

# Alpine Committee Meeting

Wednesday 20 January 2021 19:00



## By Zoom

### Present:

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ)  
Bryan Thomas (BT)  
Sally Bartlett (SB)  
Mary Calvert (MC)  
Gareth Case (GC)  
David Eaves (DE)  
Andrew Hjort (AH)  
David Manns (DM)  
Julian Sambles (JS)

Stephen Metheringham (SM)  
Tim Fawke (TF)  
Ian Findlay (IF)  
Claire Pennell (CP)  
Louise Wright (LW)

### 1) Apologies

David Chapman (DC)  
Paul Telling (PT)

- 2) **Declaration of Interests and Safeguarding** There were no safeguarding issues. MC will send Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest forms to SB for completion.

**Action: MC to send Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests forms to SB for completion**

- 3) **Minutes from previous meeting** Minutes from the meeting on 2 December 2020 had been agreed and published on 17 December 2020.

- 4) **Introduction of Louise Wright (New Chair of SE) to Committee** BT introduced LW to the committee and each committee member introduced themselves to her summarising their background and role on the committee.

- 5) **New Regional Representative** BT confirmed that SB had been appointed as a new regional representative (replacing Mike Frith). He welcomed her to the committee.

- 6) **Finance Update** BT/DE reported that there was little change in the financial situation since the last meeting. With the cancellation of the Alpine Championships in Bormio, there will be a substantial loss of income. However, it is still hoped that the 2021 summer races (which commence in the second quarter as from April) will go ahead. There will probably be some reduction in entry numbers due to COVID.

Previously, the 2021 forecast was for a small overall profit but, taking into account the above, a loss of between £5,000 and £7,500 is now estimated.

- 7) **Alpine Championship Update** DM confirmed that this year's Championships in Bormio have been cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. Plans are going ahead for 2022 in Bormio.

- 8) **2021 Calendar update** AH reported on the current status of the summer races. It is not yet clear when events will be able to start. There is already an established COVID plan in place which was developed from the few races which took place last autumn. This will form the basis for the coming season. The TD forum is meeting on 20 February and it is hoped that more information will be available for the next Alpine Committee meeting.

TF asked that consideration be given to moving the May BASS races to later in the season as travel to the continent may still be difficult in May.

GC suggested that the GBR races might be run as individual races rather than a series. This would reduce the pressure on racers to travel. AH proposed that, in the future, GBR races be run over 3 weekends.

IF suggested that consideration be given to running races for younger racers this season as they are likely to be subject to fewer restrictions than adults.

**Action: AH to report back at the next meeting on i) moving the May BASS races to later in the season, ii) running the GBR races as individual events (and over 3 weekends) iii) running more races at U18 level or below this season**

AH proposed that a calendar subcommittee be set up for 2022 and that Wales and Scotland be invited to join. This was agreed in broad terms.

**Action: MC to add calendar subcommittee to the agenda for February**

- 9) Alpine Officials' Update** AH's report is Appendix 1. In the future, availability of suitably qualified officials will be used as a means of differentiating between bids for Club National races. This should help to guarantee that races run efficiently. There also needs to be a suitable pool of officials for alpine events such as Bormio. Training courses need to cover all these different requirements.

AH proposed that courses are run as 6 x 1-hour modular units.

SM felt that, at the moment, there were new parents looking for ways to volunteer. The level 1 course is already available online but could be followed up with a webinar. AH confirmed that there is a F2F course available which could be used for this. He is happy to be the virtual mentor. TF agreed to arrange for an email to be sent to all clubs offering level 1 training. (The Alpine Committee do not have club contacts details to do this.)

**Action: TF to arrange for all clubs to be sent an email with details of online level 1 training opportunities (interested clubs should contact TF or AH)**

- 10) Course Setting Role on Alpine Committee** LJ conformed that Simon Bannister is still happy to maintain the course setters list as well as delivering the courses. LJ would like SB (Sally Bartlett) to consider taking on the role of maintaining the course setting policy.

**Action: Sally Bartlett to confirm if she is happy to take on maintenance of the Course Setting Policy**

- 11) Update from TD Forum** (see appendix 2)

a) LJ confirmed that no seeded races (ie those involving a TD) will take place before 20 March. There is a further TD Forum meeting scheduled on 20 February when a decision will be made regarding the remainder of the snow season. At this stage, it seems unlikely that the British Championships will take place.

b) At the emergency TD Forum meeting in December, the issue of concussion was discussed. Race organisers need to be aware of the new precision (BCR, BACR and BTR, article 627.3.1). Competitors with suspected concussion will not be allowed to start.

DM confirmed that, at the May TD Forum meeting, a document will be put forward similar to the USA scheme. It will be a register of those not allowed to start. This list will be kept on gbski. (Often in the USA, it is the coach who adds the racer to the list.) GC and AH suggested that a section on concussion be added to the officials' training courses. One should also be included in coaching courses.

**Actions: 1) LJ to send a bulletin regarding concussion to all race organisers  
2) AH to arrange for a section on concussion to be added to officials' training courses**

- 12) Alpine Pathway** Ian Findlay reported on the new Home Nations (HN) Alpine Pathway Programme. The HNs and GBS are working in collaboration to launch this. The programme will be focussed around school holiday periods with off-snow support when in the UK. The

programme will be launched for the 2021/22 season. IF thanked both JS and Rachelle Rogers for their help and input with this. A parents' meeting for all interested parties will be held in the coming months.

**Action: IF to keep the Alpine Committee regularly updated on the Home Nations Alpine Pathway Programme**

**13) AOB**

TF reminded the meeting that the Winter Olympics will be held next year in Beijing. He asked for any ideas/suggestion to help promote the sport in the light of this.

**14) Date of next meeting**

**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 7pm by Zoom.**

Actions:

2	MC	to send Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests forms to SB for completion
8	AH	to report back at the next meeting on i) moving the May BASS races to later in the season, ii) running the GBR races as individual events (and over 3 weekends) iii) running more races at U18 level or below this season
8	MC	to add calendar subcommittee to the agenda for February
9	TF	to arrange for all clubs to be sent an email with details of online level 1 training opportunities (interested clubs should contact TF or AH)
10	SB	to confirm if she is happy to take on maintenance of the Course Setting Policy
11 b	LJ	to send a bulletin regarding concussion to all race organisers
11b	AH	to arrange for a section on concussion to be added to officials' training courses
12	IF	to keep the Alpine Committee regularly updated on the Home Nations Alpine Pathway Programme

## Appendix 1

### Report for the Alpine Committee on Alpine Officials' Training and Calendar Planning. January 2021

#### Alpine Officials' (Database) Log

Complexities driven by GDPR mean that the Log (there was a reason for it not being termed "Database") continues to be unnecessarily complex to manage. It would be a step forward to use the pause forced on us by COVID-19 to get this sorted out. Now might also be a good time, given SE is in the process of rolling out its new membership system.

Registration as an official is annual and free of charge. Being on the Alpine Officials' Log requires a one-time opt-in. This allows for Name, Level, Phone and Email to be sent, in confidence, to Chiefs of Race.

#### **SUGGESTED ACTION:**

*Registering as an official equates to an acceptance of being on the Alpine Officials' Pathways and acceptance that their details will be shared, in Confidence, with Chiefs of Race (see below for exception).*

**Exceptions:** Any registered official can request for their details not to be shared. This is currently an option and could be a tick box on the registration form.

**Clarification:** Anyone acting as an official at a SE run or sanctioned event needs to be aware that their participation will be recorded showing Name and Role.

#### **Current Log**

The separate attachment shows the current log. The registration data is not up to date.

#### Officials Training

I have attached a proposed evolution of our Training Pathway to allow for on-line, role-by-role validation (the process used by SSS). I would welcome comments, especially on the final slide.

#### Races for Summer 2021

I have deferred asking for volunteers for this year's races until this meeting.

#### Races for Summer 2022

##### **Application process**

I think we can simplify the process by having the application form as a separate document with acceptance of the much longer requirements document being part of the application.

We would need two forms:

- One for SE Managed events
- One for SE Sanctioned events

#### **SUGGESTED ACTION:**

*I produce the forms for 2022.*

#### **Calendar Committee**

#### **SUGGESTED ACTION:**

*Will the SC approve the formation of a calendar committee with the following composition:*

1. *Representative of the Snow Sport England*
2. *Representative of Snow Sport Wales*
3. *Representative of Snow Sport Scotland*

#### **GBR Series format**

As raised at the last meeting, I would like to suggest the following:

#### **SUGGESTED ACTION:**

*That the GBR Series, in the case of both indoor and outdoor, be contested over three weekends with the final weekend comprising the final GBR Race and the British Championship.*

## **Appendix 2**

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#### **Update from TD Forum EGM meeting December 2020(Lloyd Jenkins)**

##### ***Operating 2020-21 season***

At the TD EGM Forum Meeting on 16th December, the following actions were agreed regarding the 2020/21 Winter season:

1. The existing suspension of BASS seeding and GBR TD assignment for races in Europe was extended to February 20th, 2021. The next review on 20th January will cover the period 21st February to 20th March 2021. A further review will take place on 20th February to cover the period 21st March to 20th April 2021
2. For races in the UK the suspension will be lifted, as of 21st Jan 2021, subject to local and national travel, health, and associated regulations. In effect this means that if it proves possible to stage COVID-safe races in Scotland whilst keeping within regulations then a TD would be appointed, and the races could be counted for seeding.
3. BASS end-of-season lists will not apply loading (the same arrangement as already applied for BARTS) so it will be possible to reduce points from results in races that take place, but they will not increase.
4. A COVID Working Group will be formed immediately, consisting of the TDF Exec, plus HN representatives, to carry out future reviews of BASS Seeding and TD assignment for the remainder of the 2021-21 season and related matters including COVID security and safe operating criteria.

##### ***Medical***

Concussion continues to be an area where significant effort is being made at FIS level and this of course can affect the races we run.

The TD Forum continually reviews its position and rules regarding recognition and treatment of concussion, noting that concussion is a serious injury and the risks of a second injury leading to significant long-term effects are extremely high. At the latest update in December 2020 the Forum reaffirmed that TDs and Juries should not permit competitors with a suspected concussion to start unless the competitor can provide a certificate of fitness to race from a recognised licensed medical practitioner. A rule to formalise this has been agreed with the HNs and is issued as a precision to be included into BCR, BACR and BTR with immediate effect.

The agreed precision for BCR, BACR and BTR, as article 627.3.1, is:

“A competitor with a suspected or confirmed concussion will not be permitted to start (NPS) unless a certificate of fitness to race, signed by an appropriate licensed medical practitioner (doctor, medical practice or hospital), is provided to the Jury.”

##### ***Future Forum dates***

The Spring meeting (Forum members only) will be Saturday 8th May 2021. This meeting is almost certain to be online only.

The Autumn meeting (Update for all officials, coaches, etc., followed by closed meeting for Forum members only) will be 6th and 7th November 2021. The location for this weekend has yet to be agreed.