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Telemark Development sub-committee of the
NORDIC COMMITTEE

The Minutes from of the Telemark Development Sub-committee of the Nordic Committee meeting held at on **Wednesday the 16th March, 2016 at 19:30.**

Present: Simon Everitt, Chair (SE), Nicko Braxton (NB), John Holgate (JH), Stephen Johns (SJ), Ben Langridge (BL), Alison Morrissey (AM) and Andy Stewart (AS). Tim Fawke (TF) attended the meeting as Chief Executive of SSE and Glennis Dore (GD) as Chair of the Nordic Committee.

Minutes Extract – Action

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Action IA, SE & AM

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Action SE

154. On-Snow Event - AS, NB & BL agreed to hold talks to investigate the possibility of holding a Telemark event at Val d'Isère in December 2016 and to explore the possibility of it becoming an SSE event.

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141. Apologies for absence were received from Ian Acey (IA),
142. In accordance with minute 048, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the committee as being a correct record and they were published on the SSE website.
143. At the start of the meeting SE announced that due to illness he would have to tender his resignation as TDC Chair although he agreed to chair the remainder of the meeting. The committee offered their commiserations, accepted his resignation and wished Simon a speedy recovery. The committee also agreed to deal with nominations for chair under AOB at item 6 on the agenda.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

144. SE announced that details of the summer Telemark Festivals and British Indoor Telemark Race Series are now uploaded onto the ERSA website on which race applications can be received (<http://www.ersa.co.uk>). Anna Morrissey will further progress the process. TF said that eventually this site and its facilities will be mirrored on the SSE website.
145. Homologation - There was a general consensus that some had been a little too perfervid with homologation issues on the indoor slopes. In particular there were a number of difficulties with the Tamworth slope which may not be able to be resolved. It was agreed that a more relaxed attitude to homologation should be taken in future.
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Committee Constitutional Matters

147. AS opened this topic and reviewed the development of Telemark from its Nordic roots to its present position. There was general consensus that Telemark is now much closer to Alpine than to Cross-Country skiing. Most felt that future Telemarkers are much more likely to come from an Alpine background rather than from a Cross-Country one. There were contributions from each committee member and from the two guests expressing their views on the way forward.
148. Three options emerged. Firstly, the committee could apply to form its own independent SSE Telemark committee, secondly to put themselves under the Alpine Committee umbrella and thirdly to remain under the Nordic Committee umbrella. The committee rejected the first option. The committee were of the opinion that it would require additional administrative tasks and volunteer personnel to carry them out. At the present time the committee believed that the Telemark community had an insufficient number of people involved to support such a committee and the extra work that would follow. The second option of placing Telemark under the Alpine Committee whilst superficially attractive was also rejected. Whilst AM reported that this option worked in Scotland, others wondered whether in England, Telemark would be treated as a Cinderella discipline and merely tolerated.
149. The committee unanimously decided for the present to remain under the Nordic Committee umbrella. The problem of developing the SSE Telemark Coaching Award Scheme remains but the current model of co-opting committee members from BSS and from other disparate Telemarkers not formally connected to the SSE, whilst not entirely satisfactory, is perhaps the most flexible way to develop Telemark

in its present form. The committee agreed to revisit the subject should circumstances change.

150. Having accepted that future Telemarkers are more likely to come from the Alpine world the committee discussed possible strategies. One suggestion was to establish links with the Alpine Committee with a view to not only benefiting from their racing experience but also to raise the profile of Telemark in the Alpine world by fostering a better understanding, appreciation and interest in Telemark. The ultimate goal being to encourage more Alpine skiers to take up Telemark skiing.

Future Events

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Action SE

152. Manchester - Combined with the fact that Manchester now have their own supply of NTN equipment and that most Telemarkers now have their own NTN equipment, NB & BL will not be attending Manchester this year. JH said that there will be a meeting shortly in Manchester to finalise the arrangements and it's understood that Caroline Brown will once again assist at the event.

153. Glasgow - AM said that everything is in hand and asked each event organiser to forward their flyers to Anna Morrissey for publication. The fee this year for each race is £40 and this includes the slope fee.

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Any Other Business

155. Nominations for Telemark Development Committee Chair - JH said that whilst he is unable to offer himself for election at the present time, he anticipated that he may be able to do so in future. This decision is postponed until the next meeting.

To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

156. The next meeting of the Telemark Development Committee will take place on **Tuesday the 14th June, 2016** by means of a telephone conference at 19:30.