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- S.C. for University Racers

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**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for University Racers,
Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portoroz (SLO), 26.05.2017**

Dear Ski friends,

we take pleasure in sending you today the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for University Racers, held in Portoroz (SLO).

Thank you very much for your valuable cooperation.

Kindest regards,



Urs Schuepbach
Chairman Sub-Committee for University Racers

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
Sub-Committee for University Racers**

**Invitation Meeting Sub-Committee for University Racers
10:00 – 12:00 hrs, Conference Room “Aurora 1”**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting
2. Roll call participants & guests
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting at Hotel Hilton, Zurich (SUI) 30.09.2016
5. Information from Chairman and Committee Members
 - FIS-UNI Races 2016/17
 - Winteruniversiade Almaty 2017
6. FIS UNI Rules 2017/18
 - New age limit FISU
 - Quotas for USA/CAN
 - Appendix I (starting order)
7. FIS UNI Race Calendar 2017/18
8. Information about Winteruniversiade 2019 Krasnojarsk / RUS
9. Miscellaneous, questions
10. Next meeting, Zurich (SUI), 3rd – 7th October 2017

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

Meeting started at 10.05 hrs. Chairman Urs Schüpbach welcomes the members of the FIS UNI Committee and guests with interest for University Skisports. Special welcome for representing OC Winteruniversiade 2017 Almaty/KAZ and 2019 Krasnoyarsk/RUS. Official excused is Milan Augustin, Director Winteruniversiade FISU due to an inspection these days in Krasnoyarsk/RUS.

2. Roll call participants & guests

Chairman: Urs Schüpbach (SUI)

Members: Darryl Landstrom (USA), Radovan Cagala (SVK), David Edwards (GBR), Wojciech Gajewski (POL), Julie Lemieux (CAN), Matjaz Kranjc (SLO), Werner Margreiter (AUT), Gianfranco Martin (ITA), Franz Steinle (GER)

Guests: Iouri Gouriev (RUS), Vaycheslav Kozlov (RUS / WU Krasnoyarsk), Richard Rokos (USA), Andrey Obyskalov (KAZ / WU Almaty), Paul Van Slyke (USA), Roshan Thakur (IND), Robert Ropret (SRB), Hatty G. Möck (AUT / OK Kirchberg), Günter Bayr (AUT / OK Kirchberg), Kiyotaka Kato (JAP), Chip Knight (USA):

3. Approval of the agenda

The presented agenda is approved.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting at Hotel Hilton, Zurich (SUI) 30.09.2016

The minutes from the last meeting in Zurich were unanimously approved.

5. Information from Chairman and Committee Members

We are looking back on a winter with rather difficult conditions for organisers and athletes. Less snow at the beginning of the season with bad weather conditions. But for FIS UNI races, which started in January 2017, we were lucky as we had less calendar changes (postponements and cancellations) compared with FIS races overall during the entire season 2016/17.

Statistics about season 2016/17:

- 108 FIS UNI Races in calendar, only 8 cancelled!
- 52 SL and 48 GS in 9 Nations and 3 Continents
- 44 races in January, 34 in February and totally 22 in March
- Race-Penalties (average): USA (10-20 M / 20-40 L), CAN (20-30 M / 30-40 L), JAP (20-30 M/L), Europe (20-30 M / 30-50 L)
- High Level in the USA FIS UNI Races due to the attractive college team series
- Winner FIS UNI Europe Cup (13 races in FRA/SUI/SVK/CZE/ITA):
Men: Zinnato Lucas (ITA) and Ladies: Bonnevie Manon (FRA)

The highlight of the season 2016/17 was the Winteruniversiade Almaty/KAZ. For the first time, the event took place with students in this fantastic nature of Kazakhstan. We came home with unforgettable memories. The opening ceremony was one of the best ever, the athlete's village quite a 5 Star Hotel for students and the sport venues for all disciplines were carried out on a top level. Alpine skiing was hosted at Chimbulak Resort at an altitude of 2200-2800m with the same final area for all disciplines.

Statistics:

- 10 races (SG, SG/SC, GS, SL) and for the first time a very successful mixed Parallel Team Event
- Medallists / Podiums for 14 Nations
- 6-8 Nations in Top 10 ranking
- No heavy injuries and accidents
- No protests and sanctions
- FIS Race points in GS (M/L) and SL (M) by 6.00-8.00 FIS points (COC level)
- Professional Broadcasting by Eurosport Chanel with live stream from all alpine events in about 50 countries.

Many thanks to the Organising Committee and FISU!

6. FIS UNI Rules 2017/18

FISU Council decided last year to define new age limits for all students` sport competitions. The new limit to participate at Universiade or Student World Champion Chips will be 17-25 years from beginning of 2018.

An intensive discussion started in the committee to adapt this new limit for FIS UNI races too. For USA /CAN any age limit will be a huge issue in case of college teams with students older than 25 years and confirmed contracts.

The committee expresses in majority the wish to check possibilities to accept the actual age limit for FIS-UNI races (28 years). Chairman will discuss this item with FISU and FIS (J.Fl  r   / S.Lewis) to present solutions till FIS autumn meeting in October 2017.

The special quotas for FIS UNI Races in USA/CAN were applied last winter and are going on in the forthcoming season 2017/18.

The appendix I for FIS UNI Rules 2017/18 will be presented at FIS autumn meeting 2017 with the starting order for athletes with more than 150 Points in the overall ranking FIS UNI Europe Cup 2016/17.

7. FIS UNI Race Calendar 2017/18

The chairman asked all organising nations to plan FIS UNI races next winter if possible only on weekends (Fr-Su), as we have a much better participation ratio during these days. Additionally, he requests no overlapping of races during the same weekend. Furthermore, he expresses the desire to check possibilities for events that start already at the end of November (glacier) or in December (before Christmas).

Krasnoyarsk/RUS will organise pre-events for WU'19 at the beginning of March 2018. We will check if it might be possible to get special conditions for charter flights from ZHR or FRA for students of Western Europe.

8. Information about Winteruniversiade 2019 Krasnojarsk / RUS

This week FISU Technical Committees made inspections in Krasnoyarsk/RUS where the next Winteruniversiade 2019 will be organised. Iouri Gouriev from Russian Ski Federation and Vaycheslav Kozlov from OC Krasnoyarsk informed about the current situation and the planned pre-events in march 2018. Due to the weather conditions in Siberia, the WU 2019 will be executed only in March 1st - 12th, 2019.

The participants get a first impression from this fantastic nature by a video from OC Krasnoyarsk. The TD Committee appointed JAP and BUL for the two TD's at WU 2019.

9. Miscellaneous, questions

On behalf of organising committee Winteruniversiade 2021 Lucerne (SUI), the participants got a first information flyer about this future event.

The guest from Japan tells his desire to join our committee as an official member by the next FIS congress in 2018.

10. Next meetings

- FIS autumn Meeting at Zurich (SUI), 5th October 2017, 16.00-18.00
- 51st FIS Congress, Greece 15th/16th May 2018

Meeting closed at 15.50 hrs.

Minutes prepared by U. Schüpbach, Chairman (SUI)