

FIS COUNCIL MEETING 12TH APRIL 2024 – ZURICH (SUI)

MINUTES

1. Opening of the Meeting

President Eliasch opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

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2. Members present

Johan Eliasch, FIS
Roman Kumpost, CZE
Aki Murasato, JPN
Flavio Roda, ITA
Matti Uusitalo, FIN
Mats Arjes, SWE
Deidra Dionne, CAN
Alex Fiva
Dean Gosper, AUS
Magdalena Kast, ARG
Urs Lehmann, SUI
Tzeko Minev, BUL
Patrick Ortlieb, AUT
Erik Roeste, NOR
Enzo Smrekar, SLO
Verena Stuffer
Franz Steinle, GER
Fiona Stevens, NZL
Patrick Toussaint, AND

Michel Vion, Secretary General , FIS

Excused:

Moses Liang-Cheng Zheng, CHN
Anne-Chantal Pigelet, FRA

Observers:

Aoife Keane, General Counsel, FIS
Stefan Ruf, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, FIS
Stefan Netzle, External Legal Counsel

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3. Approval of the Agenda

The Council approved the meeting agenda that was sent out in mid-March.

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4. Minutes of the FIS Council Meeting 19th February 2024, online

The Council approved the minutes from the meeting on 19th February without comment.

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5. Information and Updates by the President

President Johan Eliasch reported on the following topics:

Athletes' Health Unit

There has been progress with the cut resistant racing suits and a binding release system. As previously reported, air bags will be mandatory in several events at the start of next season. FIS is speaking with Dainese regarding the development of these technologies. The budget and timeline are still not defined for the various projects.

Recreational Winter Sports Pilot Platform

Together with the Dutch Ski Association, a pilot programme has been developed that will be made available to all National Ski Associations with a focus on recreational users. It will encompass lift passes, rental equipment, insurance and many other areas to make it easier for recreational skiers to participate in many countries. It was proposed that FIS support the development of the project over the next four years.

Additional information on the project will be made available to the Council members before making a commitment to the project.

Alpine World Cup Calendar: Having received feedback from the speed athletes; it is proposed to eliminate back-to-back downhill races and that replacement races should be carefully considered. Additionally, large gaps for the various disciplines should be avoided. It was also clear they do not support the speed opening in Zermatt-Cervinia in early November. FIS took note of the athlete feedback, and the draft calendar has been sent to the Alpine World Cup Sub-Committee for further discussion at the upcoming meetings in Portoroz. Deidre Dionne said it would also be a good idea if the athletes in other disciplines also have the same opportunity to provide feedback.

There was further discussion about the Alpine World Cup Finals in Sun Valley (USA) and Secretary General Michel Vion made it clear that Sun Valley has not yet been approved as a part of the 2024-25 Alpine World Cup calendar and if it is approved it would only be for the upcoming season until it is clear if it is successful. He added that the clear goal is to go back to having a four-year, long-term calendar.

Zermatt/Cervinia: President Eliasch informed that the feedback from the athletes was that they do not want to do the race in Zermatt. He emphasized that this is disappointing for all those involved, for FIS, for Swiss-Ski, the LOC and also for him personally, who all have had great hopes for this project. But Franz Julen on behalf of the Local Organising Committee,

felt that under those circumstances, it was not the right thing to organise another race this upcoming season. So the decision was to do a suspension for at least one year to take stock and see how the weather conditions play out in 2024.

Flavio Roda took the opportunity to thank the organisers and everyone involved for their efforts so far.

Centralisation

President Eliasch gave an update regarding the discussions with the primary European nations about the rights situation and governance.

The Council approved forming a working group to create a position paper regarding Centralisation on behalf of the FIS Council in the next two weeks.

2027 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships Crans Montana

President Eliasch gave an update on the status of the 2027 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in Crans-Montana.

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6. 55th International Ski Congress 2024, Reykjavik (ISL)

6.1 Programme

The FIS Council received a detailed programme for the 55th International Ski Congress in Reykjavik (ISL).

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6.2 Provisional Minutes of the 54th International Ski Congress 2023

The provisional minutes of the FIS Congress 2023 will be sent to the NSAs together with the Congress Book one month before the Congress 2024. They are subject to approval by the FIS Congress.

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6.3 Congress Proposals 2023 - Follow Up

The Council discussed the open Congress Proposals of the FIS Congress 2023.

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6.4 Congress Proposals 2024

The Council reviewed the Congress proposals and decided on recommendations to the Congress.

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6.5 Council Candidates

AND	1	Patrick Toussaint
AUS	3	Dean Gosper
AUT	3	Michael Huber
BUL	2	Tzeko Minev
CAN	3	Deidra Dionne
CZE	3	Roman Kumpost
DEN	2	Anna Harboe Falkenberg
ESP	2	Jose Maria Peus España
FIN	3	Martti Uusitalo
FRA	3	Fabien Saguez
GEO	1	Zurab Kostava
GER	3	Franz Steinle
ITA	3	Flavio Roda
JPN	3	Aki Murasato
LBN	2	Freddy Keirouz
LIE	1	Alexander Ospelt
NOR	3	Tove Moe Dyrhaug
NZL	2	Fiona Stevens
POR	1	Pedro Farromba
SLO	3	Enzo Smrekar
SUI	3	Jean-Philippe Rochat
SWE	3	Karin Mattsson
USA	3	Dexter Paine

The Council validated the list of candidates for the FIS Council election.

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7. 56th International Ski Congress 2025, 57th International Ski Congress 2026 & 59th International Ski Congress 2028

The FIS Council acknowledged that the dates for the 56th International Ski Congress and 57th International Ski Congress 2026 will be communicated after the FIS Congress 2024.

The Council acknowledged that there are currently no bids to host the FIS Congress 2028 and that the appointment shall be tabled for the FIS Congress 2025.

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8. Statutory Documents

The Council acknowledged the receipt of the draft FIS Executive Committee Rules, draft of FIS Code of Ethical Conduct and Summary of the FIS Safeguarding Policy.

The discussion on these documents has been tabled to a later FIS Council Meeting.

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9. Rules and Terms of Reference for FIS Committees

The Council acknowledged the draft Rules and Terms of Reference for FIS Committees Edition 2024.

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10. World Ski Championship Rules

The Council acknowledged the amendments to the FIS World Ski Championship Rules.

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11. Any other business

Regulation for Awarding FIS Honorary Membership

The Council approved the Regulation for Awarding FIS Honorary Membership.

Ethics Committee

It was proposed that Ian Hunt (NZL) be named a member of the Ethic Committee.

The Council approved naming Ian Hunt as a member of the Ethic Committee.

FIS Marketing AG Update

President Eliasch gave a brief history of FIS Marketing AG's relationship with FIS.

PWC Auditors

President Eliasch informs that the audit for the financial year 2023 has been completed.

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11 Next FIS Council Meeting

The FIS Council meeting in connection with the FIS Congress will take place on 4th June 2024 at the Hotel Edition, Reykjavik (ISL).

An additional FIS Council Meeting (online) shall take place End of April if deemed necessary.

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12. Closing of the meeting

President Eliasch closed the meeting at 17.00 hrs

Oberhofen, 12th April 2024

Michel Vion
Secretary General