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NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of a telephone conference the on **Monday the 1st August, 2016 at 19:30.**

Present: Glennis Dore(Chair)(GD), John Anderson (JA), John Holgate (JH), Stephen Johns (SJ), Dagmar Junghanns (DJ), and Mary Wray (MW). Will McGlynn (WMc) attended as a liaison officer for the SSE Board.

Minutes Extract – Action

1316. Minute 1297 - Promotion of Roller Skiing. WMc has not yet written to all the clubs and this is still in progress.

Action WMc

1317. Minute 1302 - Proficiency awards review. DJ reported that this is still being considered. Carried forward.

Action DJ

1319. Minute 1311 - Junior camps for SSE Roller Ski weekends.Further consideration will be given to including these camps at on-snow events and this item will be carried forward as an agenda item.

Action DJ & FB

1322. Coaching Courses Booking - ...JH drew the committee's attention to the fact that Freestyle already book their coaching courses on-line although it was not known through which system. WMc said that he would enquire to see how this was done.

Action WMc

1330. This year's Coaching Conference will once again aim to have roller skiing available for those in other disciplines to try. GD to liaise with Ryan Grewcock at SSE office and potential roller ski instructors who could assist.

Action GD

1336. ...JH said that the TDC will examine the possibility of Telemark re-joining the SSE on-snow event at Kvitåvatn and that it will also examine the possibility of Telemark taking part in the 30 days of Snowsport in the autumn.

Action JH & SJ

1343. Roller Ski Calendar ...It is planned to appoint a person to co-ordinate all these events. The committee is asked to submit nominations in time for the next meeting.

Action Committee

Apologies for Absence

1313. Apologies were received from Adam Pinney and Thea Wates.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1314. 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

1315. Minute 1267 and 1295 - Circulation of AGM Report 2015. The report is available to peruse on Issuu.com
https://issuu.com/vitalpublications/docs/024349_sse_agm_annual_review_2015_a_bc9648594cd8ee

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1318. Minute 1310 - 2017 On-Snow Event. Alex Skinner is organising this event at Kvitåvatn, with assistance from Mary Wray. (See minute 1341 below)

1319. Minute 1311 - Junior camps for SSE Roller Ski weekends. It is requested that those coaches bringing participants to these events should inform the organiser in advance. Further consideration will be given to including these camps at on-snow events and this item will be carried forward as an agenda item.

Action DJ & FB

SSE Update

1320. Website - WMc said that the new improved website is nearing completion and that testing will begin in the near future.

1321. Go Roller Ski - WMc was pleased to report that the pilots are going well and that there are plans to expand the scheme. The committee recommended that best practice and effective strategies within the two pilot schemes should be shared.

1322. Coaching Courses Booking - Planning is in progress for 2017 and for bookings to be made through the SSE office. It is a long term goal to roll out on-line booking. JH drew the committee's attention to the fact that Freestyle already book their

coaching courses on-line although it was not known through which system. WMc said that he would enquire to see how this was done.

Action WMc

1323. Sport England Strategy to Combat Inactivity - WMc provided these links which give full details of the strategy.

<https://www.sportengland.org/media/10629/sport-england-towards-an-active-nation.pdf>

<http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/News/News.aspx?id=468>

WMc said that SSE are currently holding meetings to see how it can deliver and implement this strategy.

1324. 30 Days of Snow Sport 2016 - This is a new campaign to promote snow sport, to increase participation and membership. It will take place from 24th September, 2116 to 23rd October 2016.

<http://www.goskigoboard.org.uk/30-days-of-snowsport> (Event Registration Page)

www.30daysofsnowsport.org.uk (Public Campaign Page)

1325. This year's SSE AGM will be on 17th September, 2016 at Chill Factor^e, Manchester. Details can be found at:

<http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/News/Event.aspx?id=276>

Chair's Report

1326. GD reported that the Chairs from each of the disciplines are to meet every six months to share those issues that they have in common. Minutes of those meetings appear on the website.

<http://www.snowsportengland.org.uk/documents/SSE%20Minutes%20Comittee%20chairs%2025th%20May%202016.pdf>

1327. Part of the new Sport England strategy will be to target minority groups and to devise ways to involve them in snow sports. (See links at Minute 1323 above)

1328. Procedures for the safeguarding of children is to be re-examined with guidance from the SSE booklet - Snow Safe

<http://snowsportengland.org.uk/documents/SNOWSAFE%206th%20REVISED%20June%202014%20EDITION.pdf>

1329. The Nordic calendar will be similar to last year and as a consequence GD said that the Nordic budget would broadly be as before.

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Action GD

1331. The SSE Office will take on some of the work previously done and overseen by Helen Bell in keeping track of the cross-country instructors and coaches together with their qualifications. The committee wishes to thank Helen for the work that she has done over the years towards this. Helen will continue to assist with keeping records of those who have passed course.
1332. GD said that she has been invited to attend a board meeting. Date to be confirmed.

Telemark Development Committee

1333. John Holgate was introduced as the new Chair of the TDC. He paid tribute to the work of past Chairs and said that he will continue to evolve the work that they had started. Part of the work of the TDC in the past has been to extend the scope of the committee to try and include the small and disparate UK Telemark community. The committee currently includes a Scottish representative and also one from BSS. The SSE CeO has given his blessing for the TDC to continue in this unique way.
1334. At present the emphasis is placed on the promoting the four Telemark Festivals which are combined with the BSS Indoor Telemark race series and these will continue. JH said that he intends to use his connections with SSE Alpine groups to try and recruit skiers from some of these groups. Initially he will start in the North West and if successful he will broaden his search.
1335. JH reported that it has been agreed with the Senior Tutor, Andy Stewart, to apply for JH to be appointed as a Telemark Tutor and that the current Telemark Coaching Award Scheme will be re-examined to see if it is fit for purpose. These two names are the only recommendations for Tutors for 2017. JH intends to attend the British Championships next season in the Alps.
1336. In response to questions from the committee, JH said that the TDC will examine the possibility of Telemark re-joining the SSE on-snow event at Kvitåvatn and that it will also examine the possibility of Telemark taking part in the 30 days of Snowsport in the autumn.

Action JH & SJ

Cross-Country Coaching

1337. Leaders Award - DJ said that work on this is almost complete and that WMc is currently working on it. An assessment protocol in being worked on and this will include an on-line test for assessors. Workshops for assessors will follow. The qualification for assessors will be a Level 2 (or similar) award or alternatively, those with a recommendation from their club.
1338. DJ said that the text of the XC Coaching Awards will be re-examined and any ambiguities resolved.
1339. SSE and BASI have agreed a reciprocal re-validation procedure for Levels 1 & 2 with immediate effect. A few final details are still to be confirmed. But it is anticipated that this will be ready for at Lancaster in the autumn.

1340. The Senior Coaches/Tutors will attend a pre-Kvitåvatn coaching update event in April, 2017. It is planned to invite an international racer to attend.
1341. Alex Skinner joined the meeting and updated the committee with the progress on the on-snow event at Kvitåvatn 2nd - 9th April, 2017. The design of the flyer is in progress and he said that a bus will be arranged to transport skiers from Oslo to Kvitåvatn. If there are sufficient numbers, an instructors and revalidation course can take place.
1342. DJ asked the committee to recommend the following as Tutors for the coming year: Patrick Winterton, Mike Dixon, Alan Eason and Adam Pinney. DJ mentioned Barbara Grogan and Martin Watkins as potential tutors.

Roller Ski Events

1343. GD said that the roller ski calendar will follow a similar pattern to previous years. Hayes in June, Hetton in August and Lancaster in October. It is planned to appoint a person to co-ordinate all these events. The committee is asked to submit nominations in time for the next meeting.

Action Committee

Any Other Business

1344. There was no other business.

To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

1345. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will be a face to face meeting at Salt Ayre, Lancaster on **Saturday 1st October, 2016 at 10.30 hr.** The following meeting is preliminarily set for Tuesday 6th December, 2016 by means of Skype.

The meeting ended at 21:06.