

Alpine Committee Meeting

Wednesday 14 July 2021 19:00



By Zoom

Present:

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ)
Bryan Thomas (BT)
Mary Calvert (MC)
Gareth Case (GC)
David Chapman (DC)

David Eaves (DE)
Andrew Hjort (AH)
Julian Sambles (JS)
Paul Telling (PT)
Tim Fawke (TF)

1) Apologies

Sally Bartlett (SB)

David Manns (DM)

2) Declaration of Interests and Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding issues and all declarations of interest are up to date.

3) Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from the meeting on 28 April 2021 had been agreed and published on 13 May 2021.

4) Matters arising from previous meeting not on the agenda elsewhere

i. GC confirmed that the Dry Slope Ambassadors have been providing race reports for the SE website.

ii. LJ is still working on the overview of racing for the SE website.

Action: LJ to circulate racing overview to the AC as soon as possible

iii. GC/DE have now completed the equipment stock take.

iv. An EOLA approved script was prepared for and used at Norwich for the Outdoor GBR 1 & 2 races. It was based on the EOLA press release. TF passed it on to AH for use at Chill Factore for the Indoor GBR 1 & 2 races.

v. LJ confirmed that EOLA have been provided with a list of GBR dates.

vi. TF has circulated an explanation of CN fees to the AC. It will now be published on gbski.

Post meeting note. Published on gbski 20/07/2021.

vii. Ian Findlay now has all the details for the Welsh NSA events.

5) Alpine Committee Membership

TF reported that, as yet, no meeting has taken place regarding BT's position on the committee. BT asked that, in the meantime, his picture be returned to the alpine page on the Snowsport England website.

PT has now returned to the committee.

Stephen Metheringham is no longer an observer at the meetings.

6) Alpine Committee Terms of Reference

This discussion was postponed to the next meeting when David Manns would be able to attend.

Action: MC to add discussion of the committee's TORs to the agenda for the next meeting

7) Finance Update

TF confirmed that he will receive the Q2 accounts at the end of the week so they will be available to the committee in the next 2 weeks. He pointed out that, although the EOLA sponsorship has been received, it would not appear until the Q3 accounts. This allows the trophy costs to be deducted and the remainder to be split between the Home Nations.

There was general agreement that the costs involved in running races (particularly indoor) need to be reviewed. LJ will do an end of season report on income/expenditure for each race. As part of this process, CN fees will be reviewed. TF emphasised the need for this to fit in with the budget.

Action: LJ to coordinate an end of season review of race costs as part of 2022 budget process

8) 2021 Summer Calendar

AH reported that races were running well under the Covid regulations. It was less easy for indoor races but they were managing. Both GBR series are going ahead – although not with ideal timetables. LJ reported that entry numbers were healthy to date both for Club Nationals and Outdoor GBR 1 & 2 – although there were some late withdrawals due to Covid.

There is a hope to return to “normal” after 19 July, however it is clear that Covid safety measures will still need to be considered. Ultimately, the slopes will lead on this.

The inter-regional event is going ahead on 26 July. The indication from committee members was that all regions would be represented with at least 12 teams entering.

9) Trophy Return

The missing trophies have now been found and approximately 75% of trophy holders have responded with details of how and when their trophy will be returned. MC will continue to chase up those who have not yet responded.

Action: MC to contact remaining trophy holders regarding trophy return

10) Course Setting

A course setting course has taken place at Welwyn and one is scheduled at Rossendale. There may be another at Swadlincote. (Jen Johnstone - in the Snowsport England office - is coordinating these.) Unfortunately, the costs of indoor slope hire make indoor courses non-viable.

It was confirmed that, to be able to deliver a course setting course, a person needs to be an A list setter and to have attended or shadowed a course.

GC asked for clarity on how a course setter progressed onto the B list having completed a training course. Simon Bannister has asked Sally Bartlett to update the policy document and this information should be available in the next 3 weeks.

Action: Sally Bartlett to update Course Setting Policy document

It was reported that Simon Bannister is updating the course setters' lists.

Ryan Grewcock will be discussing with the coaching group whether a course setting module can be incorporated into CP1 qualifications. TF confirmed this is being looked at. AH suggested that officiating modules should also be considered.

Action: Ryan Grewcock to take forward possible inclusion of an officiating module in the CP1 qualification in his discussions with the coaching group

11) 2022 Calendar Planning

LJ confirmed that planning for the 2022 season will be starting this month. LJ, AH, GC, DC will meet together with Robin Kellen (Snowsport Wales) and Niamh Barrie (Snowsport Scotland). The outline will be much as originally planned for the 2021 season.

AH is starting work on two bid documents. One describing the requirements for a Club National, the other for a GBR/National Champs. The bid document will be online once bidding opens. Full acceptance of the conditions given in it will be a condition of the bid being accepted

12) Officials and Officials' Training Update

AH reported that an initial meeting of a "task and finish committee" for the Alpine Officials' Pathway approved the pathway in principle. The next steps are:

- Make the pathway public
- Work on the L3 training courses with a view to running them in the Autumn

It was felt that the Alpine Officials' list should now be closed to claims of prior experience, except where clearly documented.

AH pointed out the differences between officiating at an artificial slope in the UK and officiating at a snow event such as Bormio. He emphasised the need to maintain some degree of flexibility in training to account for this.

AH suggested that the Alpine Officials' Pathway should be made public in the next 2 weeks.

Action: AH to arrange for publication of the Alpine Officials' Pathway

13) Update from the TD Forum

LJ reported that some seed list dates have been moved so that races near to championship events will be included. This will give racers a better chance of achieving seed point cut offs for those championships.

LJ confirmed that gbski's move to a new server was now complete and the site was secure. The issues with the iBARTS list for the Ambition and Excel Club Nationals have been resolved.

14) Talent Management Group Report (including the Alpine Squad)

JS reported that the new Alpine Squad has now been announced. (Following the initial announcement, there were some queries which have all been reviewed. Those athletes who met the guideline criteria were added to the squad and others were asked for a coach's reference.) There are 52 athletes in the squad this year. The number is high because no athletes were dropped from the squad from last year. (Many athletes have had no chance to race in the last 12 months.) It is expected that the squad will be smaller next year.

Squad zoom meetings continue on a monthly basis with guest speakers. Next week the speaker will be Tom Batchelor who is currently the Lead Sport Scientist at Harlequins Rugby Union. He will be covering aspects of how strength and conditioning can prevent injuries and also how to monitor performance.

It is hoped that an "in person" squad meeting will be held before the start of the winter season.

15) Dry Slope Ambassadors

GC reported that most of the ambassadors had now restarted racing. Reports were being written for the events. He has had several approaches from parents of younger racers asking how a racer can become an ambassador.

GC announced he will be stepping down at the end of this season as he no longer attends many races. He is happy to do a detailed handover to his successor. LJ thanked GC for his hard work and TF asked that GC help draft an advertisement for his replacement.

**Action: TF/GC to liaise to draft an advertisement for the role of
Lead for Dry Slope Ambassadors**

16) Volunteer Recognition

A budget still needs to be agreed for this. TF said he would put a line into the Alpine budget.

GC asked if a reduction in entry fees could be considered for families who volunteered.

17) Alpine Championships

TF confirmed that he has been in contact with Bormio to chase up some outstanding items. The accommodation offer is being set up.

18) AOB

- i. PT asked how many coaching courses were coming up. TF confirmed that a number of UKCP1 and three UKCP2 courses are now scheduled. PT asked when any UKCP3 courses would be taking place. (These are needed for academy staff working towards their international stamp.) TF will follow this up with PT.

Action: TF/PT to liaise regarding UKCP3 course scheduling

- ii. TF reported that a "Make a Donation" option had now been added to the joining page on the Snowsport England website. A proportion of any money donated will go towards the Alpine Squad.
- iii. GC asked that Louise Wright (Chair of the Snowsport England Board) attend the next Alpine meeting.

Action: MC to invite Louise Wright to the September meeting

- iv. Lowlands Championships. There should be a decision from the Dutch regarding these championships in the next 2 weeks. The UK needs to decide if they will take part by the end of July.

19) Date of next Meeting

**The next meeting will take place by Zoom on
Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 7pm**

Actions:

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