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NORDIC COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Nordic Committee meeting held via Teams on **Tuesday 16th August 2022 at 19:00 BST.**

1. Attendance

Present: Fern Cates (Chair)(FC), Amy Gumbrell (AG), John Holgate (JH), Andy Robinson (AR), Adam Pinney (AP), Susan Penty (SP), Michael Smith (MS), Glennis Dore (GD), Alan Mitcham (AM), Tim Fawke (from SE)

Apologies: Mary Wray (MW1), Thea Wates (TW)

Absent: Ryan Grewcock (RG) from SE

2. Actions

Actions from previous meetings

See separate actions list.

3. SE Update (Tim Fawke)

2070. Staffing changes in SE. New strategy and new staff structure to go with that. Tim, Claire & Ryan are the only ones left from the original organisation. Tim talked through the new Org chart. Note that the new structure is public knowledge but names are not. Org chart shared for our information but not to be shared outside this committee.

2071. Some changes also to the board. Adverts for 2 new board members to go out this autumn.

4. Chairs Report (FC)

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

2072. SE England has give ParaNordic program 8k for equipment and training. Para Triathlon athlete (7 times world champion) is switching over to Nordics. Learning to roller ski now. Has personal funding from GBS.

2073. Leeds festival really successful. Scottish clubs came down and gave praise.

2074. Amy - covered instructors & skills courses that were this time run in parallel. Availability of coaches has been a challenge. Not running a beginners group this year, only one who enrolled and will move to the Lancaster event. Communications between coaches and organisers with correct contact details is a learning. Low numbers. Perhaps some of the participants would have attended both but can't because they are run in parallel, but could also be due to other reasons. Reduced numbers is not just a

Nordics issue, sports participation numbers are generally down across the board. How to publicise the events wider was discussed.

5. Finance Report (AR)

Andy ran through the highlights from the financial report.

2075. Issued transaction detail for Q2. Still waiting for SE finance summary. Subsequent to the meeting, issued summary 22nd Aug

2076. £236 profit in Q2

2077. Andy requests that event organisers check the figures and project codes are correct.

6. Telemark Report (JH)

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

2078. Telemark Festival, numbers a little down but went really well. Only had 4 groups on the hill rather than 5 or 6 and feedback was this made it a bit more personal. There were 5 short notice cancellations – 3 Covid & 2 injuries

2079. British telemark championships going ahead 7-19th January

7. XC Coaching Update (GD)

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

2080. Pilot modular approach for level 3 roller ski award – online modules and coaches received good feedback

2081. Recommendations for tutors and senior tutors – recommendation for nominations agreed at the NC last night and as listed on the XC Coaching Panel report for the meeting.

Nominations for Tutor / Senior Tutor Appointments for 2022/2023

Recommendations for next year (Oct 2022 – Oct 2023):

Senior Tutors: Patrick Winterton, Alan Eason, Barbara Grogan, Martin Watkins

Tutor: Adam Pinney

2082. What do we do with on snow event this season? Don't have an organiser for the event and location unknown. Norway? Austria? What can and can't we do post Brexit?

2083. From Fern - No update from the individual countries on what we can do. Countries not providing more information

2084. Questions regarding military – Ryan and Glennis communicating about this.

2085. Coaching panel check coach qualification before they can act as SE coaches for SE instructor and skills weekends. These details are on Sport 80, so instructors and coaches can check their own details including expiry dates of any of the licencing elements (dbs, safeguarding, first aid, revalidation, annual membership payment). Glennis found out today that clubs have access to this information on Sport 80, so can check for their own instructors.

8. Festival 2023

2086. Leeds Nordic festival 18/19th June. Low numbers pre-registered but on the day good turn out. Lots of extra activities. Track booking next year needs firming up.

2087. Adam suggested Saturday activities could be a bit more Nordics focussed. A walk on the moors was good but not focussed. He suggested using a downhill site for a Nordics session such as the Chill factory or Castleford. John pointed out how expensive that would be, estimate £1000 for 3 or 4 hours at chill factor. Another alternative could be a roller ski tour?

2088. Without the Scottish race participants the whole event would have been somewhat sparse.
2089. Sport 80 confusion on booking with whole menu of choices. Suggest just in for the weekend or not with next years booking.
2090. Need a work group to start planning for next year. Adam, Amy, Andy, Mike, Fern volunteered for the work group.

Action: Fern will call for the first meeting 6th September of the working group for Nordic festival event planning for 2023 event.

9. Roles in the Committee

2091. Adam suggested defined roles on the committee, main ones:

- Publicity – Mike
- Web site – Alan & Amy
- Festival organiser - TBN

Glennis volunteered to put Mike Smith in touch with Alistair Westell who looks after the Facebook Snowsport England Nordic page (action completed by the time of finalising these minutes so not added to the action list).

10. National Snow Show (Birmingham)

2092. Fern on stage with Calum with interactive equipment to represent paraNordics.

2093. Nordics will be alongside RAF biathlon stand. A small roller ski arena will be there and can do a bit of instructing. Glennis looking for instructors from other clubs as volunteers.

2094. Adam – London club will review whether they want to be involved after this year. They see it as a lot of effort with little benefit.

11. GBS Funding

2095. Adam – aware some time ago of the cuts but was sworn to secrecy. Reason behind the funding stop was in their view not good enough performance at Beijing. It was UK Sport not GB SnowSport who made the cut, although GBS also did not do a great job of lobbying for Nordics sports. There was talk about trying to get funding from a company in Norway. What does this mean for development and what younger athletes can ever aspire to achieve? Not good for all levels in of Nordic skiing

2096. Fern – similar for paraNordics, small funding but inadequate to support the program, coaches etc.

12. Brexit and working rights

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

2097. No news at this point. 25th August may get more information from Ryan.

13. Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

2098. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15th November at 19.00 UK time.

Meeting closed at 21:20 UK time.

