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NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of a telephone conference the on **Wednesday 20th April, 2016 at 19:30.**

Present: Glennis Dore (Chair)(GD), John Anderson (JA), Felicity Bertram (FB), Anne Ford (AF), Dagmar Junghanns (DJ), Thea Wates (TW), Alistair Westell (AW) and Mary Wray (MW). Will McGlynn (WMc), attended as a liaison officer for the SSE Board.

Minutes Extract – Action

1295. Minute 1267. Circulation of AGM Report - These have neither been circulated nor do they yet appear on the SSE Website.

Action WMc

1297. ...Promotion of roller skiing - ...WMc agreed to write to the clubs to advise them on promotion and to elicit interest and possible Club commitment.

Action WMc

1302. Proficiency awards review - The 1 and 2 star awards are being revised. The Coaching Panel will consult the coaches again but this time with a deadline for responses.

Action DJ

1310. 2017 on-snow event - Alistair Westell is to contact Alex Skinner to confirm whether or not he is interested in organising this event.

Action AW

1311. Junior camps for SSE roller ski weekends - DJ and FB will explore the options.

Action: DJ and FB

Apologies for Absence

1287. Apologies were received from Michael Harrigan (MH), Stephen Johns (SJ), Adam Pinney (AP) and Bryan Thomas.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1288. In accordance with Minute 297 the minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to the committee. The committee authorised the approved minutes to be published on the SSE Web site in accordance with Minute 296.

Matters Arising

1289. Minute 1257 - Log Book Covers. Helen Bell has sent through a copy of the log books and these will be reviewed, updated and log book covers reprinted and distributed centrally from now on.
1290. Minute 1258 - Roller Skating/Skiing on National Trust Property. GD provided background information on the issue. The committee await details from SB and FB. WMc has already contacted the National Trust officer.
1291. Minute 1260 - Risk Assessment Forms. These forms should be on the website in time for the next Committee Meeting.
1292. Minute 1262 - Ongoing Web Developments. A new website is nearing completion where we *hope to* have easier access to all pages. A spreadsheet for event requests has been made internally at SSE. If this is not built into new website, we will look to see if sharing is possible.
1393. Minute 1263 - Roller Ski Leader Award. Assessor Verification and operational elements have been drafted. The committee is awaiting feedback from the Nordic Coaching Panel on these before rollout is confirmed.
1294. Minute 1264 - Cross-Country Coaching Award Fast Tracking. The Coaching Panel are liaising with SSE to harmonise both equivalency and the fast track procedure with the existing Alpine model.
1295. Minute 1267. Circulation of AGM Report - These have neither been circulated nor do they yet appear on the SSE Website.

Action WMc

SSE Update

1296. WMc described the key updates from a national perspective, the resulting changes impacting on the coaching system, the initiatives developed with the Coaching Panel and the recommendations for improved communications between the office and NC.
1297. Discussion took place on how best to promote roller skiing, particularly with juniors and schools, as well as funding applications this summer to Sport England. The committee offered their thanks to Adam Pinney for his feedback. The committee also discussed the likely expansion of roller skiing and wondered what interest there is from the clubs. WMc agreed to write to the clubs to advise them on promotion

and to elicit interest and possible Club commitment. The main issue for implementation will be the potentially availability of instructors.

Action WMc

1298. The entry age for instructors is to be reduced to 16 providing that those under 18 are supervised by an adult. Final details are awaited.
1299. WMc reminded the committee that the latest SSE Board Minutes are available to view on the SSE website:
<http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/documents/Board%20Minutes%203rd%20March%202016-1%20published%20version.pdf>

Telemark Development Committee

1300. GD reported on the recent meeting and a discussion as to whether Telemark should remain under NC. The committee agreed with TDC that Telemark is better with the NC at present but that they will be continue to forge links with Alpine. Simon Everitt is standing down as Chair of Sub Committee.

Cross-Country Coaching Update

1301. Fast Tracking - The procedure is almost complete. The assessment process has been defined and the application form has been found to be working well. The Coaching Panel is finalising the protocol with SSE office.
1302. Proficiency awards review - The 1 and 2 star awards are being revised. A draft has been sent to all the coaches but no comments have yet been received. The Coaching Panel will consult the coaches again but this time with a deadline for responses.

Action DJ

1303. The 5 and 6 star awards are under review. Some comments have been received from the coaches but they need consolidating.
1304. Review of coaching Awards - To ensure that there is insurance cover, a general review is needed to check that each award clearly states its purpose and the level of the award.
1305. At Level 3 the award is to be re-drafted and made into separate roller ski and on-snow awards. Level 3 and level 4 awards are to be revised to reflect the new 5 and 6 star proficiency awards.
1306. Leader award - The Coaching Panel are finalising details with WMc and hoping to run a leader assessor day in the autumn. The Coaching Panel are hoping to run a coaching workshop in the autumn but this depends on getting a tutor/senior coach to attend. Dates will be finalised when this has been confirmed. The second day will cover the Leader Award.
1307. News: Barbara Grogan has passed the level 3 award.

1308. Revalidation of Senior Tutors has been completed and good practice ideas have been shared as part of a revalidation activity with Barbara and also with Tania Noakes from BASI.

Courses and Organisers for 2017

1309. The current organisers for Hetton Lyons and Salt Ayre roller ski weekends will stand down this year. New organisers are required for 2017. Helen Bell and DJ have both commented that it is not the role of the coaching panel to organise these events and also that it is worth having the support of a Club behind any organiser. Clubs to be asked to organise these events.

1310. Alistair Westell reported on the success of the on-snow event at Nordseter this year. The committee is looking for a new organiser for 2017. Alistair Westell is to contact Alex Skinner to confirm whether or not he is interested in organising this event. Potential support will come from MW/AW. The event will possibly be at Kvitávatn in 2017. It is likely to be first week of April, if tutors and the venue are available. Consideration is to be given to having more instructors available for this event.

Action AW

Any Other Business

1311. Discussion took place on the cost of courses for SSE roller ski weekends with respect to juniors. The committee agreed that this is a wider question and wondered whether the committee could do more to include junior camps in these weekends, rather than just cater for adults. DJ and FB will explore the options.

Action: DJ and FB

To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

1312. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will take place on a date to be arranged.