

To the

- Members of the Sub-Committee for Masters Racing

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**Minutes of the Meeting Sub-Committee for Masters Racing
FIS Fall 2024 Technical Meetings**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure in sending you the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Masters Racing, held today in Zürich (SUI) during the FIS Fall Technical Meetings.

Additionally, we would also like to take the opportunity of informing you that the Minutes will be available on the Member Section services on the FIS Website: www.fis-ski.com.

Thank you very much for the valuable cooperation.

Kindest regards,



Stefano Arnhold

Chairman Sub-Committee for Masters Racing

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Sub-Committee for Masters Racing

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and thanked everyone for taking the trip to Zürich (SUI).

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

Stefano Arnhold (Chairman)
Rolando Galli (ITA)
Julie Lemieux (CAN)
Hanruedi Frueh (SUI)
Peter Deutscher (AUT)
Marija Kosic (MNE)
Igor Lapikov (UKR)
Akira Mori (JPN)
Luka Vucinic (CRO)
Jean-Marie Hennes (FRA)
Cristobal Calzado (ESP)
Andrea Noell (GER)
Filip Rzepecki (POL)
Timo Saresvuo (FIN)

Guests:

Branislav Brozman (SVK)
Didier Bonvin (SUI)
Jeff Weiman (USA)
Marco Gut (SUI)
Thibaut Combre (FRA)
Jaana Karhila-Rasanen (FIN)
Petri Tuomikoski (FIN)

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Sandra Spitz
Daniel Defago

One minute of silence was observed to honor the memory of Mr. Antonio Malugani (ITA), Honorary Member of the Sub-Committee for Masters Racing and one of the founders of the Masters movement.

3. **Languages Required** – The Meeting was held in English.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the last Meeting:

The Minutes of the last Meeting held in Portoroz (SLO), on May 8th 2024 were approved.

5. Reports

The Report from the only competitions in the Southern Hemisphere held at Catedral in Bariloche (ARG) was circulated electronically.

Mr. Jean Marie Hennes (FRA), in his Report, explained that he had the chance to talk with Mr. Bonvin, head of the OC at Veysonnaz (SUI) about the need for a longer and safer finish area. Mr. Hennes also pointed out the need for extra slippers in case of bad weather.

6. MAS CALENDAR

6.1 Review of the Calendar for the Season 2024-25

The Calendar was reviewed by the Sub-Committee and can be found attached. It comprises a total of 84 Races (74 FMC & 10 MAS) organized by 18 different NSAs in 26 Venues comprising 12 SG, 29 SL, 40 GS and 3 AC in 3 Continents.

6.2 WCM 2025 – Final Program

Mr. Thibaut Combre from the OC in Val Thorens (FRA) presented the final Program for the World Criterium Masters (WCM) 2025 on March 17th to 22nd that was duly approved:

17.03 SG Training (official)
18.03 SG A, GS C+D and SL B
19.03 SG B and GS A
20.03 SG C+D and GS B
21.03 SL A and SL C+D
22.03 GS all 3 Categories (FMC Race)

6.3 FMC Finals 2025

The FMC Finals are confirmed for Pila (ITA) April 3rd to 5th, 2025.

6.4 Long Term Calendar

The Chairman explained that, as GBR has confirmed that it will not organize the WCM in 2026, preference is was given to Levi (FIN) as a new organizer and that USA has also shown interest in bidding for the WCM in 2026. Mr. Tuomikoski and Mrs. Karhila-Rasanen from the OC at Levi explained that they

first need to have the confirmation on the possibility of having the SG course homologated for Masters, before they can confirm their bid.

2026 – Levi (FIN) or Mammoth Mountain (USA)
FINALS Baqueira Beret (ESP) SL/GS

2027 – WCM Pila (ITA)
FINALS USA (TBC) SG/SL

2028 – WCM SUI
FINALS Cortina D’Ampezzo (ITA) SG/GS

2029 – WCM Baqueira Beret (ESP)
FINALS FRA SG/GS

7. FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix (FMGP)

With the approval of the rules for the Indoor G. Prix at Portoroz (SLO) in Spring everything is basically ready for the first edition of the FMGP and that the final design for the medals needs to be completed.

8. IT Items

Mr. Daniel Defago confirmed that it will be possible to have Live Timing for Masters for the Season 2025-2026 and that the program for the calculation of the overall winners at the FIS Masters Indoor Grand Prix is ready and needs to be tested in the first stop at Wittenburg (GER).

9. Equipment Rules

Mr. Arnhold attended the Equipment Committee Meeting and informed that no equipment rule related to Masters was presented or approved at the meeting.

10. Rule Change Proposals (RCP)

All RCPs presented were approved by the Sub-Committee and can be seen in the file attached.

11. Part Time Race Director

The FIS Event and Sports Director, Mrs. Sandra Spitz, made a brief presentation on the importance of fair and safe competitions and how a Race Director can contribute to this goal.

Mr. Arnhold presented the Job Description that was developed for a Masters Alpine Race Director that can be seen attached.

Mr. Marco Gut, a very experience FIS Alpine Race Director and candidate to the position of Part Time Masters Race Director presented himself giving a brief explanation of his experience as TD and Grass Ski Race Director.

12. Reporting System

The system was not ready to be presented.

13. Finances

The Chair informed that all fees from the past Seasons have been duly paid into the International Masters Fund.

14. Ban on Fluorinated Waxes

The Chair remembered that the ban is fully implemented and that fluor testing will certainly occur at Masters Races during the Season 2024-2025.

15. Open Discussions - Miscellaneous

The Sub-Committee approved the creation of two Working Groups:

Marketing WG: Peter Deutscher (AUT), Timo Saarevuori (FIN) and Erika H. Tøsse (NOR).

Reports: Jean-Marie Hennes (Chair) FRA, Patricija Mali (SLO) and Vinz Frueh (SUI) + MAS Race Director*

(* = ex-officio member with voice and no vote)

16. Next Meeting

Next Meeting, Vilamoura (POR) May 5th to 9th, 2025.