

**MINUTES OF THE
FEDERATION OF IN-LINE SPEED SKATING
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, LUTON HEMEL
ON SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2007 AT 1PM**

Present: Committee

Mr Alan Moore (Chair), Mrs Debbie Moore, Mr John E Fry,
Mrs Ruth Fry, Ms Sharon Tongue, Mr Rick Johnson,
Mr Gavin Pollock, Mr Dave Nicholls, Ms Cherie Pickup,
(minutes)

Present Members/Parents

Mr Kevin Astle, Mr Neal Broughton, Mrs Katherine Bunn,
Mr Tim Bunn, Mr Chris Cardell-Williams, Miss Adele Clements,
Mr Jeff Clements, Mrs Tessa Clements, Mrs Peggy Davis,
Mr Hugh Doggett, Mrs Marion Doggett, Mrs Judy Ellerby,
Mr Daniel Ibbotson, Mr David Langlois, Mr Chris Orgill,
Mr Andy Porter, Mrs Cassandra Porter, Mrs Caroline Smith,
Mr Martin Smith, Mr Derek Unsworth, Mr Brian Wood,
Mr Adrian Wordsworth

Apologies: Mrs Pauline Ashby, Mr Leo Eason, Mrs Pat Eason, Mr Ben Gaskin,
Ms Alex Geen, Mr Robert Halford, Mr Paul Murfin,
Ms Jill Rothwell, Mrs Gwen Wordsworth, Mr Tony Wordsworth

1. **Welcome**

The meeting was opened by Chairman Alan Moore and apologies taken. Time was then given for reading of the minutes and the Chairman's Report

2. **Minutes**

The 2006 minutes were agreed as a true record.

3. **Chairman's Report**

Judy Ellerby asked about Olympic inclusion for Inline Speed Skating. John Fry reported that 5 sports including Speed Skating had been shortlisted for consideration in 2009 for the 2016 Olympics. There would definitely be no inclusion in 2012. However, following the success of snowboarding, skateboarding and BMX bike riding might be considered as well in an IOC bid to attract younger people to the Olympics.

4. **Financial Report**

Ruth Fry reported that at close of business on the 31st March there was £10,1766.20 in the FISS bank account. The missing figure of £25.07 for the petty cash was to be amended onto the balance sheet (which had been left off in error), and the figures were agreed.

The balance left for the new committee on 21/10/07 was £8,381.40 including outstanding cheques.

5. **Race Dates 2007**

A list of race dates was prepared for the new committee to consider. Cherie Pickup noted the two requests for the 20th January, the additional meeting in Cambridge that ERRSA would like a date for in May/June, and the suggestion that the Outdoor Championships be held over 3 days on the August Bank Holiday

Indoor

Ashbourne RSC 20th January, Ashbourne, Derby (booked)

ROK YMCA provisional 20th January, Dunes Leisure Centre;
under 16's race meeting,

Belotti Wisbech March 16th Spalding Leisure Centre (booked)

Nat Indoor Champs 30th March Spalding Leisure Centre
(booked but need confirmation/deposit)

Outdoor

LSST- April 13th Tatem Park

SWF April 27th Tatem Park

ERRSA - Cambridge - 6 tennis courts - flat track -
seeking a date in May or June

Birmingham Wheels RSC 4th May Wheels Park

SWF May 25th South Woodham Ferrers

Birmingham Wheels RSC 1st June Wheels Park

North London 22nd June Tatem Park

SWF August 24th (if calendar is empty and dates don't clash)

Brian Wood asked that at race meetings could the new committee consider asking the Clubs to prepare 1 set of programmes for the

Officials only, where information was printed on one side of each page only. He also asked if space could be left underneath each race to allow for entries on the day.

Peggy Davis asked if there were any restrictions on skaters skating overseas when domestic events were being run as she was concerned as to how this might affect domestic racing. It was clarified that since the International Permit was now included in the membership fee there was no such restriction, and it was agreed that if sections of the Rulebook were removed in any one year that this be noted in that Rulebook

6. Annual Awards

Alan Moore presented certificates to all members who broke British Records in 2007 (or their representatives), with 22 records being broken overall on track and road.

He then announced that the nominees for Speedskater of the Year as voted for by the FISS membership were James Ashby, Chloe Astle, Lydia Bunn, Alex Geen, Pammie Murray Hopkin, Daniel Ibbotson, Daniel Smith and Matt Cardell Williams. The winner for 2007 was Alex Geen, and the trophy accepted by John Fry on her behalf.

Alan Moore then announced the Eason Awards as chosen by Pat and Leo Eason.

The M&T Eason Award for "a male or female skater between the ages of 6 years and 12 years who shows the most promise from the performances in this years British Championships" was awarded to Alex Bradley, and presented to Cherie Pickup on his behalf by Mr Hugh Doggett.

The Pat and Leo Eason Trophy for "the male or female skater who has shown the most outstanding effort from the performances in this years British Championships" was awarded to Harry Hoare. Alan Moore accepted the trophy on his behalf from Hugh Doggett.

Finally the two awards awarded by the FISS committee were announced.

The Coggins Memorial Trophy for "the most improved female skater of the year" was awarded to Hannah Bye.

The George Lord Memorial trophy for "the most successful male skater in both national and club competitions throughout the previous season" was awarded to Harry Hoare.

7. Election

Alan Moore reported that the following candidates would represent FISS as the FISS committee for 2007-2010.

Rick Johnson, David Nicholls, Kevin Astle, Kate Bunn, Tim Bunn, Chris Cardell-Williams, Tessa Clements, Daniel Ibbotson, Paul Murfin, Chris Orgill, Andy Porter, Cass Porter, Martin Smith

3 candidates had withdrawn their nominations, leaving less than 15 candidates and thereby meaning automatic selection for all remaining candidates to the FISS committee.

8. Proposals to the Committee to change FISS Sporting Rules

Cherie Pickup read out the correspondence that she had received for the first two suggestions.

1. Received by John C Fry and seconded by C Pickup/January 2007

A/Art 9/General note

For all competitions (usually age group), **with the exception of mini, midi, half or full marathon distances**, where there is only one athlete, a series of time standards shall be set to determine if the athlete shall receive an award and what that award should be – ie gold, silver, bronze or no award at all. These time standards shall take into account the technicalities of the track or road and shall be determined by an appointed assessor. The assessor shall be appointed by the Referee on the day of competition.

The suggested change is highlighted. The suggestion is that for a marathon completing the distance is sufficient challenge without imposing time restrictions for medals

2. J Ellerby 23/2/2007

J.Ellerby had enquired about Article 7(i)

- a) When will the FISS secretary return the entry forms to the Club Secretary so that he/she may pass them to the referee?
Will this be on the day of the race?

and

- b) Article 14(3) - Could you please confirm whether the Club or FISS will be doing the programme for races now?

Cherie asked that the Rules be clarified so that they reflected whatever the intended practise would be.

3. Jill Rothwell received 25/09/07

- a) That the strategy method of calculation for determining the overall British Champion each year is published either prior to the Champs or at the start of the year, so skaters are clear what they have to do.

Debbie Moore said that there had been a change in the rules regarding this that was actually unworkable. In order to follow the rule it would be necessary to have every single placing for every single event which was not practicable. The rule needed to be amended to take this into consideration..

- b) That some action can be taken by FISS should a club/team/official boo at another if it is unmanaged or encouraged by coaches/officials from that club.

It was believed that this query was primarily in response to the booing that had occurred recently towards the bigger/older skaters during Inter Category Knockout races. It was generally thought that this was good natured, and not to be taken seriously.

Cherie said that Neal Broughton had pointed out to her that this had originated when some of the older skaters had shown off when beating younger skaters. It was agreed however that in other races this would not be acceptable behaviour.

Rick Johnson read out some rule changes that he would like those assembled to discuss.

4. Rick Johnson, received 10/10/07

- a) part A Article 20 - Skates

Skates with two pairs of wheels fastened parallel to each other or skates having a maximum of six wheels fastened in line are permitted. The skate must not exceed 50cm in length and the wheels must not exceed **110mm** diameter. Skates must be firmly attached to the shoes and axles are not to protrude from the wheels **or frames**. Brakes are forbidden. Clap skates are allowed without propulsive gear.

Cherie said that she had no problem with accepting the 110mm wheels but would hate to see small children tottering around in them. John Fry said that it was not possible to regulate for that.

- b) Additionally we have never enforced the "brakes are forbidden" rule.

Rick suggested that we legislate to remove it or amend it for novice skaters who are the ones who wear them or add that they be permitted at the discretion of the referee.

John Fry stated that the International Rules stated that we cannot have brakes.

Spelling mistake and a suggestion in

c) Part C Article 4 - Race permits for open competitions
(see also Art 12)

All applications must be made in writing to the FISS Secretary with a corresponding fee of £40.00. Where the number of individual entrants exceeds 50 a further £1.00 per entrant shall be charged.

We have had over 50 for a lot of races this past season. Unless it is a condition of the insurance the additional, and to my knowledge, uncharged additional fee should be scrapped or enforced. The method of invoicing in advance is not suited to enforcement and should be invoiced in arrears of the event or it should be noted on the invoice that if there are more than 50 registrations that an additional invoice will be submitted within a 14 day time frame. Not applicable if the extra registrations on the day makes the total exceed 50 as the extra part of double on the day goes to FISS which more than covers this cost.

It was not generally thought that there were this many pre registered skaters at races this year, but that many were on the day entrants.

9. Any Other Business

Friends of Tatem

Adrian Wordsworth said that he would like to report on developments regarding Tatem Park. Sport England had rejected the Friends of Tatem bid for funds to resurface and redevelop the Tatem Park skating track. They were still very keen to develop the area as the area has very low fitness levels in the local population.

FOT were still keen to be involved so as the interests of skating are maintained, and the proposals that they had put forward were already multiuse. The proposal would now go forward with Sport England liaising directly with Enfield Council.

A steering group had been set up with 3 members of FOT (Adrian, Chris Cardell Williams and Judy Ellerby) and Enfield Council. It was now back in the hands of the council to set up a meeting with Sport England, so at present things were no further forward.

Dave Nicholls suggested that if they had regular coaching there that might help, especially if they were providing skating in schools - the "playground to podium" pathway.

Adrian said that none of the reasons that the proposal had been rejected were to do with the actual proposal itself, and were management issues including the fact that FOT did not own the lease on the land, which was why this had had to go back to Enfield Council.

Dave Nicholls asked if they knew who the Sports Development officer was in the area as they might be able to help them.

Coaching courses

Level 2 Coaching Courses were about to be run in both the NorthWest of England and the London area. Alan said that he was disappointed in the take up of the South Woodham Ferrers Course as this course was cheaper than the course that he had run a few years ago.

Dave Nicholls agreed and said that it was unlikely to ever be at this price again, and that there were very few courses run in this area.

It was also necessary to obtain BRSF level 2 generic coaching qualification before progressing onto the FISS sport specific level 3. At the last AGM it was explained that Level 2 qualified coached would have to learn the level 3 manual before being assessed as a Level 3 Coach. The new committee would need to liaise with assessors and tutors. The old BFRS sport specific level 2 was the equivalent of FISS level 3, and this had been renamed level 3 in order to create the lower level accredited coaching programme required by Sport England.

"Grandfathering" is only for other disciplines which do not have level 3 in place already. Chris Stafford had been asked by the outgoing committee some months previously to prepare a level 3 Course and was currently doing so.

Brian Wood

said that he would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work. John Fry added that he would like to thank Alan Moore in particular who had taken the Chair under duress. Alan said that he had been on the committee for 10 years now and would like to thank everyone who had served on the committee for that time for all their hard work, and in particular for the last 3 years since he had been Chairman.

The meeting closed at 2.35pm

10. The venue and date/time of the next AGM to be set by the incoming committee

Signed Date.....

Chairman