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**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing
Hotel Tivoli, Vilamoura (POR), Tuesday, 06.05.2025, 18:30 – 20:00 hrs CET**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing held in Vilamoura on the 6th of May.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **30th June 2025**.

We would also like to take the opportunity of informing 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. We wish you a nice autumn and winter season.

Kind regards,



Tommy Höglund
Chair Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Members present.
3. Appointment of a secretary (proposal: Robert Peets EST)
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting. Thursday 26.09.2025 Zurich.
6. Popular long distance races Season 2024 - 2025
 - 6.1.1 Report Worldloppet - SG Epp Paal.
 - 6.1.2 Report Ski Classics – RD Lukas Bauer.
7. Discussion about how to attract more women into long distance competitions. Examples from Alutaguse Marathon (EST) and Vasaloppet (SWE)
8. Discussion about how to stop the use of skating technique in classics competitions.
9. Report of fluortesning in long distance competitions from the last season.
10. Report from working group Update of FIS guidelines for long distance races.
11. Proposal for rule-clarification: Not allowed to cover the startnumber and sponsor logos (Enzo Macor)
12. FIRST draft of the FIS TD list 2025/2026.
13. Other matters arising
14. Next meeting:

All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Cross-Country Committee on 08.05.2025 and to the approval of the FIS Council meeting 12.06.2025.

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Members present	Remarks	Substitute
Höglund Tommy, SWE	Chair	
Burridge John NZL	not present	
Cristobal Carlos ESP	not present	
Furuli Eiliv NOR		
Im Yeui Gyu KOR		
Adriano Iseppi, SUI	Excused	
Kadykov-Orbeliani Georgy RUS	Excused	
Kaliba Stepan CZE		
Koyuncu Ozkan TUR	not present	
Macor Enzo ITA		
Maki Kristine USA		
Faustyna Malik POL	not present	
Marsland Allan AUS	not present	
Lukas Nemcik SVK	substituted	Matus Jancik
Pappas Christos GRE	not present	
Peets Robert EST		
Prado Diego ARG	not present	
Tannert Andreas GER		
Viljamaa Juha FIN	not present	
Wang Jeff Po-Jen TPE	not present	
Zografov Petar BUL	not present	
Field Patrick GBR	Honorary Member	not present
Guests: Uros Ponikvar, Lukas Bauer, David Nilsson, Epp Paal.		

FIS Staff: Madeline Nappey, Simon Caprini

3. Appointment of a secretary (proposal: Robert Peets, EST)

The meeting approved the Chair's proposal to have Robert Peets (EST) as Secretary of the meeting.

Secretary approved.

4. Approval of the agenda.

Agenda approved.

5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting. Thursday 26.09.2025 Zurich.

Minutes approved.

6. Popular long distance races Season 2024 - 2025

- i. Report Worldloppet - SG Epp Paal.

116 644 finishers (69% men, 31% women)

92398 unique participants

36% were skiing first time, 22% foreigners at race. 99 (93 last year) nations took part.

Races were organized in 23 countries. ATA and SLO were first time included.

54/46% C/F. 74% men and 26% women.

2026 calendar published since June 2024.

ii. Report Ski Classics – CEO David Nilsson and RD Lukas Bauer.

14 venues, all races were organized

Pro tour 14 events, challenger 74 events.

3 men and 3 women mandatory for all teams. 40% women. New ranking Cubs U22 2 events.

51% Norwegian, 30% Swedish and other nations 3,8% or less (18 nations).

Social media similar with last year.

7. Discussion about how to attract more women into long distance competitions.

Examples from Alutaguse Marathon (EST) and Vasaloppet (SWE)

Alutaguse Maraton and Vasaloppet presented womens race concept, slides attached.

8. Discussion about how to stop the use of skating technique in classics competitions.

Many non-licensed skiers try to double pole. Low knowledge of how to use herringbone without gliding.

We need better education, information, change of attitude and clear sanctions.

Working group: Eiliv Furuli, Tommy Höglund and Andreas Tannert.

9. Report of fluortesning in long distance competitions from the last season.

Vasaloppet only one case.

SkiClassics were testing every race, top 10 after finish. In some races OC had additional machine and more test were done. In some races random testing was done. One positive case during season. Sanction was DSQ + -50% team points. In amateur race 30 were positive in last race.

Worldloppet, Tartu marathon did random testing after the race, 2 Estonians and many Italian skiers were tested positive and were DSQ.

- 10. Report from working group Update of FIS guidelines for long distance races.**
New guideline approved.
- 11. Proposal for rule-clarification: Not allowed to cover the start number and sponsor logos** (Enzo Macor)
Athletes were covering race bib with equipment (drinking belts, gels etc.). Some had their own sponsor stickers on bib. Pictures added with examples.
- 12. Transgender athletes**
No progress in this topic.
- 13. FIRST draft of the FIS TD list 2025/2026.**
List was present. International season, exchange between continents and countries. Only exception is AUS, since they have had difficult last years with cancellation and struggling with finances (for this region exchange next season).
- 14. Other matters arising**
ICR rule adaption working group starts working, members: Anna Rosa, Tommy Höglund, Lukas Bauer, Eiliv Furuli.
- 15. Next meeting: 23.-26 September 2025.**