

## SCO & ASCL Sub-Committee Meeting Tuesday 8 March 2022 Virtual (Zoom meeting)

| In attendance  | Apologies |  |
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| Baden Knifton<br>Tim Fawke<br>Claire Pennell<br>Chris Exall<br>Chris Stroud<br>David Armstrong<br>Stacy Gillow |           |  |

BK welcomes all for attending the virtual meeting. TF will arrive a few minutes later.

### ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Tutors were notified of the two levels of pay for online as compared to face-to-face training, agreements signed. SCO Tutor Training for online SCO courses took place 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2021. Good discussions held.

Online SCO courses are scheduled through to April, with most tutors conducting a course by then. Courses are going well; over 10 courses delivered so far. Some tweaking of some slides within the SCO course is desired.

OEAP members could benefit from doing the course either online or face to face, perhaps without a course fee. Course could be tailored to meet OEAP needs and could possibly occur during an OEAP meeting.

The candidate who had taken the ASCL who had had difficulties in obtaining certification (due to county qualification guidelines) was able to complete the SCO course. They were given a free access to modules.

All tutors of SCO had been sent their SE branded polo shirts.

### ACTIONS

- a) **CS** to create a folder accessible to SCO tutors to contain updates to SCO Course information.
- b) **CS** will be working with Tovuti Sports Structures about improving some of the course slides.
- c) **CP/DA/CS** to discuss a way forward for a SCO for the OEAP and to keep **BK** informed.

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### Agenda Item 1) Scouts

Concerns were raised about the process of the Scout's "leader accreditation" system that allows them to lead their youngsters as if they had an ASCL. Discussions will continue as more becomes known.

### ACTIONS

- d) **CP, RG or TF** to send email to all Level 4's to let them know that they are not authorised by SE to give the Scouts "instruction" for the Scouts Activity Permit Scheme, and that if they have, to let SE know ASAP with names and locations. (Stressing that SE is aware they would not have known not to do this.) Email/ contact to be sent in about a week to allow for further clarification as provided by CE after consultation with the Scout. Due mid-March.
- e) **CE** is arranging a meeting and will report back. (Depending on findings, action may be needed before next meeting.)



## Agenda Item 2) Impact of Brexit on ASCL Courses

Queries were raised about the ASCL courses in future as pertains to Brexit regulations, and if we are looking ahead at courses in other nations. Is Interski scheduling any ASCL courses?

The rescheduled December's ASCL went well in Zell am See, no problems noted about conducting the course there. The office is hoping to have a dialog with Interski in May or June about next season.

Some problems lie with the Brexit guide and its interpretation, for example, Rome and Acosta seem to have different interpretations as to who can instruct an ASCL course.

It was noted that Interski was sending information to schools about heading to Andorra or Scotland for the ASCL, so the situation is still unclear. (Andorra not in the EU but usually follows Spain's guidelines)

**BK** thanked **CE** for his work in researching areas that can be used for training with Brexit implications.

### ACTIONS

- f) **CP** – to investigate Austria as another possible area to hold ASCL Courses, and to have a discussion with Interski about their future of ASCL courses.
- g) **CP/TF** – to investigate marketing of the ASCL for next season

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## Agenda Item 3) Future of ASCL Courses

The OEAP community could help with the “advertising” of the ASCL course to their Trusts and their schools, possibly even at their regional meetings. Next OEAP Regional meeting is 18 May.

Recent work with BASI and SE highlighting exactly what the ASCL entails has been beneficial. There is a need to investigate ASCL marketing possibilities, preferably with funding. A new marketing pack for ASCL is needed which will be a task for the subcommittee.

### ACTIONS

- h) **CS/BK/DA** – come up with a marketing pack for ASCL during next month to include a video.

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## Agenda item 4) The potential of a modernised blended learning approach for the ASCL

Lengthy but beneficial discussions followed regarding how the committee members feel about the possibility of a blended ASCL course. *Ideas raised include:*

The content of the ASCL Course is excellent, however, we are not being successful in selling the course. It needs to be more marketable, but a shorter amount of time on snow may not be enough time for training.

Could there be an option B to achieving the qualification? Part on snow in UK, part in a classroom and part during a weekend in the Mountains? (as well as how we conduct the course now)

Schools find it hard to provide a week's cover for ASCL candidates, particularly with schools covering teachers with Covid. Schools also find it expensive to get teachers ASCL qualified, especially if teachers move on.

For teachers to be able to lead their own activities (not just skiing), it involves cost, time, and qualifications. It is one thing to promote the course content itself to schools, but we also need to be promoting the benefit of leading their own pupils/students.

(**BK** – asks **TF** if he has any **AOB** as **TF** needs to attend another meeting)

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TF is happy with exploring the viability of a blended approach for the ASCL, and that there could be funding for it.

**TF departs after 50 minutes.** Discussions continue:

Timeframes and geographic areas needed to gain different BASI level qualifications and Canadian Levels of qualifications were discussed. These points should be considered as ASCL qualification times are looked at.

In OEAP guidelines, the minimum qualification to lead is a level 2, or an ASCL. Currently guidelines state one must have SCO to lead a school Snowsports trip, but not ASCL. *Should* we be saying ASCL is also required?

OEAPs can instruct schools but for their academies they can only recommend it (The ASCL for example)

**CP leaves and gives recording hosting to BK** Discussion continues...

Perhaps it needs to be made clearer that NGB will not support those who lead without ASCL.

There is a perception that teachers may be afraid to lead, that it is easier to hire a qualified instructor or leader in resort to do extra skiing.

Could the ASCL be a modular course? If someone had other qualifications (such as Mountain Leader award) could some of those qualifications be put towards an ASCL? There would then be a need to know how to determine the competence of candidates, and how we would test that.

## ACTIONS

- i) **CS/BK** – look at way individuals could gain “partial credit” towards an ASCL, if they held other qualifications in adventurous activities perhaps.

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## AOB

**CE** Queries the wording for the SCO; is the SE policy robust enough; if the NGB says you **must** have this course **vice this is a good** course to have, that would be placing more emphasis on the course.

**CS** Will work with Tovuti Sports Structures to make some of the SCO online questions more stringent.

**DA** Is there a SE current policy regarding wearing of helmets at artificial centres/dry slopes? Guidance seems to be circa 2009-2010, and FIS 2006 about the wearing of headgear. Is there more current official guidance pertaining to dry slopes?

## AOB ACTIONS

- 1) **CE/DA/CS look at current statement about the wearing of helmets on dry slopes. (Bring in RG) to Discuss at the CTP (Coaching Technical Panel?)** Arrange by email for initial discussions.

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Meeting ended approx. 2100 (extra hour was agreed by all still online at 2000)

Dates of next meetings:

10 May 1900 Zoom

09 Aug 1900 Zoom

08 Nov 1900 Zoom

(the Aug or Nov meeting may be a “face to face” meeting)



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