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Oberhofen, 03.10.2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for European Cup held on Thursday, 26.09.2024 in Zurich (SUI).

Dear Ski Friends,

We have the pleasure sending you today the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for the European Cup held in Zurich.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **18th October 2024**.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the minutes are available on the Member Services section of the FIS Website: www.fis-ski.com.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution and have a successful season 2024/25.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Mandl', is placed above the typed name.

Herbert Mandl
Chairman Sub-Committee for European Cup

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION Sub-Committee for European Cup

**Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for European Cup held on Thursday,
28.09.2024**

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all Sub-Committee Members and all representatives of other Committees present. A special welcome to all present Organisers and suppliers.

2. Roll-call

Janez Fleré (FIS) made the Roll-call (see enclosure).

3. Approval of the agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Portoroz (SLO) on 07.05.2024

The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Report of the Chairman and the Coordinators

5.1 Chairman Herbert Mandl (AUT)

Over the summer the race directors have done their inspections together with the organisers and tried to build a suitable calendar.

The Chair thanks Jordi Pujol (FIS) and Wim Rossel (FIS) for their big work and their organising spirit.

The higher accommodation fee we help the Organisers a bit to have a more comfortable situation with the hotels.

Big thanks to the National Ski Associations and their Organisers for their efforts to support the European Cup.

We are in a very good situation to have well proofed Organisers who are organising races on a very high standard. We also have some new Organisers in the European Cup series and we are looking forward to be there.

We are still struggling with the image of our series. But the Chair think this can be only changed if a new format in ski racing will create at all. Somehow a new point system together with the World Cup that the European Cup get more interest.

Herbert Mandl informed that the project with the speed clinics for young women racers, supported by FESA will be continued. It will helps a lot to enable the beginning of downhill skiing on the women's side. Val Gardena (ITA) is proud to offer this end of November or beginning December again.

Thanks to Tatjana Luessy (FIS) and Janez Flere (FIS) for the support in the office.

5.2 Coordinators

Jordi Pujol (FIS)

Jordi Pujol (FIS) informed that almost all inspections were done except for Scandinavia which will be tackled next week together with Wim Rossel (FIS). He is looking forward to another exciting Europa Cup season and already thanked all organisers for great motivation and their professional approach.

During the inspections a focus was set on technical details, the quality of the ski rooms and the medical setup.

Every year it becomes harder and harder to find organisers for DH races resulting

in only 7 DH races instead of 9 planned for the upcoming Europa Cup Women season. On the other hand, he could announce that Kitzbühel (AUT) comes in the calendar with two SG women races, adding up to a total of 10 SG's.

As well, he mentioned that all DH's will take place on World Cup-slopes which is by far the best preparation for the women towards a world cup career.

Wim Rossel (FIS)

Wim Rossel (FIS) informed that summer was easy because no changes have occurred from the draft calendar that was presented in Portoroz (SLO) during the spring meetings. Wim Rossel (FIS) thanked all NSA's and LOC's, especially World Cup organisers for the support of the second league. He is very happy to present a well-balanced calendar with races all over the continent, starting in Levi (FIN), to central Europe, adding Spain, Andorra and Bjelasnica Sarajevo (BIH) to finally wrap up the season again in Norway. Information was given on speed training possibilities as well that there will be not much room for rescheduling races in case of cancellations. Information was shared that cut-resistant underwear for all events and airbags in speed events are strongly recommended for the upcoming Europa Cup Season and will be mandatory from the season 2025/26 onward. As well an update was made on the fluor control.

6. European Cup calendars 2024/25

Jordi Pujol (FIS) presented the women's calendar: The members present were briefed on the Calendar and some information was provided regarding resorts and courses. It was noted that events needed to be initially planned around speed events as it was difficult to find Organisers for these competitions, if this was offered then there was the need to plan around dates.

Norway was thanked for organising the EC Finals and as it was difficult to find weather and sufficient snow at this time of the season, they were very grateful for the support. There were no questions or remarks.

Wim Rossel (FIS) presented the men's calendar: There were no changes to the published Calendar and at the opening of the season some races with training were possible. At Levi (FIN) many teams are expected therefore some movement in accommodation was to be anticipated.

At Wengen (SUI) it is hoped to plan a training day, the Organisers believe it is very likely and the Race Director is most grateful for this opportunity.

With regards to Giant Slalom, these should be varied with a mix of easier and difficult slopes and by using the Vertical Difference many slope variations are possible, making for interesting races.

It is to be noted that there is little space to reschedule lost events.

There were no questions or remarks.

The Chair noted that the Calendars are very full and options good. He was extremely grateful for the Organisers support. This was the chance to prepare young athletes for entry in World Cup level events.

NOR noted that after the Finals there may be the opportunity for further training.

7. Rules 2024/25

7.1 Proposal (FRA), Art. 2.2 National Quota

Philippe Martin (FRA) presented the proposal from France. He outlined a national quota system for European Cup. This may require a change in Art. 2.2 in order to determine the number of competitors ranked in the top 80 of the ECSL.

Janez Fleré noted that first a simulation should be carried out with test events throughout this coming season. A Report then to follow at the Spring Meeting. Wolfgang Maier (GER) remarked that it positively viewed the idea to develop racers however concerned about the impact any unseen change may make. Janez Fleré (FIS) remarked that any change could only come after such a simulation and that the spirit of the European Cup comes from all its members.

8. Miscellaneous

8.1 2025 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, Tarvisio (ITA)

Giorgo Kaidisch (ITA) has given a presentation from Tarvisio (ITA). We are looking forward to coming to a very experienced organiser upcoming season for the Junior Worlds.

8.2. Information M+M

Lukas Brawand (FIS) reported about the use of live streaming and offered the possibilities.

The Chair brought up again the idea to develop a new point system together with all involved in alpine sport. We have to see alpine ski racing overall to adjust the regulations for more interest and image also in the Continental Cups. The formation of a working group would be appreciated.

8. Next meeting, 05.-09. May.2025 in Vilamoura (POR)

The Chair closed the meeting with thanks to Tatjana Lüssy (FIS) and Janez Fleré (FIS) for their support from the office and for everybody attending the meeting and all the best for upcoming season.