



NORDIC COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held by means of zoom meeting on **Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 19:30 GMT**

Present: Fern Cates (Chair)(FC), Amy Gumbrell (AG), John Holgate (JH), Alan Mitcham (AM), Michael Smith (MS), Thea Wates (TW), Martin Watkins (MW2) Mary Wray (MW1), Glennis Dore (GD), and Andy Robinson (AR) Susan Penty (SP). Ryan Grewcock (RG) attended on behalf of Snowsport England central services.

ACTION ITEM EXTRACT

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Introductions

1877. FC began the meeting by introducing Susan Penty the new Secretary and making a round of introductions of all committee members.

Apologies for Absence

1878. Apologies were received from Adam Pinney (AP)

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting

In accordance with Minute 297 the minutes of the 8th December 2020 meeting were circulated to the committee. The committee authorised the approved minutes to be published on the SE Web site in accordance with Minute 296.

Action items from Previous Meetings

1879. Minute 1332. Website changes. Offline mock-up created by RG see later section in these minutes for details.
1880. Minute 1333. Unification of coaching schemes. RG reported different awards, so try to do what's right for each country rather than worry about being the same. Scotland focus upon performance, England focus upon development. GD reiterated suggestion previously raised by RG to start from same base but then a split of 2 parallel paths, one for performance & development. Coaching impacts all paths.
1881. Minute 1838. Hetton roller ski event. AG said that Yorkshire Dales will take over and run it at Leeds. Dates in July suggested that could work. Martin Roscoe is onboard as track manager. Covid-19 restrictions discussed and time frames of making the decision as to whether it can go ahead or not. Amy confident that the Leeds track is big enough to cope with Covid restrictions. AM offered to provide support having run the Hetton event last year. People will need to make their own accommodation arrangements and probably not sensible to have a big dinner.
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1883. Minute 1844. SM reported that SE insurance had changed with 10% increase in premium. FC unsure what the implications are on membership rate increases if any.
1884. Minute 1849. Chase up of late invoice for track hire at Hetton Lyons. Now reported as closed.

SE Update

1885. RG. Activity starting again post Covid. Luke is still furloughed until June. Decision needs to be made when to bring him back.
1886. RG reports move over to a new registration system - sport80 – works on a mobile app which will help in planning. Sport80 used by a lot of the US winter sports. Testing now and going live in May. Individuals & coaches first before club management comes online around June. Will also include financial information to be able to create reports.
1887. RG reported participating in the Telemark working group review of coaching and needs going forwards.

Chair's Report

1888. Finance member & Secretary now appointed.
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1890. Upcoming dates to remember are: AGM 17th June, for which need to submit a report. 21st September 18th November are board meetings. Any topics to submit for the board meetings must be provided at least 10 days before.
1891. New Nordic recruitment program. Need more info from Ian Findlay.
1892. Nordics & Biathlon combined recruitment. Need to ensure pathway into grassroots club.
1893. Website & generally. Talking to London Hyde Park about a 1 day roller ski event to get some good imagery from Scott Dixon videography.
1894. RG mentioned clubs getting back to training. Recruitment signposting sheet.
1895. Hopefully having an army coaching course this summer. GD to fill on more details in her report.

Finance Report

AR gave short financial summary.

1896. Snowsport England

- Financial yearend 31st December. Accounts being audited. Scheduled to be finalised in time for the May Board meeting and June AGM
- 2020 unique year. Budget projected a loss of £8k, mainly due to the ongoing reduction in the Sport England grant. (Unaudited) net loss for the period is £10.5k. Attaining a result so close to that budgeted, with Covid 19 and the mass cancellation of activities was a good outcome in an unprecedented year.
- Q4 typically predicted as a loss-making quarter for SE and result was as forecast. Minimal activity compared to original plans due to the second national lockdown.

1897. Nordic.

- 2020
 - Q4: £153 profit vs £419 budgeted profit
 - Full year: £1,509 loss vs £21 budgeted profit.
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1898. GD described how the budget was done last year & expressed that the event income was from virtual CDP re-validations and the Hetton roller ski skills course.

1899. AM commented that Hetton event did make a small profit (around £100)

Annual Report

1901. FC. Annual report of 200 words needs preparing. FC requests content and images before 29th.

1902. FC opened the floor for suggestions for input

1903. AM will provide a few words and images from the Hetton event.

1904. GD will provide a few words on the virtual re-validation for the coaches and how successful that was with positive feedback. Questions what can be done online for the future rather than in person. RG suggested is there are any cross discipline learnings

1905. JH will provide a telemark update

1906. AR will provide anything of interest financially

1907. RG will send FC an earlier version of an annual report as an example.

Telemark Report

1908. JH ran through his report. Biggest news is new owners of the 2 centres in Manchester.

1909. JH. Mid May likely to start up again, with coaching starting 6th June.

1910. JH. Telemark festival was scheduled for 12th June but won't be possible. Delayed with a couple of proposed new dates. This is a club event not a Snowsports England event.
1911. JH. Telemark coaching working group. Progress of the proposed standalone qualifications for coaching telemark to replace the existing dual Telemark & alpine was discussed.

General Discussion

1912. RG. Social media workshop being arranged by Snowsport England. RG will come back with the dates.
1913. AM. Tyneside Loipers starting roller skiing again this week. AM requested clarification on Covid number restrictions
1914. Covid limitation clarified by RG. Sports are exempt from number limits. Need to check with event site and they may have limitations. However, a bike ride for skiers will be classed as 'social' not formal sports training so is limited to 6.

Coaching Update

1915. GD. Re-validations 10 to 20 over the next 18 months. Same process as last year for remote validation. Plan to run them June to August.
1916. GD. Roller ski instructor courses, not planning on running any. No on snow instructor courses either, but maybe a refresher. Too complicated due to Brexit limitations.
1917. Restrictions due to Brexit were briefly discussed.
1918. GD. Army courses. Hoping to run some roller ski instructor courses that may happen in the summer.
1919. GD. Looking at how to advance coaches through the coaching levels at least partially remotely.
1920. GD. Looking at moving coaching documentation onto OneDrive along with documenting processes and what the coaching panel actually does.
1921. GD. Tie into the technical coaching panel still needs putting in place.

Any Other Business

1922. RG. Snow Show (Birmingham) – Snowsport England are offered a stand but costs need to be clarified first. News of a show in London also discussed.
1923. AG. Yorkshire Dales club is 40 years old this week & got 18 new members the same week.

Web Site

1924. RG. shares screen to demonstrate offline make-up of Nordic part of web page. Aim to make Nordic disciplines easier to find.

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To Set the Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

1927. The next meeting of the Nordic Committee will take place by means of a zoom meeting on **20th July 2021 at 19.30 hr BST.**

Meeting closed at 21:22 GMT