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**SRNZ Conference Call
7.00pm 22nd April 2004 9.30am**

Present: Roger Miller (Chair), Tony Oxnevad, Nick Tapper, Wayne Café and Sue Bridgwater.

Apologies:

None

The agenda for the meeting:

1. NZ Mens Team
2. SSNZ/Skiing Australia Speed equipment proposal
3. NZ Masters

NZ Mens Team

Tony advised that he had attended a meeting with the QAST committee re a Mens coach for the NZ season.

Tony advised the QAST committee that an Alpine Director would be appointed and that a National coach would be sought for both the Mens and Womens teams for the Northern Hemisphere.

Alan Harper was present at the meeting (a parent of one of the Womens Team athletes and QAST committee member). Alan advised that at this stage, less than 2 years from the 2006 Olympics that it would not be advisable to change the Womens Team coach.

Tony also advised that Scott Zahn had been coaching some of the top men for the past year. Tony had phoned Scott to ask if he was in a position to coach the NZ Men.

Scott advised that he was unable to take up this position due to commitments in Canada.

The current situation is that QAST is negotiating with Koebi Wyssen.

Tony advised that most of the top men train at QAST currently.

Koebi currently coaches Mickey Ross and has coached James Arnott in the past.

Roger asked what are the benefits of pulling a team together now, rather than at the beginning of the NH Winter?

Koebi could be employed by SRNZ, but this might not be practical.

From a sponsorship perspective creating a team sooner would be preferable.

Nick advised that a Mens Team should be created as soon as possible.

Wayne advised that Volkswagen would probably not be ready for a Mens team yet, however a team could still be created with VW coming on board prior to the NH Winter, as this is the expensive period for the athletes. The NZ season is not so financially onerous.

Tony suggested that for this SH season the training should go through QAST.

Wayne stated this would put a financial burden on QAST because it is the top athletes that are subsidized by the whole programme.

Nick stated that he felt the only financial outlay for VW would be the uniforms and that he felt it was better for QAST to run the programme in the interim.

Wayne advised that selection criteria should be in place for the Men, which should be used for the selection of the Womens Team once their current contract expires (end NZ season).

The current situation is that the Womens Team came about by a combination of selection/invitation.

This must be clarified for future selection.

It was suggested that a perception of a Mens team should be created.

Once the Alpine Director is in place a formal selection process can take place.

Roger advised that it is important that SRNZ can advise the NZOC of the existence of both a Womens and Mens team.

Tony advised that 3 men have been training in the NH with Scott Zahn and Angus Rose (New Zealander); Angus will continue to work with Scott.

Sue B advised that Scott is happy to work with Koebi, but it is currently not known if Koebi feels the same way.

It was suggested that a long list of Men be created (and Women too) with a view to a training squad for the NZ season. Selection criteria should also be in place.

(There was no decision as to who would create the selection criteria.)

Speed Event Equipment

The meeting was advised that AUS is suggesting that a funding request is made to the FIS through the Project Development Fund (FIS), this will not affect any other funding that might be applied for.

For the past few years a special dispensation has been in place, allowing NZE/AUS to hold the ANC but not run speed events. This dispensation for the Continental Cup (ANC) ends this year.

NZE/Aus must be seen by the FIS to be making every effort to encourage the running of the speed events, plus encouraging the athletes to participate. Otherwise the ANC's existence is in jeopardy.

It has been proposed by AUS that a joint bid be put in to the FIS for SG and DH skis to be hired to prospective competitors.

Wayne advise that the top skiers are sponsored and do not require equipment, it is the travel that is prohibitive.

He feels funding for alternative projects eg event support would be more appropriate.

Wayne asked what the repercussions might be in the future?

Only one option has been presented by Eric Henry and David Howden.

Roger advised that the bid for funding would be stronger if it came from both nations.

Nick advised that he felt this is a short-term solution that could be useful prior to the setting up of a ski pool.

Moved: Miller

Seconded: Tapper

That we approve the submission to the FIS through the Project Development Fund for DH and SG ski equipment.

Carried

Wayne wished it to be recorded that he voted against the proposal.

Masters

Tony advised that he had had lengthy discussions with Ray Bradley.

It was felt that many Masters racers would not want to pay a registration fee, as Masters racing is more social than competitive.

It was agreed that Masters racing should be under the SRNZ umbrella.

Nick raised a concern about sponsorship. This will have to be closely monitored in order to avoid conflict.

Any additions to the handbook must come through SRNZ, the Handbook will be available on the website.

The existing Masters committee comprises:

Ray Bradley, Bonnie Teat, Adrian Cross and Jeremy Young. It must be seen as a sub-committee of SRNZ, and work as a sub-committee, reporting to SRNZ and seeking approval for proposed changes etc.

All correspondence, reports etc must come through the administration of SRNZ.

Masters will appear as an agenda item at all SRNZ meetings.

There is currently \$5,000 in the Masters account.

The sub-committee should be made aware of this.

It was suggested that a proportion of this fund be paid to SRNZ for adoption, plus an administration fee.

Nick advised that he felt there should be some form of registration fee payable.

Tony will discuss the above matters with Ray Bradley.

The conference call ended at 10.40am