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- Members of the FIS Council

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**Minutes of the FIS Council Conference Call Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Dear Council Members,

In accordance with article 11.4.1.4. of the FIS Statutes we have the pleasure in sending you the Minutes of the FIS Council Conference Call Meeting which took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 12:00 CET.

Please send any remarks or observations to the FIS Office the latest by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Thank you for your valuable collaboration.

Kind regards,



Michel Vion  
Secretary General

## **Agenda**

1. Welcome and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021
3. Legal Updates
4. Olympic Winter Games 2022 Beijing
5. 53<sup>rd</sup> International Ski Congress
6. Any other business
7. Next FIS Council Meeting
8. Closure of the meeting

## 1. Welcome and Roll Call

The following elected Council Members are present at the online meeting on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022:

President: Johan Eliasch

Vice Presidents: Roman Kumpost, Aki Murasato, Dexter Paine, Peter Schröcksnadel,

Council Members: Mats Arjes, Dean Gosper, Hannah Kearney, Martti Jylha, Urs Lehmann, Tzeko Minev, Flavio Roda, Erik Roeste, Enzo Smrekar, Franz Steinle, Martti Uusitalo, Elena Vyalbe, Moses Liang-Cheng Zheng

Secretary General: Michel Vion

Director: Philippe Gueisbuhler

Observers: Stephan Netzle, FIS Legal Counsel, Mark Nufer, Legal Advisor

## 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on 5th November 2021

Input from Roman Kumpost had one remark according full membership of Slovakia. We did not mention which association we accepted for full membership.

The Council approved the minutes from the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and notes that they had been redacted for details due to the confidential nature of some of the discussions.

## 3. Legal Updates

### A. Infront non-payment of 700,000 Euros 2021 Alpine and Nordic World Ski Championships:

In order to help Infront, FIS made a claim under its insurance policy in the amount of 4.7 million Euros. The FIS insurance policy contained disruption cover, whereas the agreement between FIS and Infront had no such reductions whereby Infront could have made reduction claims against FIS. Despite the goodwill extended by FIS to retrieve 4 million Euros under the insurance policy, Infront has refused to pay.

### B. Infront injunction against FIS:

The position of FIS is that the injunction should be vacated. The injunction does not involve any National Ski Associations.

### C. FIS Marketing AG injunction against FIS:

The position of FIS is that the injunction should be vacated.

### D. Infront Letter dated January 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 addressed to FIS Council Members:

It was reported that Infront had sent a letter to the FIS Council Members making false statements.

## **6. Olympic Winter Games 2022 Beijing**

Secretary General Michel Vion provided the latest update with eight days to go before the Opening Ceremony. Some of the FIS team is already on site and so far, they have provided positive feedback. The biggest challenge for most people right now is traveling into the county. On the sports side all of the venues are perfectly prepared and look very impressive.

There is one case that was recently brought forward by a few Russian athletes who could not attend some of the qualification races in North America. This is an ongoing case with CAS.

## **7. 53<sup>rd</sup> International Ski Congress**

The Congress is currently scheduled to take place in Vilamoura (POR) at the end of May. Due to financial commitments for booking the hotel and flights FIS needs to make a decision if the Congress will be held in person in Portugal.

It was proposed that FIS take an additional 30 days to assess the situation with the pandemic and have a full discussion at the end of February.

The Council agreed to delay the decision on the Congress format and location until the end of February.

## **6. Any other business**

Dexter Paine asked about the status of the Freestyle Ski events scheduled to take place in March in Kazakhstan. He was informed that due to the current situation in Kazakhstan those events have been cancelled.

Roman Kumpost provided the latest update on the Fluor Wax ban and the development of the hand-held detector.

## **7. Next FIS Council Meeting**

The Council is asked to reserve 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 as the date for a Council Meeting in preparation of the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Congress.

## **8. Closing of the Meeting**