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NORDIC COMMITTEE

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

1. Attendance

Present: Fern Cates(Chair)(FC), Amy Gumbrell (AG), John Holgate (JH), Alan Mitcham (AM), Michael Smith (MS), Thea Wates (TW), Mary Wray (MW1), Glennis Dore (GD), Andy Robinson (AR) Susan Penty (SP).

Apologies: Ryan Grewcock (RG) from Snowsport England, Adam Pinney (AP)

Absent: Martin Watkins (MW2)

2. Actions

Actions from previous meetings

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<p>1882. Minute 1839. Lancaster Roller Ski Event. JH reported the original organiser has moved away to Ireland but has left a 'bible' handbook on how to organise the event. Have a new organiser who is a professional project manager has agreed to take over. Various suggestions for timing as first or second week in October or even last week in September. Wise to book the track around May time as it is used by cycle clubs. Track availability is one of the key items, and checking booking costs. GD commented on ensuring cancelation without cost is a clause in booking. Availability of coaches and adequate notice of dates & location is also a key point to get in control and coaches signed on (done through the coaching committee)</p> <p>Action: Arrange meeting to itemise how to run and assign responsibilities of the key actions in organising events - GD / FC</p> <p>Update 20.07.2021: Track booked and budget in place (3rd October).</p>	<p>GD / FC</p>	
<p>1889. Still missing headshot photo's of some committee members for the website</p> <p>Action: provide head shots for use on website - All committee members</p> <p>Update 20.07.2021: Done</p>	<p>All NC members</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>1925. Looking for feedback on how to make Nordic disciplines easier to find and more obvious. Link is not yet live so we can do anything we want with it. RG to share details of WordPress web editor used with AG.</p> <p>Action: to circulate a link with draft Nordic web pages - RG via FC.</p> <p>Update 20.07.2021: Still under way from Snowsport England</p>	<p>RG via FC</p>	<p>In progress</p>
<p>1926. Club links need completing with details. FC suggested Offsite links to club's social media. EG. Events can also be advertised.</p> <p>Action: Provide feedback on draft Nordics web pages - All committee members</p>	<p>All NC members</p>	

Actions from this meeting

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<p>1953. Date for sending recommendations for Tutors or Senior Tutors by latest October, ideally earlier</p> <p>Action - Anyone else who really wants to get into level 1, send the names onwards to Glennis Dore</p>	All NC members	
<p>1959. Someone needs to pick up the idea of a roller ski race series and run with it.</p> <p>Action – Fern will email out for anyone interested in being part of a working group with a target of 2022 getting something going.</p>	FC	
<p>1962. Do Snowsport England have any guidelines on inclusivity with respect to gender changes? Generic policies needed rather than just dealing with this one individual.</p> <p>Action - Follow up via email on the response to the enquiry.</p>	FC	

3. SE Update (RG)

1928. Apologies from RG so no update

4. Chair's Report (FC)

1929. 2 regional/discipline Chairs meeting since last meeting. Volunteer recognition program proposed as a good idea.

1930. From AGM question about British roller ski series, what will happen. Fern spoke to Tim who is happy to publish on the web site.

1931. Inclusivity – specific enquiry from a transgender skier.

1932. Nordic events this year. Leeds roller ski event (course) in August is the main focus. Some delays on website booking due to web site issues and still shows wrong event (a Lancaster event form 2 years ago) when booking! There is a .pdf version that Amy can distribute if needed.

1933. Leeds. Amy has made a series of Covid risk assessments and have a Covid officer assigned to the event. £175 per person. New 3.4% processing charge from SE office for bank fees and office fees (unsure exactly what it includes). May be that cancellations still incur this fee so may need to withhold that in the refund.

1934. Lancaster event in October is planned and budget made. Update to come later

1935. Sport80 course booking system is coming in. Can 'play' with it now. Go to SE web site and you will be re-directed to Sport80

5. Finance Report (AR)

1936. Only have high level information coming from the office, awaiting transaction level details.

1937. Q2 results - profit of £208 after central charges of almost £1000

1938. Andy will do a breakdown as to what the £1000 includes when he receives details

6. Telemark Report (JH)

1939. Telemark report already distributed to this committee for reading

1940. Masks not mandatory but strongly recommended

1941. Lessons starting with reduced numbers. partially Covid but also Quality not Quantity from the new MD.

1942. Also infrastructure investment with upgrading and modernizing.

1943. Coaching scheme ongoing in background. 5 different teaching roles (not the original 5 levels). Military 'throwing' people into telemark training. Civilian level 1 = telemark converter since all telemark skiers come from slalom. Being new to telemark is very different to a new skier. Telemark development coach then develops them to a quite high level. Currently no coaching for racing.

1944. Discussion around on mountain vs not coaching and awards

1945. Telemark meeting next week following the coaching event to try and solidify the ideas that are already mapped ready to present to the technical coaching panel.

1946. PLV going ahead

1947. Scottish telemark festival – talking to the Scottish telemark club and trying to re-build relationships

1948. NW Festival this weekend. 27 takers, 6 groups, 6 coaches.

1949. Lancaster track & hut booked. Nigel Polson & 5 coaches (2&3rd October). General organizer Joyce is taking that on.

1950. Membership slowly rising again. 7 roller ski sessions without coaching but planning also on track coaching.

7. XC Coaching Update (GD)

1951. Report distributed

1952. Still no option for new coaches to come into the system right now. That will be next year.

1953. Date for sending recommendations for Tutors or Senior Tutors by latest October, ideally earlier

Action - Anyone else who really wants to get into level 1, send the names onwards to Glennis Dore

8. Roller ski Race Series

1954. Hot topic. Fern has spoken to Tim and is very happy to communicate the calendar, results etc on the SE web site, support with marketing. If SE is willing to host is great, but who would manage that onto the website and maintain results and posting them. What format would the racing take? Not much point unless the racing is on matched roller skis. Carl Carrier can provide 30 matched pairs of roller skis, but comment that this is not enough. What about changing the format to heats so that 30 pairs is enough? Who maintains them so they are matched? Where would they be stored? How would they be moved around the locations? Classic or Skate or both?
1955. Much discussion around the logistics of making it happen.
1956. Also whether this would include Scotland and Wales? Would hosting on the SE website then still be ok?
1957. Relevance of the series, sensible trophies, very regional, expensive to travel to the different tracks, only a few people due to the travel factor.
1958. Scotland have a series up and running now.
1959. Someone needs to pick up the idea of a roller ski race series and run with it.

Action – Fern will email out for anyone interested in being part of a working group with a target of 2022 getting something going.

9. Inclusivity Policy

1960. Sensitive topic – Tim received an enquiry from a person transitioning from male to female medically and socially. British master groups and wants to know how do they regularise this for the coming season.
1961. Big difference between SE events where SE can make a policy. This is the first time this has come up in any SE discipline. If it's a world event then that is wholly dependent upon FIS & IOC.
1962. Do Snowsport England have any guidelines on inclusivity with respect to gender changes? Generic policies needed rather than just dealing with this one individual.

Action. Fern will follow up via email on the response to the enquiry.

10. AOB

1963. Roller ski tours – how do we know what is doing on elsewhere? Publicizing and sharing so that others can participate. General feeling in the committee is all are positive to sharing. Mary Wray questioned membership and insurance confirmation. Can SE web page support clubs sharing information on roller ski tours? How to share to be followed up including insurance coverage.

11. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

1964. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 19.30 UK time.

Meeting closed at 21:05 UK time.