

**Alpine Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 15 January 2024 19:00**  
**By Zoom**



**Present:**

Lloyd Jenkins (LJ)  
David Eaves (DE)  
David Chapman (DC)  
Gareth Case (GC)  
David Manns (DM)

Diane Sarkar (DS)  
Andrew Hjort (AH)  
Paul Telling (PT)  
Tom Farenden (TF)  
Maggie Still (MS)

**1) Apologies**

Debbie Gunton (DG)  
Sally Bartlett (SB)

**2) Declaration of Interests**

All declarations of interests are up to date.

**3) Safeguarding**

None.

**4) Minutes from previous meeting**

Minutes from the meeting on 13 November 2023 had been agreed and published on 4 December 2023.

**5) Matters arising from previous meetings.**

**i. Update on Course Setting / Coaching Courses, and how we can influence this (PT)**

DE raised that trainees who have recently attended the UKCP L1 would benefit from the Course Setters Course as a natural progression.

LJ advised that he had discussed and tabled the proposal to the Coaching Technical Panel that the Course Setters Course be added to the existing UKCP L1 course as a mandatory section to be completed before signed off as licenced? This was well received, and this change will be implemented during the 2024 season.

PT previously raised a proposal from a TD perspective it would be beneficial for Officials' and TDs to attend Course Setting Courses.

LJ advised that courses are planned for April and during the summer 2024.

PT previously raised concerns on Course Setting standards for Snow Alpine races and proposed that setters should be signed off Licensed UKCP L2 (or foreign equivalent)? This has been well supported when discussed with other coaches and will be trialled at English Alpine Champs for BASS events. PT confirmed this would raise standards and encourage coaches to become licensed and complete the full course and the UKCP L3 could assist UKCP L2 trainees become qualified.

## 6) Finance Update - DE

DE circulated an update report following receipt of the Q3 finance update prior to the meeting.

- Q3 figures show a strong contribution from Alpine.
- There were some expenses submitted in December 2023 following some late receipt of invoices.
- The 2024 Alpine budget has been submitted and approved.
- For 2024 income will be fixed and there will be a need to find more sponsorship following the withdrawal of eola
- LJ intended Volunteer Recognition for 2023 would be sorted by the end of January 2024 and all would receive their preferred options during February 2024.

## 7) Board/Strategy Update – MS

MS advised that her main tasks are to:

- Align the committee structures with SE staff structures and objectives.
- Carry out some strategic alignment of the committees.

It is intended that the Board will meet 4 times each year and in terms of governance, will be supported by further advisory groups, covering:

- Leadership (Risk and Compliance)
- Finance
- Commercial
- Participation
  - Will cover attraction of new membership.
  - Satisfying member needs and Member benefits.
  - Clubs and facilities
  - Talent Advisory group
    - Will work with discipline committees and Coaching & Technical Panel

The 4 Advisory Groups will meet between Board meetings. Each Group will involve members of existing committees, and a Chair will be appointed of each Group. New ToRs will define how the Groups will work and 3,4 or 5 objectives will be set.

The first Talent Advisory Group meeting will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

MS sees that the existing Committees will be active participants in the proposed process and will continue under their own ToRs and Objectives.

- Will align with and Advisory Group and MS will discuss further off-line.

DE felt that communication needs to be improved.

- MS responded that a Board/Staff member will sit on the existing committees and accepted that there has been some frustration due to constraints on resources and time and that discipline committees often take the criticism of the wider organisation.
- MS noted that the Alpine Committee is a huge success in dealing with its responsibilities.
- GC will be involved in the membership Advisory Group in the future.

DC agrees that bringing some external experience can be positive for SE following the recent appointment on non-executive directors.

- MS noted that the Talent Pathway Group will involve GBS (Pat Sharples), HNs and David Hamer will give light handed leadership and direction to the Discipline Committees who will lead activity.
- The new groups will be small, and MS would like to make use of existing skills and experience and see how they can be utilised.

#### 8) **2024 Calendar Planning update – AH**

AH confirmed the Calendar has been set for 2024, but a late bid had been received for a CN from Chatham.

- ASH added that it was unlikely to affect numbers of entries to HEM/SMK that had been scheduled for the same weekend.
- LJ noted that he had endeavoured to get a response from Chatham to consider revision of their planned date.

The Indoor Welsh, Scottish and English will all be held at Chill Factore. Other Indoor Races are Ambition races and Hem/SMK CN'S. Telford and Midlands are still to be confirmed as are some of the Academies.

AH noted that Snozone had suggested that they may consider potentially submitting bids for the 2025 calendar.

#### 9) **Sponsorship - DC**

##### **i. Update on advertising board.**

Deferred until next meeting. ( and may be part of the agenda for the proposed Commercial Advisory Group)

#### 10) **Officials' and Officials' Training Update - AH**

##### **i. Updates to sport 80 for logging officials' details and accreditation (AH)**

AH reaffirmed that to progress officials' logging it requires a meeting with sport80 and SE to agree costs.

Action : AH/JG to arrange meeting to discuss logging officials' on sport80.

##### **ii. Updates to Officials' pathway on Snowsport England Website (AH)**

AH agreed the current pathway on SE Website is becoming out of date and suggested it should be removed to avoid any further confusion.

Action: AH to contact JG to progress the removal of the Officials pathway document.

#### 11) **Update from TD forum – LJ (Appendix 1)**

LJ advised that, following the introduction of the revised Slalom rules (no hiking etc) that very few issues had been noted in the first races of the winter season.

#### 12) /13) **SE Pathway and Alpine Squad Selection (TF)**

TF noted that 14 No SE athletes put forward for selection had been included in those selected by GBS for participation in FIS International children's races.

LJ confirmed the Alpine Squad Selection Policy for the 2023/24 had been published, but the addition of physical testing with base levels targets to be achieved had been deferred.

#### 14) **Dry Slope Ambassadors (DS)**

Since the last meeting LJ noted that MW had decided to step back from her involvement in the Dry Slope Ambassador programme. LJ thanked MW for her contribution and that her efforts had been much appreciated.

DS reported that selections of Ambassadors had been proposed, based upon seedpoints as previously. However, some of the lowest seeded racers had declined the offer and DS noted that she intended to offer the places to the next seeded candidates, this was supported by all present.

There is an opportunity to enhance and raise the profile of the role of the Ambassador for SE and this will be considered over the forthcoming months.

#### 15) **English Alpine Championships (DM) (Appendix 2)**

LJ had met with GC and produced a paper for discussion re Club v Academy which was agreed, and that SE should use as the basis for setting out the initial decision as to which organisation would be classed as 'Academies' and each of these would receive this and have an opportunity to justify why this should be changed.

Action: MS to progress contacting the Academies with C. Pennell and JG to confirm the outcome prior to the commencement of the EAC

DM confirmed that awards would be included for Overall U10/U12 Male and Female.

DM advised that Taryn Archbold would be TD for the Children's races and DM (or LJ) would cover where a second TD is necessary.

DM noted that Bormio Ski had appointed a new technical manager (replacing Giorgio Scurio) for 2024.

The recent maximum entry fee of 30€ for Italian entries had largely been addressed following progress made with the Bormio lift company.

DM also advised that work would progress regarding options for EAC due to the Winter Olympics taking place in Bormio in 2026. 2025 would be able to continue as normal.

Succession Planning – DM confirmed that DM and A Grant would not be on the OC for 2025 and that neither would 'run away' from the event but would not be on the OC.

#### 16) **AOB**

- MS announced that an awards Ceremony was being looked at to be held later in the year.
  - This would be a fund-raising event, supported by Chair, GBS and Chair, SE and Snowcamp on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The aim is to raise money to support new Talent.
  - MS added that there was a limited risk of financial liability until end of February 2024

- Dates for future 2024 meetings:

22 April

17 June

9 September

18 November

**The next meeting will take place by Zoom on  
Monday 22 April 2024 at 7pm**

## Actions from meeting:

REF	Who	Action	Completion date
5i	LJ	to email Coaching Panel to discuss adding Course Setters Module as a mandatory section to UKCP L1 within SE.	Completed
5i	PT	PT to contact SE to schedule courses into Calendar	Completed
5i	LJ	to discuss with DM to add setting standards into the BCR	Completed
9i	AH/JG	to arrange meeting to discuss logging officials' on sport80	22 April 2024
9ii	AH	to contact JG to progress the removal of the Officials pathway document	22 April 2024
9iii	LJ,AH, DE	to re-visit Volunteers recognition list and costings	Completed
AOB	LJ,GC	to meet and set out clear guidelines for Clubs and Academies	Completed

## Ongoing Actions log:

Who	Action	Update or completed
AH	<a href="#">updates to sport 80 for logging officials' details and accreditation</a>	<a href="#">Update 22 April 2024</a>
AH	to update Officials' pathway on Snowsport England Website	Complete (document to be removed from SE website)

