



**MINUTES OF SKI RACING NEW ZEALAND INC BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT: THE RUSSELY HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH  
ON MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2006 10.00 AM**

**1. PRESENT**

Roger Miller (Chairman)  
Marty Johanson

Sue Bridgwater CEO  
Scott Zahn Alpine Director

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nick Tapper  
Tony Oxnevad – not able to travel due to weather  
Roger Miller – lateness – flight delayed

(The meeting commenced at 10.45am)

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Board Meeting: 13.06.06  
10.09.06

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Johanson**

That the minutes of the Board meetings of 13 June and 10 September 2006 are true and accurate.

**Carried**

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

TO advised via telephone that he wishes to be kept advised on progress with the HPC.

The Alpine Director advised that the HPC should comprise 2 x regional programme coaches, the Alpine Director, at least 1 x WPP representative, 1 x Academy of Sport representative.

The balance of the personnel involved must ensure that the big picture is looked at.

The Selection Panel may differ depending on the type of selection being undertaken, ie National Teams; age group teams; specific events etc.

The Alpine Director advised he needs to be able to drive the selection process in the direction in which it will work best for the athletes concerned.

In order to effect this change a further Constitutional change will be required. These proposals will be put on the website prior to an SGM being called.

The Chairman and MJ are both comfortable with the proposed changes to the Constitution tabled by the Alpine Director and CEO.

**5. CEO REPORT**

The winter season following the June Board meeting was extremely busy, due to the administration being a member of staff short.

This said the competitive season in the main went extremely well, New Zealand also hosting the Australian ANC technical events due to poor snow conditions in Australia.

Running the National Team Programme, in the absence of an Alpine Director, was testing, however with the assistance of the coaches the programme operated successfully.

Thanks go to Ginny Bush and Pete Sanford for all their work with the teams.

I have spent much of the past 6-8 months playing 'catch up', I hope now that the Alpine Director is here things will settle down and I will be able to devote more time to fundraising and profiling.

- Scott Zahn was appointed as Alpine Director in mid June and hoped, perhaps somewhat optimistically, to arrive by early August in time for the competitive season. Scott actually arrived on August 31<sup>st</sup> and had only a couple of days in the office before we both headed to Mt Hutt for the Volkswagen National Championships. Since his arrival he has worked extremely hard to get up to speed with the current state of the sport in New Zealand, talking with anyone and everyone involved in the sport to gain a broad perspective. He has worked tirelessly both in and off the hill.
- The Talent Development Programme continued following initial fitness assessments in late April. Jon Turnbull and Ginny Bush held dryland camps on both the North and South Islands, these were attended by all current Talent Development athletes bar one. The feedback from the camps was excellent. The athletes trained with their respective regional programmes throughout the NZ season. The end of season on snow camp scheduled for Mt Hutt went ahead (the Alpine Director will report on this).
- Athlete Registrations, as advised at the AGM posed problems for one of the member organisations in particular. Wanaka Ski Club as a member of SRNZ, is charged with registering athletes that train at either Cardrona or Treble Cone, but there is no official link between the parties and the communication lines are not well defined, this caused the club considerable problems. Other member organisations worked with the system successfully. This was only the second year of the new registration structure; the biggest problem appears to be that the instructions sent out are not read and followed, they are not complicated.
- The competitive season was very successful, all FIS level events being held as scheduled with the exception of the ANC Finals at Ruapehu, sadly both GS starts were lost due partly to weather but also poor event management from RAL staff. The Volkswagen National Championships was held at Mt Hutt, this year saw a National title being competed for in a speed event for the first time in 23 years. Following the National Championships New Zealand hosted the first ever Super-Combi event at Continental Cup level, this event was also highly successful. National Points events, to include the K Cup were held throughout the season, the only event totally lost being the North Island Championships, due to soft snow conditions. Entry level events were held regionally, with the most success in the Southern Lakes area.

I believe it is of prime importance for SRNZ to be seen to be taking a keen interest in events that are being held. It is with regret that I did not manage to make it to the North Island this season. I did attend as many events as possible: Entry League FIS at Treble Cone, Mapei Childrens event at Mt Hutt, K Cup at Mt Hutt, Southern Cup and rescheduled ANC at Coronet Peak, South Island Schools Mt Hutt, Volkswagen Nationals and ANC speed/super-combi Mt Hutt, South Island Championships Mt Hutt.

- Along with the Chairman I have been involved with the CEO appointment process for SSNZ, regrettably we have yet to find a suitable candidate for the position. It is fair to say that this is stalling the progress that SSNZ needs to make in order to become an effective organisation, both in the eyes of its membership and external entities. SSNZ and a number of its member organisation administrations will be moving to the Snowsports Centre at Wanaka. Mark Elliott, WPP Director, has been instrumental in driving this initiative.
- Following the close of the season a great deal of time has been spent planning with the Alpine Director and organising the Northern Hemisphere season for the National Team athletes, the Alpine Director will expand on the National Team programme.

Through contact with Rob Greig I have also been progressing negotiations with Impact Consulting, a Dunedin based operation that specialises in capital raising and marketing planning, with a view to securing further sponsorship.

- It has been a pleasure working with the new Alpine Director over the past 2 months, I feel much more confident that together we will be able to guarantee the successful future of SRNZ, this of course hinges on securing the adequate funding for our plans.

Sue Bridgwater  
Chief Executive

## 6. ALPINE DIRECTOR REPORT

Having arrived in New Zealand in late August I can only give my impressions of the 2006 season from my abbreviated experiences. I have bullet pointed my activities over the last two months as well as some general comments and conclusions for you to consider.

- FIS Events Attended
  - FIS Technical Series – Treble Cone
    - I was generally very impressed with the quality of this event. Although the SL event was held on a slope that quite difficult for the level of competitors the GS slope was ideal. As a result of great snow conditions and proper slope selection the GS race was a great success.
  - Volkswagen Nationals – Mt Hutt
    - In regards to the athletes and what went on between the fences this event was very well organized and run. The Mt Hutt race crew did an outstanding job hosting the event with the exception of the slope preparation for the SL event. For an event of this importance and calibre it would have been expected that the SL course would have prepared earlier in the season in preparation for the event. Even though the races were a success in terms of what was delivered for the athletes it was a bit of a disappointment in terms of whether or not it was an event. SRNZ in coordination with the hosting organization needs to take a more proactive role in regards to promoting the event as well as the pleasing the sponsors.
  - ANC Speed – Mt Hutt
    - This event was run immediately following the Volkswagen Nationals. As such my observations of the event are similar to those for the Nationals. While the event was very well run and organized from the race point of view it was a disappointment from the event perspective.
- Kinder Events Attended
  - K Cup Finals
    - Due to the warm weather leading into this event it was questionable as to whether or not it would be able to be held. Although the snow conditions were less than ideal all the races were run. Once again from a race perspective it was very successful but it was a huge disappointment from an event perspective. The races were finished each day before 11:00 am and yet there were no provisions for activities or events for athletes.
- Entry Level Events Attended
  - Canterbury Championships
    - This event was open to both Kinder and Entry level athletes. The event was very well organized and run but it was generally attended by athletes from 2 programs (Mt Hutt, Porter Heights) While this event may be of some important to the local programs it does not necessarily fit into the soon to be proposed Alpine Development Model under it's current format.
- Other Events Attended
  - SRNZ Talent ID Camp – Mt Hutt
    - See Attached Report
  - SAANZ Conference – Auckland

- It was good to have the opportunity to meet with all the ski area operators in a casual setting. It was also productive for them to see that SRNZ is being proactive in the sport. It was very disappointing that I didn't have the opportunity to make a complete presentation to the group. I felt that this was the ideal opportunity to gain national support and understanding for some of the programs that I hope to put in place.
- Other Notables
  - National Team interaction
    - I have had various opportunities to interact with both the National Team athletes and coaches. I have had several meetings with individual athletes and/or their families regarding their needs and expectations. There have also been several planning meetings with the National Team staff.
  - Regional Team/Ski Area interaction
    - I have had several meetings with the Treble Cone, Coronet, Cardrona, Team Hutt, and Ruapehu coaches and/or management. The result of these meetings is a much better mutual understanding of the needs and expectations of the organizations involved.
  - WPP Interaction
    - A great deal of time and effort went into the development and presentation of the SRNZ long term High Performance plan/proposal. The proposal was presented to an independent panel in Christchurch at the beginning of October. The SRNZ plan was incorporated with the other snow and ice codes and presented to SPARC by Mark Elliott, the funding requested totalling \$1.2m. We await their decision.
    - I have also had a great deal of interaction with Jon Turnbull in regards to the present athlete development and future program planning. The WPP under the direction of Mark Elliot has proved to be an invaluable addition to the National Team programs.
  - Snowvision Interaction
    - I have had several meetings with Fiona Stevens regarding how the two organizations can work together. It is hoped that SRNZ will agree to one time agreement with Snowvision regarding the planned Talent ID NH camp.

Scott Zahn  
Alpine Director

The Alpine Director spoke to his Report: he has a concern that the events held are not actual events, with little or no hype or showcasing; the races themselves are adequate but there is more effort required on the part of the ROCs – this is an educational process that must be led by SRNZ. The Alpine Director believes that changes are needed to the structure of the ROCs in order to make events more successful. He noted that the SAANZ should be one of our greatest allies, and the relationship should be fostered. The Alpine Director will be undertaking one on one meetings with all the ski areas involved in racing with a view to gaining their support. He stated it was an unfortunate lost opportunity, due to lack of time that he was not able to address the SAANZ Conference as had been scheduled. There is currently no structured approach at Entry Level, this needs the guidance of SRNZ, and we must also be looking to work with the Primary Schools.

### SRNZ Talent ID Camp Report

**Camp Location:**

Mt Hutt

**Camp Dates:**

October 2-6, 2006

**Athletes in Attendance:**

YOB	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	GENDER	PROGRAM
<b>TALENT ID ATHLETES</b>				
91	LOE	Marilyn	F	WHAK

91	MILLER BROWN	Harriet	F	QAST
91	NEWBOLD	Charlotte	F	QAST
91	RAPLEY	Taylor	F	QAST
91	TATE	Courtney	F	WAN
92	McGLINN	Alexandra	F	HUTT
92	SMITH	Taylor	F	WAN
90	STEENS	Benjamin	M	WAN
91	EVES	Kurt	M	TURO
91	GRIMMER	Rhys	M	QAST
91	LEE	Sam	M	TCRA
91	PREBBLE	Jamie	M	HUTT
91	RIDLEY	Ben	M	TCRA
91	WEENINK	Sam	M	WAN
93	JAMIESON	Benjamin	M	TURO
93	NEESON	Findlay	M	TURO
93	PREBBLE	Nick	M	HUTT

**NOMINATED ATHLETES**

90	DALLISON	Libby	F	HUTT
93	JAMIESON	Sophia	F	TURO
93	ARDNT	Heidi	F	WHAK
91	CAMPBELL	Dominic	M	WHAK
91	LIMMER	Ryan	M	TCRA
91	RYAN	Shaun	M	HUTT
92	BARWOOD	Adam	M	WAN
92	FEASEY	Willis	M	WAN
92	CLAYTON - BAKER	Kit	M	HUTT
93	STURGESS	James	M	TURO
93	STEVENS	Richard	M	HUTT
94	COOTE	Wilbur	M	WAN

**Coaching Staff:**

Scott Zahn – SRNZ  
 Angus Rose - QAST  
 John Armstrong – RAL  
 Cam Stevens – RAL  
 Stephanie O'Brien – Team Hutt  
 Victor Dockal – Team Hutt

**Camp Goals:**

To provide additional training opportunities for regional program athletes that they may not be exposed to within their home programs.

To bring the top athletes within this age group into a centralized training environment.

To evaluate the attending athletes in terms of their individual strengths and weaknesses as well as the strengths and weaknesses of the group as a whole

**Travel:**

All travel to the camp was the responsibility of the individual athletes. Several regional program and SRNZ team vehicles and were used to transport camp participants to and from Mt Hutt as well as to dryland activities. No incidents/accidents occurred and the vehicles operated without any mechanical issues. There was more than adequate space for all the athletes and their equipment.

**Accommodation:**

With the exception of a few local athletes and staff all camp participants stayed in the Forest Lodge. The housing arrangements were adequate for the number of people attending the camp. A tuning/equipment storage area was made available by Forest Lodge. All athletes and coaches had a bed of their own. The accommodations were adequate for our needs but the environment is not necessarily set up for such a large group of young athletes.

**Meals:**

Breakfast and dinner were provided at Forest Lodge each day of the camp. Sack lunches were provided thru the local grocery store/deli. The sack lunches were extremely large and a great deal of food went to waste. I requested that the lunches be made smaller the last 2 days of the camp. I would have liked to have seen more sources of protein available for breakfast and additional fresh fruit and/or vegetables available for dinner. In general however, all the meals were adequate. I didn't hear any complaints from the athletes in regards to the meals.

**On Snow Training:**

The on snow training was quite productive even though the weather didn't cooperate the first two days of the camp. I had hoped to be able to offer 4 days of SG training but unfortunately the weather didn't allow this to happen.

The first day of the camp we had to contend with high winds, soft snow and a constant drizzle throughout the day. Despite this we were able to accomplish some fundamental SL skill work. The athletes were and should be commended for keeping a good attitude and sticking it out even though they were soaking wet. Due to high winds and limited visibility Mt Hutt was closed the second day of the camp. The weather improved for the third day of the camp and we were able to train both SG and SL. This was quite a good day particularly in regards to the SL training. Athletes showed that they were quite adaptable and open to making changes in their skiing. We couldn't have asked for a better day on snow than the final (4<sup>th</sup>) day of the camp. The snow was relatively hard and perfectly groomed under cloudless skies. Athletes were able to ski 4 full length SG training runs with terrain (jumps) before switching back to SL for the final session. This was a very productive day as many of the athletes had never been exposed to a jump in a speed course. Likewise for many of the athletes this was their first real exposure to speed training/racing. It was quite impressive to see them make improvements and become more comfortable from run to run. Additionally the following SL session was also quite productive. Unfortunately some of the south island athletes were unable to attend the final SL session as the QAST van needed to return to Queenstown.

Providing a lot of individual feedback to the athletes was never a focus for the camp. With such a large number of athletes this wouldn't have been possible without splitting them into smaller groups which I wanted to avoid. I wanted to promote the idea of everyone working together (coaches and athletes) towards common goals. Essentially I endeavoured to set the focus for the day and with the other coaches support we created an environment (through course sets and drills) that the athletes had very little choice not to adapt and make changes. This would not have been possible without the cooperation and support of the regional program coaches who I found to be very professional and knowledgeable.

**Off Snow Training:**

Some type of off snow and/or dryland training was held every day. Sessions were organized around the on snow training and weather to minimize athlete fatigue and maximize effect. Daily debriefs and technical sessions were held in the evenings following dinner. Video sessions focused on general concepts rather than individual analysis. As the primary focus for the camp was speed skills video and tech sessions were focused on this area. All of the athletes were shuttled into Christchurch the second day of the camp for a gymnastics session with 2 international calibre gymnastic coaches. Once again this was organized to provide exposure to different types of training than some of the athletes would have access to in the regional programs. Prior to the gymnastic session many of the athletes took part in a physics lab (go karting). Due to the young age and lack of experience of most of the athletes no additional gym (strength/power) sessions were scheduled.

Additional off snow sessions included speed ski preparation/tuning and rest/recovery – importance and methods.

**Athlete Behaviour/Attitude:**

It was explained to the athletes on their arrival to the camp that they would be held to a certain level of conduct. They were given a great deal of latitude in regards to scheduling their time. It was explained that their attendance at the camp was a privilege and not a right. They would therefore be removed from the camp should their behaviour warrant it. For the most part there weren't any major issues during the camp. Adolescent boys will be boys and they tend to push the limits at times. Given the large number of athletes and the corresponding different levels of commitment I was generally happy with the athlete behaviour and attitude.

**Athlete Injury:**

I am unaware of any injuries that occurred at the camp. I witnessed several hard falls but the athletes continued training.

**Camp Financial:**

I am happy to report that the camp expenses were right on budget. The savings achieved by not skiing one day was offset by the cost of the physics lab. Due to the generosity of Mt Hutt and the cooperation of the regional programs the cost of the camp was kept to a minimum.

**General Comments:**

Based on the initial goals of the camp I would evaluate the camp as a success. It would have been nice to have had the two additional days of SG training and a bit more terrain to work with but I still feel we accomplished what was intended. The K2 athletes in particular made significant technical changes over the course of the camp. All of the athletes appeared to come away with a clearer understanding of what is important in relation to fundamental speed and SL technique as well as what they need to work on as individuals.

I feel that the off snow sessions in particular were quite productive because it exposed the athletes to information/situations that was new to them. It was very apparent that some of the skills/drills that were being introduced on the snow had a limited effect due to strength and power deficiencies of some of the athletes as well as their technical/tactical shortcomings.

In bringing this group of athletes together it was quite apparent that there is a huge difference between the athletes in regards to general athletic training experience/age as well as their understanding of skiing technique/tactics. There are quite a few discrepancies regarding what is being presented technically/tactically from one regional program to another. I find this lack of consistency quite concerning. More concerning however is the fact that most of these athletes are currently not educated in regards to all the other aspects that go into being an internationally competitive athlete. The athletes appear to be eager to learn yet they are currently not being given the tools/experiences to succeed on an international level. Athletes (K2 age and above) need to be managed 12 months out of the year. That isn't to say that they should live eat and breathe skiing 12 months out of the year but they need to either actively take part in other sports that will compliment their skiing or they need to be take part in a full-time dryland program. Ideally an athletes should be able managed so that they can do both at the same time. By the time athletes reach the FIS level they should have a good understanding of what it takes if they are going to have a chance at international success. I am speaking not only in terms of physical training but also mental skills training, equipment, nutrition etc. I found that the majority of athletes at this camp were seriously behind their peers in these areas. I believe that in many instances for these athletes their on snow performance is directly related to their lack of knowledge/experience/skills in other areas.

I explained to the athletes at the camp that they are at somewhat of a disadvantage to the rest of the skiing world in that their season usually consists of 60-80 days on snow. On the other hand their Northern Hemisphere peers season consists of 100-130 days on snow. If they hope to be able to compete (and I believe they can) with athletes who are able to train 1/3 more often they need to be better prepared and more focused when they get on snow. If they aren't being prepared or given the chance to do this it is unrealistic to think they will succeed in comparison despite how talented or dedicated they may be.

I would like to thank all the regional programs who supported and took part in the camp. I would also like to thank Dave Wilson and Mt Hutt for their assistance and support of the project. Based on the success of this camp I expect to hold additional camps such as this in the future.

Scott Zahn  
Alpine Director

### **Discussion following the Management Reports**

The Chairman raised the question of named team athletes departing from the SRNZ athlete management structure, in particular the situation with Tim Cafe.

The Alpine Director advised that in order for an athlete to be named to a National Team a 12 month contract must be signed. An effective National Team training programme is currently in operation; while a programme exists any athlete that is named to the team should either train with this programme if it can accommodate them athletically or liaise with SRNZ to put an appropriate programme in place so the athlete remains under the management of SRNZ.

If an athlete chooses to depart from the team and not seek the advise of SRNZ they are deemed to have broken their contract, and no longer under the management of SRNZ.

It is accepted that the programme is currently on the face of it expensive, SRNZ broadly covering the cost of the New Zealand season and all coaching costs; the balance of the programme being funded by athletes' families.

It should be noted that being part of the National Team and associated training programme does bring other tangible benefits financially; to include sports science and medical support through WPP, career/educational guidance through ASI etc.

Having explained the above, the Alpine Director advised the meeting that Tim Cafe is no longer on the National Development Team and has accordingly lost the benefits associated with team status.

This stance has been discussed with Mark Elliott the Performance Director of the WPP who is fully supportive.

A similar situation exists with other athlete(s) who meet the qualifications for National Development Team status.

The Alpine Director advised that there is no impact on International representation by no longer being part of the National Team programme. (This situation may be different for Winter Games selection and is at the discretion of the NZOC/WPP).

MJ advised that he is concerned about the current cost of involvement with the National Team programme, and questioned whether the current structure is the correct direction to be following.

The Alpine Director advised that he is convinced that the current structure is correct, continuity of coaching and support is essential to the successful development of an athlete.

The Alpine Director sees that an acceptable level of future financial input for the top athletes (eg top 200 in the world) should be \$10 - \$15,000 per year.

The Chairman raised his concerns on the Alpine Directors comments in regard to the standard of the K1 athletes, and asked how this could be addressed.

The Alpine Director advised that the completion and adoption of the Athlete Development Model is central to the successful development of our athletes. Its intent is as a guideline for regional programmes and educational tool to athletes/parents.

The Chairman advised that he has confidence in the current athletic structure for SRNZ and that it must continue.

He advised that we should work with other minority nations eg Australia, to maximise our resources.

The Alpine Director advised that this is already being done to some degree, and that a more formal proposal is being worked on for next year.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

The letter received from John Ross, and supported by Graeme Campbell, regarding National Team financing was tabled. This was covered under Reports above.

Management Audit letter (discussed below)

## **8. FINANCE**

The CEO advised that the 6 Monthly Management Accounts should be available in the next 10 days.

Short term cashflow is a concern, strict budgeting will remain in place over the 2006/07 summer.

A cashflow forecast to March 07 and September 07 was tabled.

The total spend of \$27,000 on hosting fees and the TV programme on the Volkswagen Nationals was discussed.

It was agreed that the hosting fee should be reviewed for the 2007 season onwards; race entry fees collected by the ROC should cover the cost of hosting the event.

With a view to financial prudence the Northern Hemisphere media budget was discussed, SB to liaise with Jenny McLeod on ideas as to how to trim the budget.

The Athlete Registration packs were discussed – MJ had some ideas for next year. These will be worked on over the summer.

The Management Audit report letter to the Board was discussed. TO raised his concern, by telephone, regarding the comment in regard to the approval of expenditure retrospectively.

The meeting agreed that the CEO will provide monthly bank balances and variance reporting against the budget to the Board.

#### Funding

The CEO advised that she is working with Impact Consulting, following a lead from Rob Greig, with a view to fundraising being carried out on a contract basis; to date 2 meetings have been held to give an overview of the situation. Impact is currently working on a contract and proposals.

#### Funding Resolutions

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Johanson**

That an application is made to the Scottwood Trust for \$35,000.00 to assist with the salary of the Alpine Director.

That an application is made to the Perry Foundation for \$5000.00 for uniforms for the Talent Development Team training camp January 2007 – February 2007.

That an application is made to the Century Foundation for \$5000.00 for uniforms for the Talent Development Team training camp January 2007 – February 2007.

That an application is made to the Canterbury Foundation for \$5000.00 for uniforms for the Talent Development Team training camp January 2007 – February 2007.

That an application is made to the NZ Community Trust for \$20,000.00 for the Talent Development Group training programme

**Carried**

**Moved: Miller**

**Seconded: Johanson**

That we receive the income and pay the accounts.

**Carried**

### **9. CEO/AD PRESENTATION**

The Alpine Director and CEO have spent many hours working together to get to the point of being able to present the following proposal.

The Alpine Director gave the PowerPoint presentation.

The presentation gives an overview of the current situation to include numbers of registered athletes, training programmes offered etc. It is clear from historical data that the current structure is not effective in taking the athletes towards SRNZs mission statement "To take ownership of alpine ski racing in New Zealand, to promote and advance the sport and athletes to the top international level". SRNZ must take the initiative and drive a more robust structure through leadership and education.

The proposal includes, framework for NZ Athlete Development Model (ADM) providing a co-ordinated regional programme support at all levels and educational tool for parents and athletes, coach education based on ADM, competition schedule based on philosophies of ADM, ROC/officials training, increased involvement at schools racing level, increased attention to athlete retention, creation of National Training Centre for Talent Development athletes to give year round athlete management.

The presentation will be made to the member organisations in order to gain buy in on the concept. SRNZ must take the lead in developing our athletes to their fullest potential, along with the provider organisations.

## 10. GENERAL

Snowvision: it is still hoped that at some time in the future we will be able to forge a relationship with Snowvision.

Board Membership: Nick's pressure of work and family commitments mean that he is not able to devote as much time to SRNZ matters as he had hoped. It was agreed that the Board would look at a possible replacement for Nick over the summer.

SRNZ Trust: There are still problems registering the Trust. The Chairman's office has submitted the Trust Deed for registration but it has been declined. It is becoming increasingly difficult to register sporting trusts as their business is not currently seen as charitable, indeed a number of trusts already in existence may have difficulties in the near future. The registration of the trust will continue to be pursued.

SSNZ: The Chairman and SRNZ CEO have both been part of the panel put in place to appoint a new CEO for SSNZ. To date no candidate has had the correct balance of skills for the position. Stu Waddell continues to be acting EO for SSNZ in the interim.

SSNZ is taking a lease on part of a building in Wanaka to act as the National Snow and Ice Centre. This will commence in December 06, and it is envisaged that the Alpine Director will be based out of this office within the next 3-6 months.

SPARC: the current NZSC participation contract with SPARC finishes in December 06; SSNZ is looking to take over this contract in the future, however in the mean time it is envisaged that the current contract will be rolled over for 6-12 months to allow SSNZ more time to prepare for the takeover.

SSNZ/WPP Coaching Director: The Alpine Director has expressed an interest in this role which has been created following consultation between SSNZ/WPP and the NZSIA; he believes that it can be done on a contract basis, and once set up will be easily maintained given the administrative support that can be offered by the NZSIA.

The Alpine Director is very keen to take the lead in the coach education of the Alpine coaches in particular, but many of the modules required cover all codes.

Meeting closed 3.15pm

Next meeting TBC, March 07

**Signed as a true and correct record:**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

