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NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of a telephone conference on **Thursday the 5th October, 2017 at 19:30.**

Present: Glennis Dore (Chair)(GD), John Anderson (JA), Anne Ford (AF), Stephen Johns (SJ), Dagmar Junghanns (DJ), Thea Wates (TW) and Mary Wray (MW).

Minutes Extract – Action

1476. Minute 1454 - Circulation of the List of First Aid Providers. This item is carried forward.

Action RW

1477. Minute 1455 - Leaders Awards. Any prospective leaders names should be sent to DJ and will need a L2 Instructor's approval. An on-line module will be required to be completed and its appearance on the website is awaited.

Action RW & DJ

1479. Minute 1461 - The Wearing of Helmets. GD agreed to take this forward for discussion with the CEO. Such discussions will include whether helmets should be worn on purely club events. Carried forward.

Action GD

1480. Minute 1471- Cascading the latest Coaching Information. A number of suggestions were put forward but a procedure has not yet been agreed. Carried forward.

Action Committee

1481. GD and DJ had visited SSE HQ where a number of website issues had been discussed. Some of these had been passed to SJ and he agreed to take them up with SSE.

Action SJ

1482. It was noted that the Proficiency Award pages are currently "Page not found". DJ confirmed the scorecard had been reprinted and she was finalising the other materials - electronic copies will be sent to the office as soon as the whole 'package' is available for posting on the website.

Action DJ

1483. The subject of Safeguarding was discussed. It emerged that advice had been given by SSE that no Club Welfare Officer was needed if the club only had a few children as members. Some committee members believed that this was inconsistent with advice on the website. GD agreed to resolve the issue with SSE.

Action GD

1485. Enquires have been made to determine the number of club members registered with SSE... GD to follow up with clubs to obtain their estimates of membership.

Action GD

1488. ...it was reported that the Proficiency Award Scheme is adding *6 to the scheme and this will be published in due course.

Action DJ

1489. The Coaching Panel is in the process of re-writing and updating the coaching award descriptions.

Action DJ

1493. GD invited nominations from the committee for the trophy. All committee members are invited to submit their nominations in advance of the next meeting.

Action All Committee

Apologies for Absence

1473. Apologies were received from Michael Harrigan (MH), John Holgate (JH) and Ryan Grewcock (RG).

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1474. 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

1475. Minute 1450 - Appointment of the Event Co-ordinator. No one has yet been appointed.

1476. Minute 1454 - Circulation of the List of First Aid Providers. This item is carried forward.

Action RW

1477. Minute 1455 - Leaders Awards. The re-written version had been sent to DJ and training is now in progress. Any prospective leaders names should be sent to DJ and will need a L2 Instructor's approval. GD & DJ had met at SSE HQ where the assessment had been agreed. An on-line module will be required to be completed and its appearance on the website is awaited.

Action RW & DJ

1478. Minute 1456 - Reciprocal Revalidations. The process has been agreed and will apply to L1 and L2 Instructors. BASI have agreed to adopt the SSE procedure of completing the appropriate page in the log book as proof and also to submit it to the skiers respective organisation for administration purposes.

1479. Minute 1461 - The Wearing of Helmets. The views of the Tutors had been sought and the majority believed that the wearing of helmets should be compulsory. GD agreed to

take this forward for discussion with the CEO. Such discussions will include whether helmets should be worn on purely club events. Carried forward.

Action GD

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Action Committee

SSE Update

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Action SJ

1482. It was noted that the Proficiency Award pages are currently "Page not found". GD reported that the pages had recently been reprinted and it was worth double checking that the latest versions go up on the website. MW agreed to follow up with DJ. Update: DJ confirmed the scorecard had been reprinted and she was finalising the other materials - electronic copies will be sent to the office as soon as the whole 'package' is available for posting on the website.

Action DJ

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Action GD

Chair's Report

1484. There had been a meeting of the Chairs from each of the disciplines but the minutes had not yet been published. However GD reported that Sport England are reducing their funding for SSE and that this will have an impact on Nordic as well as other disciplines. Not only will each Nordic event need to be self supporting but additional funds will have to be raised in order to cover the office's administration costs. Staff numbers have already been reduced.

1485. As a consequence, so far as the committee's budget is concerned, it will begin with a deficit of £1,500 for the coming year. The committee saw two main ways of raising the funds. Subscriptions could be increased and/or a surcharge could be put on course fees. Enquires have been made to determine the number of club members registered with SSE, so that a calculation on any increase could be made, However, SSE are currently unable to provide this information until their database is fully up to date. In the meantime, GD to follow up with clubs to obtain their estimates of membership.

Action GD

Telemark Development Committee

1486. JH was unable to join the meeting and he had not sent in a report. In his stead, SJ reported that there had been no TDC meeting since 24th June, 2016 notwithstanding his attempts to call one, There had been no contact with the other Telemark Development Committee members nor had there been any contact with the two known English Telemark clubs. SJ understood that JH is currently running a Level 1 Telemark Instructors course at Manchester which remains the only centre having shown any interest in the SSE Telemark Coaching Scheme. Other than that course, there are no other developmental actions or plans for English Telemark from this committee.
1487. In all the circumstances the committee agreed that the TDC be put into hibernation.

XC Coaching Update

1488. In addition to those items referred to above in Matters Arising it was reported that the Proficiency Award Scheme is adding *6 to the scheme and this will be published in due course.

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Future Events

1490. The annual SSE Roller Ski Coaching Courses at both Hetton and Lancaster remain well attended and will be repeated in 2018. The event at Hayes on the other hand has been poorly attended in the recent past and the committee decided to drop it next year. There is a possibility that Leeds could be a suitable venue for a third event in the future.
1491. The annual on-snow event will take place at Nordseter in the week after Easter 2018. It is planned to run a L1 and L2 Instructor's course as well as a coaches workshop. Additionally, if there is sufficient interest, it is planned to run a specific children's course alongside the main adult event. Alex Skinner is the organiser for this event and will be circulating more information shortly.
1492. Mike Dixon is planning to run an on-snow L1 and L2 Instructor's course at Cairngorm later this year.

The Robert Hovey Trophy

1493. GD invited nominations from the committee for the trophy. All committee members are invited to submit their nominations in advance of the next meeting.

Action All Committee

Any Other Business

1494. Scott Dixon, Mike Dixon's son, is seeking funding to attend the winter Olympics. Those wishing to contribute can contact Scott or Mike Dixon.
1495. There was no other business for the committee but those present reported on their current club activities. Anne Ford reported that the Midlands Club would be closing due to limited interest. The Club has a small amount of kit that could be passed onto another Club. Anne agreed to provide a list of kit.

To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

1496. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will take place on **Tuesday the 12th December, 2017 at 19.30** by way of a telephone conference.