

## MINUTES OF THE FIS COUNCIL MEETING ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Members present
3. Minutes from the Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023
4. President's Update

### 1. Opening of the Meeting

President Eliasch opened and welcomed the participants saying that today's meeting would consist of general updates before the start of the new year.

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### 2. Members present

Johan Eliasch  
Roman Kumpost  
Aki Murasato  
Flavio Roda  
Martti Uusitalo  
Mats Arjes  
Deidra Dionne  
Alex Fiva  
Dean Gosper  
Madgalena Kast  
Urs Lehmann  
Tzeko Minev  
Patrick Ortlieb  
Anne-Chantal Pigelet  
Erik Roeste  
Enzo Smrekar  
Verena Stuffer  
Franz Steinle  
Fiona Stevens  
Patrick Toussaint

Michel Vion, Secretary General

Not attended:  
Moses Liang-Cheng Zheng

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### 3. Minutes from the Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The Council approved the minutes from the last meeting.

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### 4. President's Update

The following topics were covered under the President's Update:

#### Centralisation of Media Rights:

An update was given about the status of centralising the rights after which the Council members were able to provide comments. Following the brief discussion, President Eliasch confirmed that discussions with the relevant National Ski Associations will continue.

#### Race Cancellations/Rescheduling:

Michel Vion provided an update about the process of replacing the cancelled races from the first part of the Alpine season. Namely that three of the five men's cancelled speed races will be rescheduled. The cancelled men's slalom from Val d'Isere will also not be rescheduled. This is to try to keep the balance between speed and technical races.

#### Russia-Belarus Participation:

President Eliasch provided an update following the IOC decision to allow athletes from Russia and Belarus to participate in the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris under a neutral flag. Following the update, it was made clear that no decision would be made today, this was just to provide the Council with latest information on the matter.

#### Olympic Winter Games 2030/2034:

President Eliasch updated the Council on the IOC EB recommendation that the Olympic Winter Games in 2030 be awarded to France, and the Games in 2034 be awarded to the United States. This recommendation is subject to approval at the next IOC Session. Additionally, Switzerland is considered a preferred host for the 2038 Olympic Winter Games.

#### Role of the FIS Treasurer:

President Eliasch informed that the role of the FIS Treasurer is under discussion as the organization continues to evolve. With the engagement of the Chief Financial Officer, the need to have a treasurer may not be necessary in the future. Current treasurer Enzo Smrekar agreed that the role is undefined in its current form and said that he welcomes having a CFO take over the role. The next step would be proposing a change to the FIS Statutes

The Council approved beginning the process to change the Statutes in regard to the role of the FIS Treasurer.

#### FIS Games:

Michel Vion informed that constructive conversations are underway with the two candidates, Switzerland (Engadine) and Norway (Lillehammer).

#### Fluor Wax:

Michel Vion informed that the fluor wax testing is fully underway with very few positive test results. Everyone is comfortable with the process with more than 7,000 tests already conducted. As previously decided, the threshold level will be reduced from 1.8 to 1.0 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

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**5. Next FIS Council Meeting**

The exact time and day of the next Council meeting will be communicated in due course.

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**6. Closing of the meeting**

President Eliasch closed the meeting at 16:30 hrs.

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Oberhofen, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Michel Vion  
Secretary General