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NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of a telephone conference on **Tuesday the 27th February, 2018 at 19:30.**

Present: Glennis Dore(Chair)(GD), Gerard Evans (GE), John Holgate (JH), Stephen Johns (SJ), Dagmar Junghanns (DJ), Adam Pinney (AP), and Thea Wates (TW). Ryan Grewcock (RG) attended as a liaison officer for the SSE Board.

Minutes Extract – Action

1501. Minutes 1455 & 1477- Leaders Awards. ...the software powering it is to end shortly. RG to provide list of options to be forwarded to the Committee. Also, RG to make current materials available to Coaching Panel to check no further amendments required to scripting.

Action RG

1502. Minutes 1461 & 1479 - The Wearing of Helmets. After much discussion, the committee decided that GD should compile a draft policy and that this will be circulated to clubs for consultation.

Action GD

1503. Minute 1471 & 1480 - Cascading the latest Coaching Information. There was a suggestion that Alison Raynes who has recently been appointed to the Coaching Panel to carry on the work of Helen Bell, could undertake this task.

Action DJ

1504. Minute 1481 - Website issues. SJ has been invited to revive and restructure some of the Nordic pages that had been jettisoned from the earlier website. RG invited anyone with suitable video footage of any Nordic discipline to submit it for inclusion on the website. GE is to discuss with Mary Wray as to whether there is suitable LRNSC footage that could be used.

Action SJ/SE/All

1505. Minute 1483 - Safeguarding. ...all Clubs must appoint a Club Welfare Officer. Any exception to this, ie where there are no under 18s, must be agreed with the SSE Safeguarding Lead. GD agreed to circulate the email to the Committee members to pass on to clubs for their guidance.

Action GD

1507. The Robert Hovey Trophy - GD requested the committee to re-submit their suggestions to her.

Action All Committee

1512. Instructor Ratio - RG said that Sport England's maximum number was 1:15 but fewer if they are children. The general consensus was that a maximum of 1:10 would be a more suitable maximum number to allow for feedback to be given to skiers. The committee decided ask DJ to consult the Coaching Committee on this question and to report back.

Action DJ

1514 Skiing Accident - GD asked DJ to investigate to see what lessons could be learned. DJ has made a report of the incident together with a number of draft recommendations relating to risk management. RG offered to forward the SSE Alpine Risk Management protocol to DG for consideration by the Coaching Panel. DJ to finalise the report, with a view to implementing the recommendations.

Action RG & DJ

Apologies for Absence

1497. Apologies were received from, Steph Cook, Michael Harrigan, Mary Wray and Bryan Thomas.

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1498. 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

1499. Minute 1454 & 1476 - Circulation of a List of First Aid Providers. No list has been circulated. RG said that there were too many providers to produce a meaningful list especially since the HSE no longer provide an authorised list. RG suggested that those wishing to select a First Aid provider should consult the First Aid course criteria published on the website and then select a provider that fulfilled it; the course should include First Aid for outdoor activities. If in doubt, contact the SSE office to check. Required duration of First Aid courses for each Award level are on the website.

1500. In addition, RG said that on the website is listed those classes of persons with a medical background that are exempt from the requirement to complete the First Aid course. Again, if in doubt, contact the SSE office to check.

1501. Minutes 1455 & 1477- Leaders Awards. All the material for this project is ready to roll out but it has recently emerged that the software powering it is to end shortly. RG said that he is looking to find a suitable replacement. RG to provide list of options to be forwarded to the Committee. Also, RG to make current materials available to Coaching Panel to check no further amendments required to scripting.

Action RG

1502. Minutes 1461 & 1479 - The Wearing of Helmets. Following discussions at the previous meeting on whether the compulsory wearing of helmets should be extended to club events, GD reported that the insurance company had posed the question as to whether club events were any less hazardous than SSE events. The committee considered that any policy covering the wearing of helmets will include

not only roller and snow skiing but also Telemark events both indoors and out on the mountain, for both adults and under 18s. After much discussion, the committee decided that GD should compile a draft policy and that this will be circulated to clubs for consultation.

Action GD

1503. Minute 1471 & 1480 - Cascading the latest Coaching Information. This has not yet been completed from the 2017 on-snow event. There was a suggestion that Alison Raynes who has recently been appointed to the Coaching Panel to carry on the work of Helen Bell, could undertake this task.

Action DJ

1504. Minute 1481 - Website issues. SJ reported that some progress has been made in raising the profile of the Nordic disciplines on the website and a number of changes have been agreed. In addition SJ has been invited to revive and restructure some of the Nordic pages that had been jettisoned from the earlier website. RG invited anyone with suitable video footage of any Nordic discipline to submit it for inclusion on the website. GE is to discuss with Mary Wray as to whether there is suitable LRNSC footage that could be used.

Action SJ/SE/All

1505. Minute 1483 - Safeguarding. At the previous NC meeting the necessity for a club to appoint a Club Welfare Officer had been brought into question. Prior to the present meeting GD had received a message from Bridget Owen the Safeguarding Lead, stating that all Clubs must appoint a Club Welfare Officer. Any exception to this, ie where there are no under 18s, must be agreed with the SSE Safeguarding Lead. GD agreed to circulate the email to the Committee members to pass on to clubs for their guidance.

Action GD

1506. Minute 1485 - SSE Database. This database is now accessible to those club members authorised to do so, allowing the clubs access to their members' details. RG also announced that the SSE payments scheme is now fully operational so that subscriptions and course fees can be paid online.
1507. The Robert Hovey Trophy - GD requested the committee to re-submit their suggestions to her.

Action All Committee

SSE Update

1508. RG said that this year's Coaches Conference will be at Castleford on 15th and 16th September, 2018 and he invited instructors and coaches to submit their suggestions to him for suitable speakers. RG also said that it will be possible to stream many of the events. In addition it is planned to hold roller skiing sessions in the car park.

Chair's Report

1509. Budget - In advance of the meeting GD had circulated a spread sheet of the budget for the coming year. Two roller ski events will be held, one at Hetton Lyons on 17th & 18th August, 2018 and another one at Lancaster on 6th & 7th October, 2018. In addition there will be the annual on-snow course in Norway in April.
1510. Other possible events being investigated may include roller ski sessions at Preston UCLan and at Hayes with coaching sessions in May and another one in the autumn.
1511. Insurance - The Manchester XC club had raised a number of questions on the subject of SSE insurance. Ahead of the meeting GD had circulated a document listing the questions along with the response from SSE. There were some additional questions for the Nordic Committee, covered in 1512 below.
1512. Again on the subject of insurance AP opined that all club events are SSE events and thus the same provisions and obligations apply. The discussion shifted towards the maximum number of skiers under the supervision of one instructor/coach on training events as well as maximum numbers for roller ski tours and the insurance implications. RG said that Sport England's maximum number was 1:15 but fewer if they are children. The general consensus was that a maximum of 1:10 would be a more suitable maximum number to allow for feedback to be given to skiers. The committee decided ask DJ to consult the Coaching Committee on this question and to report back.

Action DJ

1513. A skiing accident had occurred at Salt Ayre, Lancaster where the subject was taken to hospital. Following the accident an injury and incident report was completed and it was passed on to SSE. On behalf of SSE, RG said that the accident had been handled satisfactorily.
- 1514 GD asked DJ to investigate to see what lessons could be learned. Following discussion during which AP said that he always teaches "standing safely on rollers" at the beginning of any course, and expected candidate instructors to do the same, there was some thought that this might be added as a requirement of the instructors' qualification although no decision was taken on this. DJ has made a report of the incident together with a number of draft recommendations relating to risk management. RG offered to forward the SSE Alpine Risk Management protocol to DG for consideration by the Coaching Panel. DJ to finalise the report, with a view to implementing the recommendations.

Action RG & DJ

Telemark Development Committee

1515. Ahead of the meeting, JH had produced a report in which he highlighted the success of Jaz Taylor in this season's World Cup Telemark races making her the most successful British woman winter sports athlete ever, in terms of podium places and she is third on the all time list. JH also reported on the success of the British Telemark Championships in Pralognan-la-Vanoise where both Telemark committee members competed. JH said that he had secured the British Indoor Telemark

Championships for Manchester on 30th June and 1st July, 2018 with the NW Telemark Festival also on 30th June, 2018. There will be a Telemark Festival in Glasgow on 12th May, 2018. JH continues to shepherd a number of Manchester Telemarkers through L1 of the SSE Telemark Coaching Scheme.

XC Coaching Panel

1516. On the subject of reciprocal coaching scheme revalidations with BASI, DJ said that there is now a protocol in place whereby every other revalidation would have to be by an SSE XC assessor. It is planned to hold a coaching workshop every year, which could also serve as a refresher for every other revalidation (ie. once every 6 years maximum). The committee approved the protocol.
1517. Proficiency Award Scheme - The Guidance notes for 1* and 2* are complete and new scorecards have been produced. Work has begun on updating the 5* award and on creating a new 6* award. DJ said that the award descriptions will also be updated and will include sections on risk management. Several skiers have been fast tracked into 3* and that the procedure for implementing it will be codified.

Any Other Business

1518. Committee Members Reports - TW said that she had instructed at a Girl Guides event where about 100 Girl Guides had taken part in roller skiing. GD said that roller ski numbers had been down for beginners at Hyde Park in 2017 however participation had increased during February this year. There is a possibility of a biathlon event in Leeds later this year. DG had been skiing on home snow in Wiltshire and SJ reported that his club members had skied on snow on the Lakeland fells in October and more recently. The committee was interested and intrigued to hear that the world famous triathlon Brownlee brothers had expressed an interest in taking up cross-country skiing.

To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

1519. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will take place on **Tuesday 12th June, 2018 at 19.30 hr.** by way of a telephone conference.