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## NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of a telephone conference on **Tuesday the 11th September, 2018 at 19:30.**

Present: Glennis Dore(Chair)(GD), John Anderson (JA), Gerard Evans (GE), John Holgate (JH), Stephen Johns (SJ) and Thea Wates (TW).

### Minutes Extract – Action

1549. Minutes 1523.1502, 1461 & 1479 - The Wearing of Helmets. GD will draft a policy document on helmets for roller skiing and will circulate this to the clubs for consultation. GD agreed to speak to Chris Exall. Carried forward.

Action GD

1550. Minute 1524,1503,1471 & 1480 - Cascading the latest Cross-Country Coaching Information. No report. Carried forward.

Action AR/DJ

1551. Minute 1525, 1504 & 1481 - Website issues. GD urged anyone and particularly the committee to examine the website and send in their suggestions for improvement before the end of October. SJ & GD agreed to contact each other towards the end of October with a view to taking forward suggestions to RG and enquiring about the restoration of uploading privileges to volunteers.

Action All / GD & SJ

1552. Minutes 1528 - Instructor ratios, 1529 & Lancaster Accident Report and 1534 - Attendance at the SSE Coaching Technical Panel - No reports. Carried Forward.

Action DJ & RG

1554. Minute 1538 - The British Ski and Snowboard National Foundation. GD to pass on information about the foundation to BNDS. Carried forward.

Action GD

1556. Bookings through the Office - Claire Pennell (CP) has asked that all courses (instructor and coaching) to be now booked via the office and the online system. GD queried as to whether this meant for 2019 onwards. GD to contact RG/CP to check details.

Action GD

1558. Unification of SSE, Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Wales pathways for Instructing and Coaching. RG would like to enquire from the members on how SSE can unify the two systems into a joint XC and roller ski programme. This is to be follow up by the XC Coaching Panel.

Action DJ

1559. The committee noted the successful unification of the English and Scottish Alpine programmes and wondered if progress could also be made to do the same with a unified Telemark programme.

Action RG

1560. Accounts - Discussion on the topic focused on the amounts entered for SSE income on registrations and renewals. GD agreed to enquire at SSE what the actual income was and how the income sum is calculated.

Action GD

1567. Tutor Recommendations - For Cross-Country the recommendations will be -  
Senior Tutors - Patrick Winterton, Mike Dixon and Alan Eason  
Tutors - Adam Pinney, Barbara Grogan and Martin Watkins.  
For Telemark Andy Stewart as Senior Tutor and John Holgate as Tutor.  
The committee will once again ask AP to represent English Cross-Country on the BSS. GD agreed to notify the CEO of the committee's recommendations.

Action GD

1568. Robert Hovey Trophy - After the committee have received information on both nominees, the committee are all asked to send their feedback to GD.

Action GD & Committee

### **Apologies for Absence**

1547. Apologies were received from Adam Pinney (AP), Ryan Grewcock (RG) and Mary Wray (MW).

### **The Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

1548. 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**

1549. Minutes 1523.1502, 1461 & 1479 - The Wearing of Helmets. GD has now received some sample policy documents. She will use these to help draft a policy document on helmets for roller skiing and will circulate this to the clubs for consultation. The committee also discussed the wearing of helmets for Telemark where the current practice appears to be the following of the helmet rules that apply at each slope. GD agreed to speak to Chris Exall. Carried forward.

Action GD

1550. Minute 1524,1503,1471 & 1480 - Cascading the latest Cross-Country Coaching Information. No report. Carried forward.

**Action AR/DJ**

1551. Minute 1525, 1504 &1481 - Website issues. GD had received some suggestions to improve the website but SJ had received none. GD urged anyone and particularly the committee to examine the website and send in their suggestions for improvement before the end of October. SJ & GD agreed to contact each other towards the end of October with a view to taking forward suggestions to RG and enquiring about the restoration of uploading privileges to volunteers.

**Action All / GD &SJ**

1552. Minutes 1528 - Instructor ratios, 1529 & Lancaster Accident Report and 1534 - Attendance at the SSE Coaching Technical Panel - No reports. Carried Forward.

**Action DJ & RG**

1553. Minute 1537 - The appointment of the 2019 on-snow event organiser. Alex Skinner has once again agreed to organise this event. There will be a meeting shortly to discuss the venue and other details.

1554. Minute 1538 - The British Ski and Snowboard National Foundation. GD to pass on information about the foundation to BNDS. Carried forward.

**Action GD**

### **SSE Update**

1555. In his absence RG had sent in a note of the points to be raised.

1556. Claire Pennell (CP) has asked that all courses (instructor and coaching) to be now booked via the office and the online system. GD queried as to whether this meant for 2019 onwards. GD to contact RG/CP to check details.

**Action GD**

1557. Snowsport Wales is interested in running some Roller Ski Level instructor courses. The details are to be passed on to DJ for Coaching Panel to follow up.

1558. RG has been working with Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Wales on creating a unified pathway for Instructing and Coaching. He had noted the differences between the SSE Development and Coaching Awards and the Scottish athletes programme but he would like to enquire from the members on how SSE can unify the two systems into a joint XC and roller ski programme. This is to be follow up by the XC Coaching Panel.

**Action DJ**

1559. The committee noted the successful unification of the English and Scottish Alpine programmes and wondered if progress could also be made to do the same with a unified Telemark programme.

**Action RG**

### **Accounts**

1560. Prior to the meeting, GD had circulated a spread sheet showing the accounts covering the current year together with financial projections for the near future. GD reminded the committee of the aim to make a profit on each event although it was noted that a profit sufficient to absorb the office costs of £1500 per annum is optimistic. Discussion on the topic focused on the amounts entered for SSE income on registrations and renewals. There was no one present to verify the sums and taking into account the amount that each club pays in SSE subscriptions and instructor fees, some were of the opinion that there had been an underestimate. GD agreed to enquire at SSE what the actual income was and how the income sum is calculated.

**Action GD**

### **Events**

1561. GD said that the annual on-snow event will be held in either the first or second week of April, 2019. Once again the services of Patrick Winterton, Alan Eason and Mike Dixon will be sought. The children's event of last year, whilst successful, only attracted 3 children and required a disproportionate degree of organisation. It is not intended to run another in 2019 although if Steph Cook wishes to do so alongside the main event, she will be supported.
1562. For the roller ski events, the Brownlee Centre in Leeds is to be investigated as an alternative to Hetton. The Lancaster event will once again run in the autumn and it was noted that the UCLan track at Preston had been considered but rejected as an alternative. Instructor courses both in the south and in the north will be arranged dependent on demand.

### **Telemark Report**

1563. JH had circulated his report in advance of the meeting. In it he highlighted the enormous success of Jasmin Taylor in the World Cup this season but lamented that the pitch to have Telemark included in the winter Olympics had failed. JH detailed the progress of those passing through the L1 Telemark Coaching Awards course at Manchester.
1564. In addition to the Glasgow and Manchester Telemark Festivals, Manchester had been successful in hosting the British Indoor Telemark Championship which had attracted about 30 racers including many in the British Telemark Team. The first event of next year will be The British, Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force Telemark Ski Championships once again held in Pralognan-la-Vanoise, France.

### **Tutor Recommendations**

1565. For Telemark JH recommended Andy Stewart as Senior Tutor albeit that Andy has indicated his intention to focus only on L3 & L4. JH will continue to focus on L1 & L2 and is recommended for a Tutor post. The committee approved the recommendations.
1566. For Cross-Country the recommendations will be same as last year.  
Senior Tutors - Patrick Winterton, Mike Dixon and Alan Eason  
Tutors - Adam Pinney, Barbara Grogan and Martin Watkins.  
The committee approved the recommendations.
1567. The committee will once again ask AP to represent English Cross-Country on the BSS. It was noted that Caroline Brown represents civilian Telemarkers at BSS but that she has so far not yet required a recommendation from this committee.  
GD agreed to notify the CEO of the committee's recommendations.

**Action GD**

### **Robert Hovey Trophy**

1568. There had been two nominations for the trophy. In view of the sparsity of information for one of the nominees and the fact that GD has yet to receive feedback from the committee for either of them, it was decided to postpone the decision to the next meeting. After the committee have received information on both nominees, the committee are all asked to send their feedback to GD.

**Action GD & Committee**

### **Any Other Business**

1569. Each member of the committee reported on Nordic events that had taken place either in their locality or with their club.
1570. In her absence SC had sent a report to the Chair outlining the work that she has done with Kidsrollerskiing and GD passed on the information to the committee. It became clear to the committee that SC has made a great personal commitment to bringing roller skiing to children and mostly at her own personal expense for equipment. During the last 18 months she has introduced roller skiing to over 5000 children and given regular instruction in 4 schools. There is only so much that one person can do and regrettably SC lamented the shortage of instructors that will be able to continue the work. She is starting university in the near future, so will not be able to provide the same level of commitment in the longer term. She does however want to ensure that a similar programme continues post university, even though it is likely that she become less involved. The committee expressed their great appreciation for the dedication that she is showing to promoting roller skiing to children.

**To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting**

1571. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will take place on **Thursday 20th December, 2018 at 19.30 hr** by means of a telephone conference.