



12 April 2021

Dear Members,

At last year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) we reflected on a season that had been disrupted by Covid-19 but which had nevertheless delivered excellent results. The same is true of the season just ending. Our athletes, coaches and support and HQ staff have been managing one of the most challenging winters ever with travel restrictions, closures of slopes and cancellation of events in an Olympic and Paralympic qualification year. FIS and WPSS are to be commended for their unstinting efforts which have delivered more events than possibly imagined 6 months ago, but that of course has added to the challenges faced by our teams and staff.

The whole of GBS rose to those many challenges, adapted swiftly and the result was that our Olympic and Paralympic athletes delivered one of our most successful Winters. Our senior athletes performed consistently well, with the season highlight being the Snowboard Cross World Championships at which Charlotte Bankes was crowned World Champion. Neil Simpson won three World Cup golds in Para Alpine and James Barnes-Miller won one in Para Snowboard Cross. The younger generation of athletes are pushing their colleagues hard with many Europa Cup podiums and Mia Brookes, our 13-year-old Freestyle snowboarder, won gold in her first Big Air Europa Cup. In Alpine, Billy Major was crowned the overall Europa Cup Slalom champion. Further evidence of the good form of our athletes was reflected in the record number invited to the X Games in Aspen where they competed in Slopestyle, Big Air and Halfpipe. Kirsty Muir and Katie Summerhayes both ended the season in the World's top 5 rankings for Slopestyle. So, despite the difficulties caused to training and competitive racing our athletes have given us a season to be proud of and also demonstrated that we are building strength in depth in our squads. And, almost the final event of the season allowed James Barnes-Miller to take the Crystal Globe in Para Snowboard SBX. At the end of this letter you will find a schedule setting out the highlights of the season across all our disciplines.

Our Performance Director, Dan Hunt, left us at the end of November 2020. The athletes' results over the season reflect not only on their own progress but also the strength of the coaching system that he established, and that Pat Sharples has developed further over the last few months. It is right to say that without Dan Hunt and Vicky Gosling's tireless efforts we would not have persuaded UK Sport to invest in GB Snowsport to the extent they now do.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Vicky Gosling and her team for their enormous contributions over the last few months and to thank all our athletes, coaches and support teams and staff for their continued dedication and hard work in the face of the difficult circumstances caused by Covid-19.

I would also like to welcome to the Board Dr. Christian Ewald who joined in October 2020 and Louise Wright who joined a month later. Christian chairs the Nordic Committee and is one of the three directors on the Board representing the discipline committees. Louise is the chair of Snowsport England and is their nominee to our Board.

Our Annual General Meeting has previously been held in September but, by virtue of changing the financial year end from April to September, will now be held in Spring.

This year, because of the continued restrictions on social gatherings, it will again not be possible to accommodate members in New Cavendish Street but you will be able to attend online, including being able to vote, ask questions, and participate fully. The Board appreciates that this may not be an ideal AGM format but hopes that you will understand given the restrictions that current circumstances have imposed. Hopefully we will be able to meet together in New Cavendish Street in 2022. To ensure that only members gain access to the meeting we would ask that those of you who wish to attend online should let us know by email at cosec@gbsnowsport.com and we will send you the login details a few days before the meeting.

If anyone wishes to submit questions in advance of the AGM then they can do this by emailing cosec@gbsnowsport.com and we will do our best to see that they are answered at the meeting. Of course, live questions during the meeting will also be permitted.

There are four resolutions to be voted on at the meeting.

1. Report and Accounts

The audited Report and Accounts for the seventeen months to 30 September 2020 are for adoption. The decision was made last year to align the Company's financial year with the funding and funding decisions that we receive from UK Sport. You will see that the Company has made a small loss. This largely reflects the increased activity towards helping our elite athletes. The Report and Accounts are available on our website.

2. Re-election of auditors

The Audit and Risk Committee has recommended the reappointment of Moore Kingston Smith, who have indicated their willingness to continue in that role.

3. Board membership

Board membership is conventionally for a four-year term of office which can be extended for a second term.

Anna Lees Jones joined the Board on 30 June 2017 as an Independent Non-Executive Director. She chairs the Nominations Committee and was appointed the Senior Independent Director in December 2019. Anna has indicated her willingness to serve a further four years as a director.

Richard Leman also joined the Board on 30 June 2017 as an Independent Non-Executive Director; he chairs the Remuneration Committee. Richard has indicated his willingness to serve a further four years as a director.

We all look forward to the coming months, and hope for success at the Olympics and Paralympics. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Rory Tapner
Chairman

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2020/21 SEASON: OLYMPIC AND PARA

World Championship: Medals	
Gold	
Charlotte Bankes	Snowboard Cross
Bronze	
Zoe Atkin	Ski Halfpipe
World Championship: Top 8s	
4 th Ollie Davies	Ski Cross
4 th James Woodsy Woods	Ski Slopestyle
6 th Kirsty Muir	Ski Slopestyle
6 th Thomas Gerken Schofield	Moguls
7 th (twice) Andrew Musgrave	Cross Country
X Games	
Silver: Izzy Atkin	Ski Slopestyle
4 th Zoe Atkin	Ski Halfpipe
World Cup Podiums	
Gold	
Charlotte Bankes (2)	Snowboard Cross
James Barnes-Miller	Para Snowboard Cross
Neil Simpson (3)	Para Alpine
Silver	
Zoe Atkin	Ski Halfpipe
Kirsty Muir	Ski Slopestyle
Jaz Taylor	Telemark
Andrew Young	Cross Country
James Barnes-Miller (3)	Para Snowboard Cross
Ollie Hill	Para Snowboard
Neil Simpson	Para Alpine
Bronze	
Charlotte Bankes	Snowboard Cross
Dave Ryding	Alpine
Andrew Young	Cross Country
Millie Knight	Para Alpine

Europa Cup Podiums	
Gold	
Gabe Adams	Snowboard Big Air
Mia Brookes (2)	1x Snowboard Slopestyle; 1 x Big Air
Charlie Guest	Alpine
Billy Major (2)	Alpine
Laurie Taylor	Alpine
Silver	
Mia Brookes (2)	2 x Snowboard Slopestyle
Billy Major	Alpine
Laurie Taylor	Alpine
Neil Simpson	Para Alpine
Bronze	
Lloyd Wallace	Freestyle Aerials
2 Junior World Championship Top 6s	

Charlotte Bankes: World Snowboard Cross Champion 2021

James Barnes-Miller: Crystal Globe Winner 2021

Billy Major: Overall Europa Cup Slalom Champion

Ollie Hill: 2nd Overall World Cup Tour 2021

Kirsty Muir: 2nd Overall World Cup tour 2021