

**Alpine Committee Meeting  
Monday 20 June 2022 19:00  
By Zoom**



**Present:**

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ)  
Debbie Gunton (DG)  
Gareth Case (GC)  
David Eaves (DE)  
Diane Sarker (DS)

Tim Fawkes (TF)  
Andrew Hjort (AH)  
David Manns (DM)  
Paul Telling (PT)

**1) Apologies**

Sally Bartlett (SB)  
Megan Whitmarsh-Ali (MW)  
David Chapman (DC)  
Julian Sambles (JS)

**2) Declaration of Interests**

All declarations of interests are up to date.

**3) Safeguarding**

There were no safeguarding issues raised.

**4) Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes from the meeting on 13 April 2022 had been agreed and published on 4 May 2022.

**5) Matters arising from previous meeting not on the agenda elsewhere**

- i. Establish if access for Race Secretaries to Snowsport England on-line entry system is possible (CP)**

TF advised that over the next few months the existing on-line entry system is being updated. The updates will include enhancements to the Race Secretaries workbench giving more access and control of a race. The committee agreed to wait until the updates had been implemented before any further action needs to be taken by CP.

**6) Finance Update**

DE confirmed that race number for the season so far are looking promising and on budget. Numbers for the GBR's and Indoor events are above budget from what was expected with Club Nationals being slightly below.

**7) 2022 Calendar and 2023 Calendar Planning (Appendix 1)**

AH reported he had received no further comments or objections on simplifying the Club National bid process for next season.

- i. Update on U10/U12 race format**

LJ advised the format has been reviewed following feedback received since the format had been announced. Teams will be 4 members from the same Club/Region, substitutes must also be from the same Club/Region and no scratch teams will be accepted. U14+ categories will remain unchanged.

AH has received a question regarding whether a Perpetual Trophy for the new U10/U12 race would be provided, the committee agreed to let the format run for a year before introducing any Perpetual Trophies.

**ii. Consider a single run timed race on indoor snow to be seeded – DM**

DM advised he had been approached by a club requesting whether a single indoor timed run could be considered for Seeding. The race concept is to run one run slalom then place racers into a knockout format, the organisers believed the event would gain greater interest if the timed run alone could be seeded. PT raised a question as to whether this could be considered for Dry Slope races. The committee didn't consider either request to be an issue if a TD was present and rules and regulations were followed. TF confirmed a Club National entry fee would apply.

**Action: DM/LJ will put forward the format change at the next TD forum**

**8) Perpetual Trophies and Trophy Return**

**i. Update on missing/Unpresented trophies**

DG confirmed the Atomic Cup Trophy for the outdoor GBR series has been located and has been posted to the recipient.

DG also reported she is still pursuing the missing Indoor GBR indoor Perpetual Trophies with Snowsport Scotland, this is taking longer than expected due to several staffing changes within Snowsport Scotland.

**9) Sponsorship**

**i. Update on advertising board (GC)**

GC confirmed he had not received any further comments regarding an advertising board opportunity for businesses to partner with Snowsport England for an annual subscription.

**Action : GC to forward proposal to TF**

TF confirmed the Rossignol Sponsorship deal has been approved and he is waiting for the contract to be signed. TF will circulate the paper once completed.

**Action: TF to circulate Rossignol Sponsorship paper once completed**

**10) Officials and Officials Training Update (Appendix 2)**

AH has forwarded a proposal of updates to Sport 80 for logging officials' details and accreditation for agreement by TF.

**Action: Update from TF/AH at the next meeting on 12 September**

**i. Volunteer recognition spend – (Appendix 3)**

**Action: To be implemented by end of July**

**11) Update from TD forum – (Appendix 4)**

DM also reported that Adrian Pery has stepped down as TD Forum chair and Ross Anderson has taken over.

## 12) Alpine Squad

LJ took the lead on the Alpine Squad following JS standing down and thanked JS for all his hard work during his time as the Alpine Squad Manager. LJ confirmed the selection process had been completed and letters are being prepared for those who were successful/unsuccessful and will be posted to athletes by the end of the week. Once the appeal process has been completed the 2022/23 squad will be announced on the Snowsport England Website.

PT raised a concern that Snowsport Scotland had issued a statement outlining a GB Snowsports pathway that was not actually approved by GB Snowsports. TF advised this was a mistake by Snowsport Scotland and should have been communicated as a Home Nations programme. TF advised he has been liaising with Snowsport Scotland to get this corrected and a clearer communication issued.

## 13) Dry Slope Ambassadors

DS commented that with several races already having taken place the Dry Slope Ambassadors had been working hard with good attendance at the races. PT thought that from the races he had attended the Ambassadors have been very visible, helping with prize giving, clearing up and generally helping throughout the day.

PT suggested that it may be worth pursuing coaching and volunteer pathways for the Ambassadors to follow.

**Action: DS to pursue coaching and Volunteers pathways for Ambassadors**

## 14) Alpine Championships (Appendix 2)

DM reported the FIS Alpine Championship dates have been agreed by the Italian Federation however, quotas are still to be agreed before races can be published on the FIS calendar. Dates for the Championship have been advertised on the Snowsport England Championship Website page and the invite will be published during October 2022.

PT made comment on whether the change planned split in dates between the FIS and Children's events will affect the ambience of the event next year. DM confirmed the split was due to trying to ensure quality races for the children's events. PT suggested the possibility of an additional FIS Slalom race towards the end of the week to encourage FIS participants to remain in resort for the final prize giving.

**Action: DM to consider the possibility of an additional FIS Slalom race**

## 15) Athlete Welfare

GC raised the awareness of Mental Health and Wellbeing of athletes and the pressures within the sport. The committee agreed that Athlete Welfare and Safety Guarding should be a top priority and will undertake a new project setting out a framework with minimum standards that are expected to be implemented by Clubs and Regions affiliated to Snowsport England. A working group will now be formed lead by GC pulling on the expertise within the sport to have a framework in place for the start of the winter season.

**Action: GC to form working group and update the committee with a progress report at the next meeting**

**16) AOB**

**i. DC submitted a question on guidance of gender identity for competitions**

TF confirmed a Snowsport England policy was already in place on the Website. DC was absent from the meeting therefore, the committee agreed to move this question to the next meeting to explore further.

**ii. GC asked if we have a date of when Louise Wright will be returning**

TF advised that due to severe concussion Louise Wright have been signed off from work for another month.

**The next meeting will take place by Zoom on  
Monday 12 September 2022 at 7pm**

## Actions from meeting:

Ref	Who	Action	Completion date
7ii	DM/LJ	To take forward to TD forum to Consider a single timed run on indoor and Dry Slope races	November
9i	GC	To forward advertising proposal to TF	Update 12 September
10i	AH/TF	Updates to sport 80 for logging officials' details and accreditation	Update 12 September
10i	AH	Implement volunteer recognition plan	End of July
13	DS	Pursue coaching and volunteers' pathways for Ambassadors	Update 12 September
14	DM	Consider possibility of running an additional FIS Slalom race at Bormio Alpine Championships	Update 12 September
15	GC	Progress report on Athlete Welfare and Safeguarding policy	Update 12 September

## Ongoing Actions log:

Who	Action	Update or completed
DM	to collate information on wireless timing for the TD forum and report back to them so the Alpine Committee can then be updated	Complete
DG	to continue to pursue missing GBR indoor Perpetual Trophies	Update 12 September 2022
DG	to establish who collected the Atomic Trophy for the recipient	Complete - Trophy located
DG	to send reminder emails for outstanding committee declaration of interest forms	Complete – All forms received
CP	To establish if access for race secretaries to Snowsport England On-online entry system is possible	Complete - New on-line entry system being implemented
LJ,AHDC,DE	to revisit format on U10/12 race following feedback	Complete
DC	DC to email DM to add a post to GBSKI for missing Atomic Trophy	Completed - Trophy located
ALL	Committee to review advertising document with comments back to GC	Complete
LJ/TF	to circulate Rossignol sponsorship paper to committee once finalised.	Update 12 September 2022
AH,LH,DC,DE	to agree a pathway for volunteer recognition	Complete

## Appendix 1

# Report for The Alpine Committee

## *Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

### **Inter-Regional**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, I held a Zoom meeting with Adam Lee and Di Fennell to discuss the format and invitation for the Inter-regional race on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

I will be Race Secretary, Adam Chief of Race. Di will help liaise with our Regional hosts (CESA).

- Adam is going to calculate a likely timetable.
- I am going to produce two entry forms on Survey Monkey
- I am going to put together in invitation

We agreed that the issue of Reserves will require explanation.

We can find medals for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams in each race. We would like to know if Snowsport England is going to provide a perpetual trophy for the minis?

### **Coaches at GBR Races**

I think it seems reasonable that help with the course is expected in exchange for access.

### **GBR Series**

Snowsport England has hosted 2 of the indoor races. The events were very full and the timetable was a push. Unfortunately, Chill Factore are not persuaded of the merits of several suggestions which would improve the flow of the event.

There were concerns raised by Chill Factore about some practical aspects including running the event and these will be addressed.

The main flash point is slipping after the event. This falls disproportionately on the male competitors, especially those outside the top 30.

One solution would be to have the male second run first on run of the days, putting the onus of slipping on the female race. We might also consider well managed slipping of the completed course during the second run on the other course.

## Appendix 2

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*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

## Snowsport England Systems

### *Preamble..*

The outcome of my one and only meeting with Sport 80, concluded with a proposed solution where the SE Office would need to arbitrate over claims of accreditation.

If I understood Sport 80 correctly, within reason we can make changes without incurring significant costs. After much thought, I think we can work with the system to our advantage.

### **Proposed solution**

Level 3 and Level 4 Officials get their status from being validated in various roles. The validation is the product of:

1. a course
2. doing the job. First shadowed, then observed

Both 1 and 2 can be represented by dates. Continuing validation/accreditation depends on doing the job again, within 3 years.

Therefore:

Rather than claim a level, for us to confirm, have the system determine validation and then award the level. For example, to be Accredited at Level 3 you need to be Level 2 and then validated in three roles. Much more objective

In addition, the system flags up when validation/accreditation is about to expire.

Further benefits?

1. Those who only do CoR can be validated as such, but not accredited – a solution for the anomaly where some are experience CoR but never undertake other roles.
2. The need for L4T would disappear as those who only do CoR would not be L4 accredited.
3. The old guard could be given a discretionary “L4 for life” award. Strictly limited as I can only think of about 3 people in this category.

Race Secretary and Chief of Calcs would be separate validations, as would EWO

To verify, I would just need to match claims with recent lists of Hill Teams.

### **Recognition**

If we can enact the proposals in Item 1, the system will do this for us. However, as this has been waiting for action for some time, I will circulate a list of recipients prior to the meeting.

## Appendix 3

### Alpine Committee

#### Brief Notes of Task & Finish Sub-group Meeting May 2022

##### Volunteer Recognition and Reward

Following the last Alpine Committee Meeting in April, A Task & Finish Sub-group met on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May to revisit an earlier discussion paper produced by Andrew Hjort on proposals for volunteer recognition and reward. The Sub-group was made up of Lloyd Jenkins, Andrew Hjort, David Eaves and Dave Chapman

The key points to note were as follows:

- LJ/DE confirmed that a provision had been made in the Alpine Budget for 2022 for volunteer recognition and reward.
- It was agreed that SE branded clothing would be purchased to reward regular officials L3 and above who commit their time in supporting GBR and Championship events.
  - AH provided a list of names of those who fall into this category which amounts to some 25+ volunteers
- In addition to the above awards, the subject of how to offer some inducement to new volunteers who act as officials at GBR and Championship events. The following proposals were discussed:
  - Offer 1 free race entry to parents who volunteer at x No of events ( 2 or 3 events was proposed)
  - Or offer a £10 discount , or a £10 voucher for SE online branded products for volunteering.
  - A list would need to be produced after each event
  - Credit for each event, or refund retrospectively (felt to be the preferred option)
- It was agreed that it would be preferable to get buy-in from Snowsport Wales, who regularly run weekend GBR and Championship races alongside SE events.
  - LJ discussed the proposal with Robin Kellen who agreed with the proposal but favoured offering a discount voucher for spending on HN branded clothing in the respective online 'shops'.

Lloyd Jenkins



## Appendix 4



### Alpine Committee Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 19:00 By Zoom

#### Update from TD Forum Meeting May 2022 (Lloyd Jenkins)

The TD Forum met on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May as an online meeting.  
The key points to note were as follows:

##### Wireless Timing

The subject of the use of wireless timing was raised in November 2021 following a query received from a club. It was agreed that further information would be collected from TDs at winter races with regard to the use of wireless equipment and reported at the May meeting.

The data from TD feedback was as follows:

##### Winter 2022

Data from TD reports over the Winter season is summarised below.

Hardware reported as used for system A/B:

ALGE TdC 8001

ALGE Timy PXE

ALGE Timy2 PXE

ALGE Timy3 W

ALGE Timy3 WP

ALGE Timy3 WP-F

Digitech Master 3

TAG CP520

TAG CP540

TAG CP545

TAG HL650

Wireless use was reported for 13 of 54 system A, and 10 of 28 system B.

Only three reports of timing issues; one broken cable at the Finish that had to be replaced, and a couple of instances of snow or wind causing a few lost pulses at the Finish.

## Summer 2021

The following devices were reported to be used during Summer 2021:

ALGE S4

ALGE Timy3 PXE

ALGE Timy3 W

ALGE Timy3 WP

TAG CP540

TAG CP545

TAG HL440

A couple of issues with cabling were reported, and a couple of missed pulses.

No use of wireless was reported during the season, and no requests have been received to extend the existing BACR rules to allow wireless championship level events. It was recommended that the rules remain as they are for the foreseeable future.

The meeting was advised that TAG Heuer have removed themselves from the ski timing market, so there will be no means of repairing kit that fails, and kit will not be re-homologated when its renewal date comes up.

A new company (FDS Timing) has been formed from ex-TAG engineers, that is likely to be taking over from TAG when they drop off the homologation list and will predominantly focus upon wireless equipment.

### Use of Photographic/Video Evidence

The use of photographs or video in support of a protest against another (child) competitor was raised at the November 2021 meeting following incidents at some races. It was agreed that more information should be sought, including from other sports, for further discussion in November 2022 Forum meeting.

It was noted that ICR 224.5 (in Procedural Guidelines) requires every witness to testify at any hearing, and the Jury is required to consider all relevant evidence.

### New TDs

Taryn Archbold and Kirsty Crawford were confirmed as having completed their GB assessments and exams and will have some assignments during the current artificial season.

## Rule Changes BACR/BCR

No changes were tabled at the May Forum meeting

### Next TD Forum Meeting

The November TD Forum meeting is planned to take place on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This will be a “face to face” meeting in Edinburgh. The potential venues are being investigated.