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## NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of a telephone conference on **Wednesday the 19th July, 2017 at 19:30.**

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

### Minutes Extract – Action

1450. Minute 1418 - Appointment of the Event Co-ordinator. GD reported that no one so far has been found to undertake this role but that she said that she will continue in her search. Carried forward

**Action GD**

1451. Minute 1421 - Nordic Content of Website - RG undertook to ensure that the Talent Pathways for both Roller Ski and Cross-Country they will be posted shortly. In addition, RG said that the location of the Cross-Country and Roller Ski Coaching Awards will be changed to make them more accessible.

**Action RG**

1452. SJ & GD will follow up other items on the website issues list to review Nordic content and to see which items to prioritise.

**Action SJ & GD**

1454. Minute 1426 - First Aid Providers. RG will draw up a list of approved First Aid course providers for circulation to instructors and coaches.

**Action RG**

1455. Minute 1427 - Leaders Awards. RG will re-send the final material to DJ to review and to approve.

**Action RG & DJ**

1456. Minute 1429 - Reciprocal Revalidations. The text has been revised, approved and is almost ready to go on the website. Carried forward to finalise details regarding the logging of attendance.

**Action RG & DJ**

1461. The Wearing of Helmets for SSE Roller Ski Events - The majority were in favour of compulsory wearing of helmets. The committee approved the majority opinion... The committee's preferred option was that it need only apply to SSE roller ski events, as all Clubs had their own policies decided locally. The committee concluded that the various options should be proposed to the Board for their decision. In the meantime GD will draw up a list of options and she will discuss this with the CEO working towards a final ruling.

Action GD

1471. On the subject of cascading the latest information on Cross-Country and Roller Skiing coaching techniques and teaching methods, AP suggested that perhaps this could be done... at a club level, GD and DJ agreed to take this forward and GD to write to the Clubs to on this point.

Action GD & DJ

### **Apologies for Absence**

1448. Apologies were received from John Holgate and Mary Wray.

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

1449. 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**

1450. Minute 1418 - Appointment of the Event Co-ordinator. GD reported that no one so far has been found to undertake this role but that she said that she will continue in her search. Carried forward

Action GD

1451. Minute 1421 - Nordic Content of Website - SJ had sent 2 articles on the Talent Pathways for both Roller Ski and Cross-Country on the 26th June, 2017 but so far they have not appeared. RG undertook to ensure that they will be posted shortly. In addition, RG said that the location of the Cross-Country and Roller Ski Coaching Awards will be changed to make them more accessible.

Action RG

1452. SJ & GD will follow up other items on the website issues list to review Nordic content and to see which items to prioritise.

Action SJ & GD

1453. Minute 1422 - Snowsafe. RG said that this is now ready to go live on the website and will be published as soon as possible

1454. Minute 1426 - First Aid Providers. Whilst DJ highlighted there is an industry standard for outdoor first aid courses, in the long term RG said that some of the Tutors were working towards writing a First Aid course aimed directly at skiers. In the short term RG will draw up a list of approved First Aid course providers for circulation to instructors and coaches.

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1457. Minute 1445 - Reporting Back to Committee of Tutor recommendations. Once again RG confirmed his undertaking to do this.

1458. Minute 1446 - Thames Valley Cross-Country Ski Club. RG confirmed that this club is no longer affiliated to SSE.

### **SSE Update**

1459. RG said that the on-line membership system is live and in the process of being tested.

1460. SSE course management system is now in operation.

Link: <http://www.uksnowsports.co.uk/courses.asp?c=Nordic>.

RG requested that in future payment for all SSE courses should now be made to the SSE office and not through course organisers. The preferred method of payment is by BACS to minimise charges.

### **The Wearing of Helmets for SSE Roller Ski Events**

1461. GD had received 8 responses to the committee's request for views on this subject from level 3 and level 4 coaches. The majority were in favour of compulsory wearing of helmets, with one coach against, stating that it should be "recommended" for adults, definitely not compulsory. The committee approved the majority opinion but further discussion centred on whether such a rule should apply to all roller ski events covered by Snowsport England's 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability insurance, including club events or whether it should apply only to SSE roller ski events. The committee's preferred option was that it need only apply to SSE roller ski events, as all Clubs had their own policies decided locally. RG reiterated the point he had made previously that any policy change would need to go to the Board for approval. The committee concluded that the various options should be proposed to the Board for their decision. In the meantime GD will draw up a list of options and she will discuss this with the CEO working towards a final ruling.

**Action GD**

### **Chair's Report**

1462. GD had made a presentation organised by The Roller Ski Co about SSE matters. She was assisted by Posy Musgrave and Barbara Grogan who covered coaching

and the athlete pathway. About 20 people had attended from both the Rollerski Co and also the LRNSC.

1463. Calendar of Events - GD said that either Kvitåvatn or Nordseter will be considered for the on-snow event next season. The roller ski events at Hetton and Lancaster are established but a question mark hung over Hayes. The committee took the view that as the London area already had a number of similar training events during the year, the SSE event would need an extra element if it was to attract greater numbers and be financially viable. One suggestion was that instructors and coaches could re-validate their qualifications at this event. Another was to offer a "big name" instructor at this event. Carried forward for further review.

### **Telemark Development Committee**

1464. In his absence JH reported that a SSE Level 1 Telemark Training Course (1 day) has been organised for Sunday 3rd September, 2017 at Chillfactor<sup>e</sup>. Booking is now live on the SSE website costing £80 (includes lift pass). JH will be tutor. Most of the candidates have already done their SSE Level 1 Alpine Training. It is anticipated that there will be between 5 and 7 candidates.
1465. The seventh North West Telemark Festival hosted by MCCSC, was held at Chillfactor<sup>e</sup>, Manchester on Saturday 20th May, 2017 and was a great success, with 33 Telemarkers in 5 groups on the hill; Ralph White, John Holgate and John Eames (sponsored by BASI). Jeff Fozzard and Jaz Taylor of Team GB and reigning British Telemark Champion took the racing groups. JH was particularly pleasing to see the increase in standards, which is highlighted by this year's group composition. The new snow at Chillfactor<sup>e</sup> was excellent.
1466. The next Festival is being held at Glasgow on Saturday 29th July, 2017.

### **Cross-Country Coaching Update**

1467. DJ said that the Proficiency Awards Scheme review is taking place and that new cards have been produced. The technical guidance for 1 star and 2 star is complete but work continues on the technical guidance for 5 star and the new 6 star. Also the text which describes the Awards is being revised. It was noted that the Lancaster event, during which it is intended to hold a coaches' get-together, clashes with the Wessex Roller Ski race.

### **Tutor Recommendations**

1468. Telemark  
Senior Tutor - Andy Stewart,  
Tutor - John Holgate.
1469. Cross-Country and Roller Ski  
Senior Tutors - Patrick Winterton, Mike Dixon and Alan Eason  
Tutors - Adam Pinney, Barbara Grogan, Martin Watkins and Posy Musgrave

The above recommendations are made subject to them all being currently registered with SSE and each having all their ancillary qualifications current.

**Any Other Business**

- 1470. GD and DJ will meet at the SSE office for discussion on a range of topics. The date is yet to be decided.
- 1471. On the subject of cascading the latest information on Cross-Country and Roller Skiing coaching techniques and teaching methods, AP suggested that perhaps this could be done at a relatively small cost at a club level, to fit in with their local schedules as a sort of coaching refresher. This would be to bring instructors up to date with latest ideas but not replace the 3-yearly revalidation process. GD and DJ agreed to take this forward and GD to write to the Clubs to on this point.

<b>Action GD &amp; DJ</b>
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**To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting**

- 1472. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will take place on **Saturday 30th September, 2017 at 10.00 hr.** tbc