

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
The Federation of Inline Speed Skating**

2016

PRESENT: John Fry Jr, Richard Garwell, Gareth O'Reilly, Paul Gilbert, Vinny Aitken Sharon Tongue, Alan Moore, Debbie Moore, Chanelle Moore, Omar Farooq, Alex Wymer, Harry Hoare, Trudy Mahr, Marie Ball, Peggy Davis.

Meeting Start: 1.10 pm

1. Apologies:

John Fry
Ruth Fry
Adrian Taylor
Adrian Wordsworth
Brian Wood
Jon Morrison
Gwen Marriott

2. Chairman's Welcome

Acting chair, Alan Moore welcome those present.

3. Appointment of scrutineers

John Fry Jr and Alex Wymer were appointed as scrutineers.

4. Approval of previous AGM minutes

The minutes were reviewed by attendees. Approved by all.

5. Chairman's Report

The chairman's report was read by Alan Moore

6. Approval of Financial Report

The finance report was reviewed by those present and no questions were put to the board. Approved by Gareth O'Reilly and John Fry Jr.

7. Proposals to FISS to change Sport Regulations

- a. No Veteran only relay Championships. Revert back to Junior/Senior/Veterans teams
- b. Alignment of rules with CERS and FIRS

Sharon explained that a lot of effort and thought was required to achieve alignment of rules. FISS committee are actively pursuing this.

JF Jr questioned whether the rules were available on the website – confirmed.

JF Jr suggested that skaters who are lapped need to be removed.

AM said that rule changes would be debated at the next committee meeting.

JF proposed, DM seconded.

AW added that in the 10K two years ago, with 16+ skaters, some were lapped.

DM proposed that the referee should have discretion, and that maybe the rule is applied only in joint races.

Paul Gilbert requested clarification that the race stops after first place is decided – concerned that 2nd and 3rd places might change. It was confirmed that the race does not stop until 2nd and 3rd places have crossed the line.

AM told those present that a rule change for a 28-day limit for record ratification would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

JF asked when the 12 months' time period for a claim actually starts.

DM 12 months is too long.

JF suggested there is an alternative: Indefinite period as long as a record hasn't been awarded in the meantime.

MB stated that she has experienced conflict with timing before.

AW stated that he has had records ratified later before.

HH questioned whether Seniors can break Vets records. JF confirmed that they could not.

DM pointed out that skaters can move age cats at Champs.

JF mentioned that we have Cat races where records can be set.

8. Announcement of FISS Awards

ST listed the awardees that had been selected.

9. Clubmark

RG described current progress and urged clubs to try to obtain the award.

10. Details of major international competitions and domestic events for 2017

Indoor Champs – 12th March at Maddison Heights

Outdoor Champs – July at either Tatem or Cyclopark.

ST questioned if there were any dates for indoor events yet – None.

ST requested dates from clubs a.s.a.p.

11. Any other business

ST – membership forms not being completed properly – please pass on to clubs.

DM suggested that club secs send the detail of the form's contents.

AM asked Omar to send request to officials to read the rules.

Omar suggested a refresher course.

Alex Wymer requested clarification on the step-in-box rule. There appeared to be varying interpretations.

AM stated that this will be resolved at the next committee meeting. A picture will be included in the rules.

HH suggested the use of a camera to ensure adherence to the rule.

ST highlighted that there is a rule about DQ that relates to this – skaters can ask for evidence in EU rules. No reason why we should not do this.

HH has some GB squad selection questions. These will be put to MS in detail.

Vinny Aitken questioned frequency of cadet selection events. ST – difficult if we don't have the resource, assured that progress will be made.

HH questioned why we don't do more for the younger skaters. ST agreed that younger skaters need development too but again, no resource.

AW asked if we could sacrifice a FISS event for a development weekend.

DM suggested that MS needs some help in this regard. AM suggested that the new coaches could perhaps help.

JF – we are small but have to expect this situation until we can grow.

HH has offered to support but has not had a response. Will Dobson should be asked, as should other skating coaches.

MS has stepped down from BRSF to focus on coaching.

AW suggested:

- a. A closed forum on website for coaching.
- b. Liaising with parallel sport?

JF – used to do this in Nottingham with cycling – good idea.

AM – we have 17 new coaches – they should come together at a seminar. ST liked this idea.

Mike McInerney is happy to take development training sessions.

110mm wheel issue i.e., we should allow cadets on to 110s. ST – we have to change cats first.

JF - if trophies is the only issue, why can we not do it from 1st Jan?

HH suggested it was OK to have different wheel sizes in the same Cat.

CM – this will reduce the number of skaters in each Cat.

AM – we will resolve this at the next committee meeting.

ST – it is an on-going agenda item.

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