

SNOWSPORT ENGLAND



Sport Park, 3 Oakwood Drive,
Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3QF
Telephone 01509 232323
E-mail: Info@snowsportengland.org.uk
www.snowsportengland.org

NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of a telephone conference on **Thursday the 20th December, 2018 at 19:30.**

Present: Glennis Dore(Chair)(GD), Helen Bell (HB), John Holgate (JH), Stephen Johns (SJ), Dagmar Junghanns (DJ), Adam Pinney (AP), and Mary Wray (MW). Ryan Grewcock (RG) attended as a liaison officer for the SSE Board.

Minutes Extract – Action

1574. Minute 1549, 1523, 1502, 1461 & 1479 - The Wearing of Helmets. RG reported that the new insurers are Sports Insure.... RG will check with them regarding the insurance implications of the wearing or not wearing of helmets.

Action GD & RG

1575. Minute 1550, 1524, 1503, 1471 & 1480 - Cascading the latest Cross-Country Coaching Information. DJ is to send this information to Claire Pennell in the office... and she will send it out to registered coaches.

Action DJ

1578. Minute 1552, 1558, 1559 - Unifying the Home Nations Coaching Schemes. RG agreed to send an initial email to the relevant parties (DJ, AP, Alex Standen (SSS) and others) to initiate discussions regarding Cross-Country alignment. He will also send a list of Technical Coaching Panel dates to DJ.

Action RG

1580. The committee discussed the use of workplace training as the SSE preferred method for Telemark assessments and whether it might be appropriate or not to extend this approach to Cross-Country. Further information will be forwarded by RG to DJ. The committee agreed that discussion on this topic is premature for Cross-Country but agreed to revisit it in the future.

Action RG

1581. Minute 1567 - AP to represent English Cross-Country on the GBSS (formerly BSS). AP confirmed that he will. RG to send out formal letters to Tutors and Senior Tutors confirming their appointments.

Action RG

1583. RG said that SSE now had new insurers which are Sports Insure and that there is a promotion on-line in relation to obtaining BDS accreditation. RG also spoke about CIMSPA - The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity which endorse best practice in sports organisations. RG agreed to send out details.

Action RG

Apologies for Absence

1572. Apologies were received from Thea Wates (TW).

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1573. 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

1574. Minute 1549, 1523, 1502, 1461 & 1479 - The Wearing of Helmets. RG reported that the new insurers are Sports Insure and that they are actively engaged with SSE. RG will check with them regarding the insurance implications of the wearing or not wearing of helmets. .

Action GD & RG

1575. Minute 1550, 1524, 1503, 1471 & 1480 - Cascading the latest Cross-Country Coaching Information. DJ is to send this information to Claire Pennell in the office (either as part of next coaching update or separately, whichever is sooner) and she will send it out to registered coaches.

Action DJ

1576. Minute 1551, 1525, 1504 & 1481 - Website issues. SJ & GD had liaised on this topic but very little feedback has been received. GD had spoken to Tim Fawke who wished the website to focus more on visuals rather than words. RG has made minor amendments as requested by GD. Gareth Vogan had previously dealt with the website but he has now left SSE. This will now be done by an agency and they will be covering the work with improved and more consistent brand guidelines.

1577. Minute 1554 & 1538 - The British Ski and Snowboard National Foundation. GD had agreed to pass on information about the foundation to BNDS. Completed.

1578. Minute 1552, 1558, 1559 - Unifying the Home Nations Coaching Schemes. RG provided an update on "UK Snowsports" (Home Nations and BASI) and the alignment of instructor and coaching awards across SSE and SSS. Work will be started on the Alpine coaching scheme in January with the target of launching it in September, 2019. This will be followed by Telemark and then Cross-Country. The committee discussed ways to unify the coaching qualifications and how this will impact on the final coaching schemes. RG agreed to send an initial email to the relevant parties (DJ, AP, Alex Standen (SSS) and others) to initiate discussions regarding Cross-Country alignment. He will also send a list of Technical Coaching Panel dates to DJ.

Action RG

1579. Minute 1556 - Booking of courses through SSE. Some bookings are done via the office or by contact direct via the organiser.

1580. The committee discussed the use of workplace training as the SSE preferred method for Telemark assessments and whether it might be appropriate or not to extend this approach to Cross-Country. Further information will be forwarded by RG to DJ. The committee agreed that discussion on this topic is premature for Cross-Country but agreed to revisit it in the future.

Action RG

1581. Minute 1567 - AP to represent English Cross-Country on the GBSS (formerly BSS). AP confirmed that he will. RG to send out formal letters to Tutors and Senior Tutors confirming their appointments.

Action RG

1582. Minute 1560 - SSE Accounts. Discussion had previously taken place about the amounts entered in the SSE Accounts for income, registrations and renewals. GD said that the sum that SSE had entered for Nordic income referred only to individual registrations. The sums derived from club subscriptions went into the SSE central fund and did not appear separately.

SSE Update

1583. RG said that SSE now had new insurers which are Sports Insure and that there is a promotion on-line in relation to obtaining BDS accreditation. RG also spoke about CIMSPA - The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity which endorse best practice in sports organisations. It promotes the soft skills used by coaches such as learning styles and people skills etc. RG agreed to send out details.

Action RG

1584. So far as staffing of the office is concerned, both Victoria and Gareth have left leaving just Claire and Will at the office.

Budget

1585. Prior to the meeting, GD has circulated a spread sheet detailing the income and expenditure for the various events over the year. GD said that it was still the intention to make a profit on each event although compared to other disciplines the small size of Nordic events made the task difficult. As a consequence there had been a loss of approximately £2000 on the year although final figures are to be confirmed in the new year. The committee discussed ways in which profits could be generated by adding value to the events. One of AP's suggestions was providing lunch at training events but others thought that this particular suggestion may prove too onerous for the volunteer organisers.

1586. Discussion moved on to the effect of increasing the fees for courses and events. The committee concluded that increases will have to be made next season and approved an increase of £10 for roller ski weekends and £5 for single day at roller ski events. The committee will monitor feedback to see if there has been an effect on the numbers taking part.

Cross-Country Coaching Panel Update

1587. DJ reported that the Proficiency Awards had already been updated for Levels 1 & 2 and that work is taking place on Levels 3,4,5 and the new 6. DJ will aim to complete this prior to any discussions regarding the merging of the SSE Cross-Country coaching scheme with other Home Nations coaching schemes.
1588. DJ pointed out that Tutors and Senior Tutors assess both the technical and teaching elements of aspirants at the relevant coaching levels and that she had been made aware that they were having to spend time on additional coaching to get the aspirants to the required standard. The committee discussed whether training and assessment could be separated, with the assessment possibly post training or with coaching courses being offered with training-only options.
1589. The committee also discussed a number of options to vet aspirant instructors to ensure that they met the required standard prior to their assessment. One of the suggestions was that a video demonstrating the required standard could be made for prior viewing by aspirants. DJ suggested that prospective instructors could themselves submit a video in advance, showing their own skiing of the core techniques. However, further discussion on this topic was deferred to investigate the possibility of joint funding of a video demonstrating the required standard, perhaps following the merger of Home Nations coaching schemes.

Telemark Development Committee

1590. Prior to the meeting JH had submitted a written report which had been circulated to the committee. Three Telemark skiers had been signed off as qualified Level 1 Instructors. JH highlighted some of the main Telemark events during the year culminating in the NW Telemark Festival and British Indoor Telemark Championship in Manchester on 29th June, 2019. JH also highlighted some of the difficulties encountered with inputting data on the Go Ski website. RG reported this is a third party website but that improvements are being made. RG informed the committee that a new short but wide indoor slope has been approved to be built at Swindon.

Nominations for the Robert Hovey Trophy

1591. There were two nominations for the trophy. Details of the nominations had been circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. After a short discussion the committee agreed that the trophy should be awarded to George Gabriel. Although some suggestions were made for a date and event for the presentation, it is yet to be decided.

Any Other Business

1592. HB reported that 2 new young roller ski instructors had qualified at the Yorkshire XC club. MW reported that given the SSE membership system for clubs was still not fully operational, LRNSC had chosen to use a more user-friendly alternative [Membermojo] as they needed a proven solution now.

To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

1593. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will take place on **Tuesday 14th May, 2019 at 19.30 hr.** by means of a telephone conference.