*(our Race Manual has nothing to do with the TD forum)*
- ~~To coordinate the iBarts, oBarts and BASS seeding lists~~  
*(seed lists are not within the remit of this committee but rest with GBR TD Forum)*
- ~~To act as Chief Race Director for the English Alpine Championships~~  
*(this is a separate activity that should not be linked to the role of Technical adviser)*
- To provide technical advice on Alpine matters to Alpine Committee and Snowsport England (pre-requisite: must be a GBR Technical Delegate)  
*(not currently listed as an activity, although traditionally this has been the main reason for requiring an 'English' TD on the Alpine committee)*

#### Alpine Championships ROC

*Suggestion to add a separate role that requires representation on the Alpine committee from one of the key positions on the Alpine Championships ROC:*

- To liaise between the Alpine Committee and the Alpine Championship Race Organising Committee (pre-requisite: must be Chief of Championships, Chief Race Director or Race Secretary of Alpine Champs ROC).

## Snowsport England Course Setters Policy – 2020/2021



### Course Setter Qualification Route

The Course Setters' course is a one-day course designed for participants who are working within a club environment. However, to gain access to the course the minimum qualification is one of the following:

- UKCP L1
- BARTS seed points of 70 or under
- Former National Team Athlete including alpine or artificial
- A UKCP L2 or above performance coach has exception from the course

A successful outcome of the course will allow the individual to set club and regional races without supervision, or to set a CN under the supervision of an 'A' List Setter.

SSE recognises two course setter levels, to assist the race organiser in selecting an appropriate course setter for the event they are organising. These levels are listed below:

- B List Setter - can set Club National / Excel Races / Regional Races / Club courses without supervision
- A List Setter - can set any course without supervision

### B List Course Setter

To qualify as a 'B' List setter, an individual must set two courses under the oversight of a qualified and already 'A' Listed Course Setter and Race Jury. The two course sets must be on two different slopes at two different races. The supervising setter should submit the recommendation form to the Snowsport England office and SSE Alpine Committee. Following endorsement, the individual will be added to the 'B' course setters' list.

### A List Course Setter

'A' List qualification will be done by continuous assessment by setting at least 3 Club National Courses at 2 different slopes, and then applying to set a GBR series course. This GBR course set will be assessed by both a level 'A' course setter and the jury at the race. If acceptable the individual will be approved as an 'A' list course setter after submission of the recommendation form.

### Re-validation of the qualification

- 'B' list course setter revalidation is attained by setting at least one CN course during a three-year period, or by validation that the course setter is working continuously within a full time coaching environment. If neither have been obtained, then the individual will be dropped from the course setters list entirely.

- 'A' list course setter's revalidation is attained by setting at least one CN/GBR or Championship course during a three-year period, or by validation that the course setter is working continuously within a full-time coaching environment. If neither have been obtained, then the individual will be dropped down to the 'B' list.

## Course Setter Tutors

Course Setter Tutors must be coaches who have been setting GBR or Championship courses and been on the 'A' list for a minimum of 3 years, have shadowed a course setters course and who are approved by the coaching committee.

The SSE Alpine Committee will maintain the A and B course setter list which will be published on [www.gbski.com](http://www.gbski.com).

Any questions regarding this policy should be sent to [alpinesetterslist@snowsportengland.co.uk](mailto:alpinesetterslist@snowsportengland.co.uk)

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