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NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of a telephone conference on **Tuesday the 12th June, 2018 at 19:30.**

Present: Glennis Dore(Chair)(GD), John Anderson (JA), John Holgate (JH), Stephen Johns (SJ) and Alison Raynes (AR). Ryan Grewcock (RG) attended as a liaison officer for the SSE Board.

Minutes Extract – Action

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Action : DJ to attend/nominate attendee

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Action GD, On-Snow Organiser & DJ

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Action GD

Apologies for Absence

1520. Apologies were received from Steph Cook (SC), George Gabriel (GG), Dagmar Junghanns (DJ), Adam Pinney (AP), Bryan Thomas (BT), Thea Wates (TW) and Mary Wray (MW).

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting

1521. 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

1522. Minutes 1501,1455 & 1477 - Leaders Awards. SSE Software for the delivery of the training platform has becoming obsolete. RG expects that the new solution will be in place for the end of the summer. As a consequence no updates have been made with respect to the Leaders training module. Therefore places for Leaders have not been advertised and won't be until training can be delivered. RG said that it would cost in the region of £2000 for each training module if required in the interim. Carried forward to the next meeting.

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1526. Minute 1505 & 1483 - Safeguarding. This action has been completed.
1527. Minute 1507 - The Robert Hovey Trophy. No nominations have been received. Carried forward to the next meeting.
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SSE Update

1530. RG said that GDPR guidance has been sent to the clubs in addition to which the guidance is also available on the website under Club matters. During discussions it emerged that this guidance as well as other club support resources are available to the clubs from the SportEngland website <https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/>.
1531. SSE Snowsport Week was a great success. RG said that about 3000 children participated and about 10% of these were introduced to roller skiing. Further roller ski courses are being continued in schools by SC.
1532. Progress is being made on unifying and merging the coaching schemes of all the home nations with the involvement of BSS. Unification of the various schemes including Nordic is still in the early stages.
1533. So far as the Coaching Conference in September is concerned RG said that he will circulate the programme which will include a roller ski session, likely to be on the Sunday. There will be on slope sessions as well as off slope classroom sessions such as the development of talent and strength and conditioning.
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Safeguarding

1535. GD queried how the clubs and instructors were being made aware of the available training and the ways for instructors and Children's Welfare Officers to renew the non-coaching elements of their licence. RG drew attention to the on-line facilities and the links to relevant safeguarding courses, which are available both from the "Licencing" and "Nordic" tabs on the website. An example is - https://snowsportengland.org.uk/safeguarding_training

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1536. GD said that it is expected that financially the event will have broken even. Feedback from the Tutors had indicated that it had been a success and for the first time a number of children had been trained. The children's training was led by SC. It is hoped to continue this trend at future on-snow events.
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Cross-Country Coaching Update

1539. In the absence of DJ, AR presented her report. Both SC and Rosie Blades had passed their L1 on-snow course at Nordseter. Helen Murray had completed the course but may not take it up due to her non-dom status.
1540. Other future courses include a L1 and L2 Roller Ski course in London on 23/24th June, 2018 and L1 and L2 roller ski course at Lancaster in October together with revalidations at L1, L2 & L3.

1541. DJ is planning a coaching workshop in London in November. At the Lancaster event in October, DJ is hoping to hold an informal coaches best practice workshop whilst the Salt Ayre track is unavailable during the morning.
1542. There has been no recent progress on the review of the Proficiency and Coaching Awards although it is hoped to complete it by the end of the year. RG queried whether this would include both the remit and range of operations of the coaching awards. AR thought it did, but would double check.

Telemark Update

1543. Due to personal circumstances, JH has not been able to supervise the completion of the L1 Telemark Award but he hopes to do so in the not too distant future.
1544. The Glasgow Telemark Festival is believed to have been a success and applications to take part in the North West Telemark Festival at Manchester on the 30th June, 2018 will merit the appointment of 4 or 5 instructors (as in previous years, with more in reserve if required). During the same weekend the British Indoor Telemark Championship will take place over two days.

Any Other Business

1545. There was no other business save for the committee members reporting on their local activities.

To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

1546. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will take place on **Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 19:30** by means of a telephone conference.