

Minutes of the FIS Council Meeting on 17th March 2023

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1. Opening of the Meeting

President Eliasch opened the meeting at 14.00 hrs and welcomed the participants.

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2. Members present

Johan Eliasch
Roman Kumpost
Aki Murasato
Flavio Roda
Martti Uusitalo
Mats Arjes
Deidra Dionne
Dean Gosper
Martti Jylhä
Magdalena Kast
Hannah Kearney
Urs Lehmann
Tzeko Minev
Patrick Ortlieb
Anne-Chantal Pigelet
Erik Roeste
Enzo Smrekar
Franz Steinle
Fiona Stevens
Patrick Toussaint
Moses Liang-Cheng Zheng

Michel Vion, Secretary General
Niklas Carlsson, Deputy Secretary General

Observers:
Sven Schaeffner, FIS Legal Counsel
Stephan Netzle, FIS Legal Advisor

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3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was sent out together with the working document on 13th March 2023.

The Council approved the agenda.

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4. Minutes from the Council Meeting 22nd October 2023

The minutes of the FIS Council Meeting on 22nd October were sent out to the Council Members on 2nd November 2023 with a request to send any remarks to the FIS General Secretary. The finalised confidential version of the FIS Council Meeting minutes was sent to the FIS Council Members on 15th November 2022. Furthermore, the public version of the Minutes was distributed to all NSAs as well as the Chairs of the FIS Technical Committees on 15th November 2022.

The Council approved the minutes.

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5. President's Update

President Eliasch provided a general update saying that as we are near the end of the season, we can say we were lucky with having few cancellations, despite the difficult weather conditions.

Given the long agenda, other updates were provided throughout the meeting.

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6. FIS Technical Committee – Change of Nominations NSA

The following changes of nominations for FIS Technical Committees have been submitted for approval to the FIS Council:

Ski Jumping Committee

Mrs. Suzanna Tahk (EST) to be replaced Mr. Heiki Heitur (EST)
Mr. Clas B. Brathen (NOR) to replace Mr. Bertil Palsrud (NOR)

Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Calendar Planning

Mrs Stine A Korsen (NOR) to replace Mr. Clas B. Brathen (NOR)

Sub-Committee for CC Rules and Control

Mrs. Seraina Mischol (SUI) to replace Mr. Christian Flury (SUI)
Mrs. Anaël Huard (FRA) as new member

Committee Nordic Combined

Mr. Joel Bieri (SUI) to replace Mrs. Guri Knotten (SUI)
Mr. Rauno Loit (EST) to replace Mrs. Suzanna Tahk (EST)

Sub-Committee Alpine World Cup

Mrs. Niina Haaslahti (CAN) to replace Mr. Phil McNichol (CAN)
Mr. Patrick Riml (USA) to replace Mrs. Lindsey Arnold (USA)

Sub-Committee for AL Australia/New Zealand Cup

Mrs. Alison Bombardier (AUS) to replace Mr. Lachlan Clark (AUS) and Mr. Matt Lyons (AUT)

Sub-Committee for Alpine Ski Cross

Mr. Hualing Wang (CHN) to replace Mr. Yongjun Cai (CHN)

Sub-Committee for Alpine Citizen Racers

Mr. Osi Inglin (SUI) to replace Mr. Urs Dietrich (SUI)

Sub-Committee for University Racers

Mr. Giorgio Madella (ITA) to replace Mr. Paolo Carminati (ITA)

Sub-Committee for Snowboard Cross

Mr Hualing Wang (CHN) to replace Mr. Yongjun Cai (CHN)

Medical Committee

Mr. Fatih Karaaslan (TUR) to replace Mr. Emin Pacaci (TUR)

Sub-Committee for Advertising Matters

Mr. Pierre Mignerey (FRA) for the open position of FRA

It was noted these changes were being asked so the proposed members could start their mandate already in time for the Technical Committees in Dubrovnik (CRO).

The Council approved the change of nominations.

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7. Procedural Rules FIS Ethics Committee

Feedback and comments regarding the Procedural Rules for the FIS IECO and FIS Ethics Commission were distributed prior to the meeting as part of the documentation.

It was agreed FIS will compile a 'best practice' list of what other International Federations have in their Procedural Rules.

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8. 54th International Ski Congress

8.1 Agenda

The agenda for the FIS Congress 2023 was circulated to the Council members as part of the working document.

The Council acknowledged the agenda for the Congress 2023.

8.2 Proposals and requests from National Ski Associations (*Congress Proposals*)

The Council discussed the proposals with recommendations to the Congress.

8.3 Proposals for amendments of the FIS Statutes

An overview of the proposals of amendments of the FIS Statutes was circulated to the FIS Council members as part of the working document.

The Council discussed the proposals with recommendations to the Congress.

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9. Next FIS Council Meeting

The next FIS Council Meeting will take place physically on 24th May 2023 at the Hotel Hyatt, Zurich (SUI) in connection with the 54th International Ski Congress.

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10. Miscellaneous

10.1 CAS Case

President Eliasch reported that the CAS case has been formally withdrawn by four nations that filed the appeal.

10.2 Sustainability

President Eliasch reported that sustainability and climate change are increasingly in the news. He reported that FIS is seeking a way to effectively make progress in this area and that FIS has been asked by the IOC to consult on future Winter Olympic Games to ensure they are sustainable.

10.3 Olympic Winter Games 2030

Sweden is expected to bid for the Games, thanks in large part to intervention from FIS and the Swedish Ski officials, as it was important to have a viable host introduced with both USA and Canada not expected to bid for the next edition.

10.4 FIS M&M

FIS is working very hard to move forward with its marketing efforts. The focus is currently on digital activations. Sponsorship discussions are also underway and there is further focus on finding good coverage in North America.

10.5 Calendar

The World Cup calendars should shortly be finalized for the upcoming season with a few caveats to that will help ensure high viewer numbers and interest. The calendars will be circulated and they can be approved by remote voting, depending if discussion is needed by the Council when the drafts are sent.

10.6 Russia/Belarus ban

President Eliasch explained that nothing has changed for FIS in terms of Russia and Belarus athlete and team participation. In terms of any Russian or Belarusian officials attending upcoming meetings, the FIS Council decided Russian and Belarusian delegates cannot attend physically but can follow the Technical Committee Meetings remotely without the option to speak or vote if technically possible.

10.7 Calendar and Registration Fee

Niklas Carlsson stated that FIS is proposing the fees remain the same, but including para sports in the fees.

10.8 Athletes' Commission

It was the last meeting for outgoing Athletes' Commission members Hannah Kearney and Martti Jylhä. The Council thanked them for their service. Two new Athletes' Commission Council members will be appointed in time for the next meeting.

10.9 Fluor Ban

Roman Kumpost reported that after the one-year postponement of full implementation, FIS and IBU have both agreed that they are ready to fully implement the Fluor Wax Ban starting for the season 2023-24. There is still a learning process for everyone in the upcoming season, but he is positive after all the tests conducted in the last year that everything is now prepared.

The Council approved fully implementing the Fluor Wax Ban at the start of the 2023-2024 winter season (Alpine opening races in Soelden).

Martti Uusitalo abstained from voting as it would be a conflict of interest.

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11. Closing of the meeting

President Eliasch closed the meeting at 17:00 CET.

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Michel Vion
Secretary General

Soldeu (AND), 17th March 2023
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