

Freestyle Key Committee

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- A. Those present: Martin Carr, Andy Norris, Jeff Blackburn-Elliot, Piers, Diane Watts, Ian Findlay, Ian Danby, Ania Wasielewska, Adam Boyle, Rob Taylor
- B. Standing Orders: Declaration of interests, Struck off directors, Safeguarding

Moguls Course - We will try and setup another coaches course once the slopes are open and they are willing to push moguls, it is noted that CF have moguls out at weekend at the moment.

Greystone – From 25 May and then every other week there is open training. Booking is via the SSE web site, sessions start at 6pm and cost £20.

Moguls training - Inc Moguls coaching CF - Ania requested we look at trying to add session at CF on their booking system such that they deal with the bookings and we arrange the coaching. CF is in the process of being taken over by Hemel so we need traction with the new management for this to happen. CF new contact and management. Moguls have actually been out on Saturdays and they seem fairly good, just a matter of getting training on them. Try and engage with what GBS are doing.

SX Athletes - There is a project to get 27 SX athletes 16+ into a program. The current thinking is for GB to look after the summer training with SSE investigating the winter. Discussions are ongoing.

ACTION IF

Coaches at indoor slopes – ANOR to investigate with Castleford what the issues are to allow this to be resolved. There was a discussion, but informal, but more investigation, but they are still finding their post COVID feet. ACTION AN

UK Events – Based on the current COVID roadmap then all facilities should be able to operate as normal from June 21st. Of course this will then depend on availability of slopes for events like the K-Jam etc. Into this mix is also the issue of running events (on outdoor slopes) during the warmer months and the challenges that gives. It was noted that more Committee member involvement would be needed for the indoor events. IF to investigate bookings ACTION IF

Futures Project- This has now started. Some sessions are already available to book on the SSE web site and more will be added soon.

Slope MK Summer 2021 New Idea - We will re-engage with the slopes once they are open again – We have reached out, but at present nothing has come back. ACTION IF

Cross – 3 events over summer/Autumn. The idea of this initiative is to have an “intro” into SX with terrain skills training and not head to head as being realistic and taking into account safety this is not really viable at the small indoor slopes. ACTION IF

Moguls Training Europe – Later in the summer we will start to put plans together on the training that can happen in Europe. It appears that the issues regarding coaches in EU after Brexit now seem to have been resolved see <https://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/a-green-light-for-coaches-post-brexite/> However, other issues mainly on viable numbers remain.

AB offered to help with photography once events started again. ACTION AB

AN has details for start gates, will build something when time allows. Should start building soon. ACTION AN

Smaller airbags – We have circulated between the committee members details of assessments and SOP of their usage and basic requirements. A questionnaire is going to be sent out, more feedback hopefully soon. The larger airbag facility is being investigated by SGB – Bags can be hired or purchased ACTION JC

Snow Tour events - 1608556370 The script has now been created and tested. A few more age categories will be added and them submitted to all for final testing & comments ACTION MC

Judges training – MC has now sorted all the resources needed for this course to run over Zoom but will send details out to the Freestyle e-mail list to see if any more are interested. We will then send out an e-mail for all those interested to select from a range of dates. The course will then be run on the dates that most people can make. ACTION MC

20/21 Selections – There are some minor changes to be made to the Moguls & Freeski policies, although more on the latter. There will be no rollover this year due to domestic options. Over the summer we will update as required. ACTION IF/ID/AW/RT

SX/SBX – There are active clubs in SX and SBX doing excellent work both domestically and abroad. We had a meeting with GBS. Looking at guiding interested athletes to the GB Open camps with us taking on the athletes who aren't selected for GB. Follow up meeting next week to build the Comms on this ACTION IF

SSE Web Site – At the last meeting we asked, especially those new to the Freestyle committee, to look at the SSE Web site and pass constructive comments..

I did some market research with people interested in snow sports and wanting to get their kids into skiing/snowboarding, my sample group was quite small so not conclusive at all.

I asked them to use the website to find activities and resources then feedback. first reflections are that the benefit of the website and being a member is unclear, especially grass roots activities, and that this should be front and centre.

Some quotes were:

"Difficult to navigate and find what you are looking for"

"If you were a parent looking for children's activities, it is unclear and would be very difficult"

"When clicking through to session, you get a basic description but not much detail"

"It places hurdles in your way and not the most user-friendly website"

I did ask people to scrutinise the website, therefore the feedback is a critical analytical.

I have previously suggested the inclusion of small introduction videos for member venues, further to this, maybe the use of an interactive map to view to find venues and activities in an intuitive manner.

I hope this helps and what you are looking for? I am happy to discuss in more detail during the meeting.

More freestyle coaches - 14-16 year olds can do the coaches course, but will not get their licence until 16. If we follow this through then we will at least get them for a few years before uni etc. It is noted there is a shortage of regular Freestyle coaches

Moguls course to UKCP – MC to investigate the steps needed to make this happen ACTION MC