

SSE Schools Technical Advisory Committee

Sunday 6th November 2016

Apologies for absence: Matt Healy

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting (Minutes were approved with 2 amendments)

1. Action List from the Meeting held 6 November 2-16

Matters arising:

Youth Development Committee report/update: (CS)

Taryn Archbald now full time representative Project Manager National Schools SnowSport week (she is also Surbiton School “Head of Ski”

Taryn has produced a document: “Education Snowsport Pathway”

There are now 2 Ambassadors for Sport (Eddie the Eagle & Graham Bell)

Example leaflets of the Ambassador publicity were circulated.

It was suggested that STF members would circulate, to schools, copies of the National Schools Snowsport Week publicity for 2017 (Taryn is producing the leaflet-it may be electronic rather than paper) There was a question of whether Equity, the current sponsor, would sanction and permit this..?

Ian Fawcett is arranging Refresher Courses for SSE – website does not take you to Nat Sch SnowSport Week page.

Tim is meeting with Ali Oliver “Winter Sports Games” suggested...needs development

The best date and time for the event is being discussed

Annual Review budget costs (BT)

Expenditure

£20k management Fee

£4k schools insurance

Income

£16k income from Courses

(National Ski Federation Badges had previously provided income)

Articles for publication (AfPE, IOL,) (DA)

Victoria, SSE Communicatons officer publishes a “Weekly Bulletin”

Please send photos of Disability Snowsport Photos to Dave Armstrong

School Travel Forum (KS)

Equity has been sold to Bridgepoint Finance

It was reported that the STF is in discussions with ABTA to ensure that all STF members are ABTA members in future.

There are only 4 or 5 members that are not ABTA members currently. They has all been to visit ABTA recently, together with the General Manager of the STF, Gill Harvey and special assistance was being given to these members to achieve ABTA Membership. The SSE Youth Technical Committee expressed its approval at this development and welcomed the even stronger voice and influence that STF would have as a part of the ABTA governing body.

Website (Teacher's Platform/Landing Page) (NM)

It was reported that the SSE website still does not permit efficient navigation to SCO and ASCL course dates and locations

2. Development Officer's Report (Claire Pennell)

Nil (Absent apologies tendered)

3. Communications of SSE Child Safeguarding Policy

This will be an Agenda Item for the SSE Sch Tech committee twice per year to review

4. Plan forward

YouTube DVD Skiway code (JS)

This is being developed with the assistance of Interski. Nigel will follow up and oversee with the help and guidance of Chris Stroud. SSE branding to be used rather than FIS

Other projects?

Nil

6) ASCL forthcoming programme for 2017 (NM)

Nigel reported a poor uptake of training for ASCL courses

6 courses + 1 planned as in 2016

TGM Travel Group arranging ASCL Course but not STF and not ABTA.

Also using SSE accreditation illegally.

There is a need to check out some other brands and badges and look into company backgrounds and suitability.

ASCL Scotland is now saying that level 4 required to be a tutor

7) SCO Report

Approved Tutors (NM)

It was reported that no register of approved Tutors was held and this should be remedied

Course provider criteria

It was suggested that a set of criteria be devised to ensure quality provision of SCO delivery

Refresher course (IF)

SCO refresher courses being arranged for May 2017

(There are 18 SCO Tutors currently)

If anyone wants to be a tutor, apply to this committee with a C.V

Undergo shadowing for 1 Day

Attend an update session

8) AOB

Additional Committee members required

Additional Committee members now required as we have lost Alan Cottle, Martin Tomlinson. Graham Lodge, Advisor Norfolk suggested, also Norman Gill ?? and

Chris Stroud, a serving teacher arranging 3 ski trips a year

Snowsport Helmets

A discussion was held relating to Snowsport helmet fitting, approved standards and the effect of drilling holes or otherwise modifying helmets to accommodate GoPro style cameras. It was suggested that further consideration be given to this point at a future meeting.

Appointment of a new Chair-person

Gerry Wiggleworth was voted unanimously to be appointed as the New Chairman of the SSE Youth Technical Committee

Thanks

Thanks were recorded to Martin Tomlinson and Alan Cottle for the sterling work over the many years that they have served the Committee as Chairman and Committee member. The committee wished Martin and Alan all the very best in retirement.

9) Date, time and Venue of next meetings:

Saturday 28th January 2017 10.30 at SSE Head Office, Loughborough

Sun 7 May

Sun 5 Nov