



NORDIC COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held via Teams on **Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 19:00 BST.**

1. Attendance

Present: Fern Cates (Chair)(FC), Amy Gumbrell (AG), John Holgate (JH), Andy Robinson (AR), Adam Pinney (AP), Ryan Grewcock (RG) from Snowsport England (part time), Susan Penty (SP), Michael Smith (MS), Mary Wray (MW1), Glennis Dore (GD), Martin Watkins

Apologies: Alan Mitcham (AM)

Absent: Thea Wates (TW)

2. Actions

Actions from previous meetings

See separate actions list.

3. SE Update (RG)

2029. 2021 financial accounts closed.

2030. SE going through a re-structure.

2031. Membership director role is open on the board if anyone from Nordic is interested.

2032. Funding from SE has come through with a focus on diversity and inclusivity to change the perceptions and reach a wider group. SE are reluctant to invest in assets hence no funding for equipment purchase or for Engagement Coach as proposed by the NC.

2033. Coaching work groups moving on to phase 2 to define skills and competencies that go with the coaching process – what range of operation different levels can work in (especially on snow), and clarifying that a SE qualification does not allow ‘commercial’ work.

4. Chairs Report (FC)

Fern ran through the highlights from the Chair’s report. See report for full details.

2034. Funding agreements being finalized, Nordic coaching time looking to be increased.

2035. Financial audit for 2021 completed. The forecast deficit was reduced from £80k to £4-5k.

2036. Nordic talent & development pushing on with monthly sessions.

2037. Liaising with Snowsport Scotland and would like home nation camps, Fife & Leeds proposed.

- 2038. Jordan, Ian and Adam met to talk about equipment required for festival, believe can borrow from the Northern clubs, supplemented by equipment Jordan can bring from the Hyde Park van without need for the full van.
- 2039. ParaNordic pathway now running, 3 skiers? from England, 2 from Scotland.
- 2040. Generally a lot of activity again.
- 2041. Funding focus on talent and development. ParaNordic received separate funding for adaptive equipment.
- 2042. Andy asked what the deal was with the cross-discipline project Paul is recruited for. Ryan responded that he has been brought in to assist with smaller disciplines such as moguls & ski cross which are too small to separately have their own.

5. Finance Report (AR)

Andy ran through the highlights from the financial report.

- 2043. Waiting on Central Office to send Q1 2022 information to then pass around.
- 2044. SE made a loss of £4,470. Alpine & Nordic only ones to make a profit. Without its sponsorship income Alpine would have made a loss
- 2045. After the financial audit we can assume that no more adjustments will be made. Leeds, Lancaster, Nordic Online Refresher and Army courses made a good profit.
- 2046. Sponsorship of Alpine – can Nordic learn anything from them? AP suggested that this might not be worth pursuing, because Nordic has little to offer to potential sponsors.

6. Telemark Report (JH)

John ran through the highlights from the telemark report. See report for full details.

- 2047. Most successful year ever.
- 2048. Coaching scene, working on matrix.
- 2049. Festival planned and date set. Just need rubber stamp.
- 2050. Q from John on SE Coaching conference 17/18th September. Ryan's reply was that venue still to be decided based upon costs.
- 2051. The Manchester club is about to go live with the roller ski tour schedule. Hope to do another later in the year. Lancaster track booked.

7. XC Coaching Update (GD)

Glennis ran through the highlights from the coaching panel report. See report for full details.

- 2052. Skills course end March went ahead in Norway with a highly qualified BASI coach and trainer as Lead Coach along with a Norwegian athlete as member of his Norway based coaching team. 12 people and went very well.
- 2053. Progression documents – modular approach has been tested successfully.
- 2054. Coaching courses going ahead again. Have run level 1, Level 2 coaching and advanced coaching workshops.
- 2055. Adam commented on SE coaching qualification and there was subsequently much discussion around what the SE coaching qualification permits with regards to club vs commercial vs military settings for the different disciplines. These need to be clarified by Ryan who proposes to run a Teams session inviting all present and future coaches to clarify the rules.

Action: Ryan to run a Teams meeting for all current and future coaches of all Nordic disciplines to run through the rules on what SE coaching awards enable them to do.

8. 2022 Events

- 2056. Leeds Festival. Live on Snowsport England sites and clubs are aware through the committee. Scheduled to be posted on SE media. Still not easy to find on the SE website. 2 documents on the booking form but Fern doesn't seem to be able to get the wrong version removed.
- 2057. Jordan Andrews has contacted clubs about Ukrainian Paralympic skiers. They are asking for support and a place to live in the UK. SE can offer them to join training sessions if they wish to.
- 2058. Glennis comments that booking is overly complicated and Adam comments Sport80 is an expensive system. Do Alpine have the same issues with booking? Fern will try and find out. For next year investigate using a much simpler system such as Ticket Tailor or Eventbrite

Action: Fern to find out how the disciplines work with SE social media and Sport 80.

Action: Fern to create a formal link from our Nordic committee to SE communications team. Mike (MS) volunteered for this.

- 2059. Mike suggests having a calendar to run through at each of these meetings to then drip feed SE communications.
- 2060. John H suggests inviting local photography club or university students to use the event for practice and provide us with photos, or can SE fund a photographer for the festival?

Action: Fern to find out whether SE could fund a photographer for the festival or other events.

- 2061. August Leeds SE roller ski weekend. Update from Amy. Only 2 coaches signed up so far. Glennis will reach out to potentially find someone external to SE.
- 2062. June Festival – promotion states the Festival includes Nordic Walking which isn't quite technically correct, because it will involve some ski bounding and some walking and walking with poles. i.e. it is a fairly free interpretation of 'Nordic Walking'. Equipment a concern as to whether there will be a rush to get enough equipment close to the event. Fern to give a heads up on the numbers.
- 2063. Lancaster weekend – no one on the call to give an update.
- 2064. Andy asked whether a budget submission needs to be given for the coaching at the SE roller ski events. Amy didn't think they had been included in the original Leeds budget element i.e., only Skills had been included. Glennis comments that they have been agreed in principle but will be sent to Andy for review.
- 2065. Lakeland event link update needed.
- 2066. Festival web page states 'cannot be reached'. Fern will mention when she talks to Victoria tomorrow (no separate action created).

9. Nordic skiing visibility on SE website

- 2067. Ryan sent Amy the login details during this meeting. No further discussion at today's meeting.

10. Brexit and working rights

(New standing item added to the agenda for future meetings)

11. AOB

2068. British Roller Ski Series results – to be published somewhere. Redbridge results are in .pdf format and can be sent as they are but need to work out what format and how they should be presented. A decision is also needed on how many races will count for the Series overall; AP suggests five.

12. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

2069. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2nd August at 19.00 UK time.

Meeting closed at 21:10 UK time.