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**Minutes Alpine Committee
Meeting, Friday, 30.09.2022, 14:00hrs**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure in sending you today the Minutes of the 95th Meeting of the Alpine Committee held on 30.09.2022.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Office in Oberhofen no later than 15th November 2022 (flere@fisski.com).

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.

Kindest regards,



Massimo Rinaldi
Chairman Alpine Committee



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- Horst Hüttel, GER, Nordic Combined Committee
- Uros Ponikvar, SLO, Cross-Country Committee
- Mika Kojonkoski, FIN, Jumping Committee
- Aki Murasato, JPN, Equipment Committee
- Rudi Huber, SRS
- Hubert Hörterer, GER, Medical Committee
- Chris Moore, CAN, Legal and Safety Committee
- Pernilla Wiberg, SWE, Alpine Equipment WG
- Verena Stuffer, ITA, Athletes Commission
- Leif Kristian Nestvold Haugen, NOR, Athletes Commission

Organisers OWG/WSC

- OC WSC 2023 Courchevel Meribel, FRA
- OC YOG 2024 Gangwon, KOR
- OC WSC 2025 Saalbach Hinterglemm, AUT
- OC OWG 2026, Milano-Cortina, ITA
- OC WSC 2027 Crans Montana, SUI

Honorary Members

- Oskar Fischer, GER
- Christian Poley, AUT
- Svein Mundal, NOR
- Tone Vogrinec, SLO
- Bernhard Russi, SUI
- Ken Read, CAN

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
Alpine Committee**

**Invitation Online Meeting Alpine Committee
Friday, 30.09.2022, 14:00 hrs.**

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 - 18.5. 2027 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Crans Montana (SUI)
19. Questions, Various
20. Next Meeting, to be announced

**All proposals and decisions of the FIS Alpine Committee
were approved by FIS Council, Soelden (AUT) 22.10.2022**

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman, Massimo Rinaldi (ITA), welcomed all Alpine Committee members present to the meeting. He also welcomed FIS General Secretary Michel Vion, FIS Council members and Working Group members.

2. Roll Call

Janez Fleré (FIS) conducted the Roll Call. Apologies were received from Executive Board members Claus Ryste (NOR); Karen Korfanta (USA), Chair Women Sub-Committee and Ernesto Cingolani (ARG), Chairman South American Sub-Committee.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda, without additions or remarks, was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the 94th Meeting held online in May 2022 were, without comments or remarks, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman (Massimo Rinaldi, ITA)

Looking at the rising number of people in the Committees and Sub-Committees, it is clear that developing Nations have more interest to be active within the International Ski and Snowboard Federation.

This meeting marks the close of the winter season in the Southern Hemisphere with a total of 42 competitions held in Australia and New Zealand and 82 in Chile and Argentina. As we can see from the weather this last week, these meetings also are a sign that the next winter in the Northern Hemisphere is on the way.

As we know these meetings are always a good chance for us to make adjustments and make sure our disciplines are staying up-to-date. The week was marked by hard work from all the Sub-Committees, and we are ready for the big challenge, stakeholders, organisers, athletes, and industry.

I, like I believe all of you, are happy that after two-years of only online meetings, that we can sit side by side, together in the same room and see each other in person.

We are facing in the entire world a hard situation, we are all aware of the energy crisis, which is increasing the costs for many stakeholders.

In addition, the last summer was not positive in terms of climate change as extreme heat, especially in Central Europe closed some 90% of our Alpine glaciers for almost 2 months.

It is needless to point out that these warm temperatures created difficulties for all National Associations to allow their athletes to prepare for the upcoming race season. On a positive note, the reports from the camps in the Southern Hemisphere were very positive with good conditions.

After two seasons of Covid, our Organisers are going to face a challenging situation again, this season with both the energy crisis and increasing temperatures impacting snow production and potentially course conditions. But

as we all know; our Organisers are true fighters and are sure to be ready for these challenges.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone in this room for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Chairman. It is a big responsibility and a great honour and I look forward to working closely together with everyone to help make the future of Alpine Skiing brighter.

There were no questions or remarks.

6. Executive Board (Massimo Rinaldi, ITA)

The Executive Board welcomed 4 new members, not in addition to, but as replacements for other members who stepped down.

There were two meetings held and both were extremely well prepared with no major questions or issues raised.

Of note, the Executive Board had the opportunity to meet the IOC Sport Department representatives in order to have a better vision for the preparation and the pathway for the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina (ITA).

The main topic of discussion by the Executive Board was the analysis of new formats of the Alpine Combined, we were also asking about Mixed Team Parallel, the discussion was very productive however more time is needed to go into details from the organisational point of view on the field. It is also important to take into consideration the necessary FIS rules adaptation or Precisions.

We all looking forward for the best future for our sport and to a successful and exciting winter.

The following comments were sent to FIS Council:

Injury Status

The request sent by the French NSA regarding the approval of the injury status of athlete Victor Muffat-Jeandet (FIS Code 193967) was NOT supported.

(Too many starts before the injury - Art 22.2 World Cup Rules)

The request sent by the Swiss NSA regarding the approval of the injury status of athlete Nikki Van Welie (FIS Code 405192) was supported. (Documents had been sent in time but later found in spam folder)

Team Alpine Combined event

The Executive Board was asked to find a site to test a new event called Team Alpine Combined that could be scheduled at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games, Milano Cortina (ITA).

The Executive Board proposes to schedule this test event at the 2023 FIS Alpine Junior World Championships to be held in St. Anton (AUT), replacing the actual Alpine Combined event with the new Team Alpine Combined event. (One event as Men's Team Alpine Combined and one as Women's Team Alpine Combined)

7. Evaluation

7.1 Timing Working Group (Daniel Défago, FIS)

Daniel Défago reported briefly on behalf of the Working Group.

The new Timing and Data booklets will be published on the FIS Website during the first week in October 2022.

The homologated devices expiration date was updated and they also started the project regarding the "timing tapes Digitalizing".

7.2 Classification of Alpine Competitors (Jeff Weinman, USA)

The Chair reported in regard to a meeting held in Zurich. No proposals were presented. Some discussion started in the Sub-Committee with the idea of changing the minimum penalty in FIS level competitions. More precisions with possible dates to confirm such changes will be studied during the next months. At the end he had kind words of thank all FIS Staff working in the FIS office for their support of athletes and competitions during the whole year.

8. Women´s Alpine Skiing (Karen Korfanta, USA)

The Chair of the Sub-Committee was excused and no report was given.

9. Alpine Courses (Elena Gaja, ITA)

Alpine Courses met on Thursday 29 September, with 10 out of 16 members present, together with 13 inspectors and Race Directors, reporting about this summer season. Since the spring meeting 53 reports were received and related Homologation Certificates issued; currently in the FIS Data Base there are 400 pending requests to deal with, but this number will certainly raise significantly in the coming weeks as some National Ski Associations haven't sent their requests list yet.

The past season has been reviewed, highlighting few details about the booklets received and accepted.

Specifically, it has been discussed that from now on, beside the mandatory English version of the Inspection Report, also the local or FIS language version may be left into the report, this is to facilitate the comprehension of the safety prescriptions by the Organisers and Technical Delegates.

A request for exception in VD has been received coming from Canada, about an ENL GS in Ontario, some 1400km and 15hrs drive away from any other FIS approved GS competition course and this would be great for the development and legacy of the entire region: owners are available to make some efforts and investments but they would like to know if an exception may be granted. In principle the Sub-Committee is not generally in favor of granting such exceptions unless for good practical proven reasons, and this seems exactly to be the case, therefore the exception has been unanimously agreed to.

So, we kindly ask the Alpine Committee to accept this proposal and forward it to FIS Council for approval.

Finally, even if the topic wasn't planned in the Agenda, a discussion took place about the Super-G in 2 runs: obviously the Sub-Committee for Alpine Courses is not discussing this topic in principle, as this is not its role, but it would like to point out its serious concerns about the safety consequences that may arise, as we are talking about a speed event.

10. Alpine Rules (Michael Huber, AUT)

An almost complete number of members were attending, happy after 3 years to meet again in person.

For the Chairman's report, information was given about FIS considerations to update Committee and Sub-Committee structures. In the opinion of the Chairman, if a change took place, it should improve effectiveness. Although there are about 35+ members in the Sub-Committee. Alpine Rules, the present system does not seem so bad, political backgrounds always to be considered, and improvements are possible.

The 01:45 hour meeting brought wide and interesting discussions about several items on the Agenda as follows.

Most of them will lead to points to deal with at the next Spring Meeting, but no immediate rules decisions.

SUPER-G 2-RUN RACE: For the 3rd time, this item was given attention. First, the Chairman repeated the past development about it, voted for at the Spring Meeting with huge majority. Second, technical opinions about possible adjustments were named in Spring, so an updated wording was presented, based on the rules for DH in 2 runs and adjusted by additional thoughts between the Chairman and Philippe Martin (FRA).

After explanation of these additional wordings, a lively discussion took place. As a summary, the majority wish was to stick to the original proposal from France, as voted on at the Spring Meeting. To ease the further procedure, FIS Alpine Coordinator Janez Flere proposed, that the Alpine Executive be asked, if the original proposal finds their general support. If this would be the case, further studies about a common acceptable updated wording can follow. But saves time, if the proposal (Super G in 2 runs) would not find further support.

PENALTY TIME PARALLEL: The Chairman informed, that FIS Council on 25th of May 2022 did not support the proposal from the Spring meeting, to level up the penalty time from 0.50 to 0.75 seconds for the first run. FIS Alpine Coordinator Janez Flere explained the wording of the Council Minutes, which indicates to have a wish about the use of the “real time”. But that would mean to answer the question, how to handle DNS, DNF, DSQ. Janez Flere sees the responsibility of this Sub-Committee to work on an alternative proposal for Spring.

FIS COUNCIL ICR DECISIONS: The Chairman informed about the decisions of FIS Council to adapt the ICR to the new statutes and replace the former FIS Court with the CAS for further appeals. Additionally, the per diem for Technical Delegates was slightly increased for Alpine as well. About the demand based on the new FIS statutes to have more language versions of the ICR, the procedure is still an ongoing process. But Janez Flere made it clear, that this is not the task of this Sub-Committee.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE SPRING OUTLOOK: (a) The Chairman’s question, if it is the wish of the Sub-Committee to harmonize start order rules to the new established World Cup Speed System (steps by 10 instead of 15) was rejected. The traditional 1 – 15 for the first group shall stay. (b) By question of the Chairman the members confirmed the wish to carry on using the system of the “levels” (coming from the Classification Sub-Committee) also in the ICR. A basic information and definition about it shall be brought into the ICR as well. (c) the proposal of France to move on with establishing an online entry system (not only in World Cup) was supported in general. (d) Questioned by Italy, the ICR rules about the delayed gate will slightly be better defined (minimum distance). (e) Also supported was the need to give Jury’s flexibility to use in special circumstances a sequence of same gate colours in Super-G.

REPORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS: No special reports to be mentioned by related other Alpine Sub-Committees. Unanimously supported was the proposal, Dave Pym (CAN) becomes a honorary member of the Sub-Committee Alpine Rules in thanks for his outstanding contributions as Vice-Chair from 1992 – 2022 to Alpine Rules.

11. Alpine Technical Delegates (Markus Malsiner, ITA)

Our meeting was held on Wednesday 28th this week with mostly all the members present. The day before we had our TD Education prepared by Janez Flere with a lot of new and very interesting topics to bring at the forthcoming Updates in October and November in 14 different countries.

Two Updates were already held in Chile for South America and in Australia for Australia and New Zealand.

At the moment we have in total 493 alpine Technical Delegate’s from 47 different National Ski Associations.

This year 18 new candidates received their license as TD and 11 TD retired.

There is, however, a great interest on part of young people to become an alpine TD. We kindly ask you Mr. Chairman, to forward to FIS Council the request of our Sub-Committee to harmonize the per diem payment of CHF 125.- to all FIS competitions and not only for World Cup and Continental Cup competitions.

12. Alpine World Cup (Walter Vogel, GER)

The Sub-Committee for Alpine World Cup had a long and intensive meeting with many discussions about Calendar planning.

For the forthcoming season both FIS Chief Race Directors reported about high motivated organisers that they could meet during their inspections and that defy the difficult general conditions of this economical crisis with increasing costs everywhere. So, we're looking forward to a good season, hopefully with lots of snow, and without weather, energy and Covid-19 problems.

We also started Calendar planning for the season 2023/2024 with a fundamental discussion about long-term calendars. The Sub-Committee clearly expressed its position to bring the presented Calendars in the confirmation process to FIS Council. It unanimously supported the Calendar draft. FIS leadership needs more flexibility in the periods beginning of November and in March in order to start a wider commercialization.

We are in a transition period with new input and ideas by the FIS leadership which still are not worked out completely or not yet evaluated.

What we did in a first step, to leave two weekends open in February 2024 in the event that the FIS Games, which are planned in this period, will not be confirmed in the next weeks.

Upon request of Stauffer (SUI) and Huber (AUT) the Sub-Committee proposes to FIS Council to present long-term Calendars till season 2026/2027 at the Spring meeting in order to return the old planning process.

We've also discussed a 14-points paper of FIS leadership with criteria that the Calendars should meet. The next step here is to work out guidelines for the Calendars and to continuously improve our product.

The Sub-Committee proposes the following amendments:

Alpine Combined Quota calculation (only valid for the season 2024/2023)

For the season 2024/2023, the nation's higher quota, WCSL 2019/20 or WCSL 2024/2023, is valid.

3.3 National Quota

For each event a national quota is calculated periodically according to the World Cup Starting List (WCSL). The periods are adapted to the respective calendar planning and fixed before the start of the competition season. The quota is established on the basis of the number of competitors per nation, classified within rank 1 to max. 60 of the WCSL in the event concerned. There is no moving up.

A National Ski Association may enter a maximum of eight (8) (seven (7) for Men's competitions) additional competitors (under consideration of art. 3.2).-

Precision Starting Order at Speed events

9.3 Starting order for DH, SG and Alpine Combined (if 1st run = DH or SG)

The best ten (10) competitors present (quota adjusted) of the corresponding event WCSL will be drawn between start numbers 6 - 15, the competitors 11 - 20 between start numbers 1 - 5 and 16 - 20. Competitors with at least 500 WCSL points will receive start numbers right after 20, followed by the remaining competitors from the group 21 - 30, who will be drawn between the remaining start numbers up to 30.

In case of a tie in the corresponding event (10th, or 20th ~~or 30th~~ position of the enrolment), the tie is overridden (broken) according to FIS points in the given event.

In case of competitors with the same WCSL points enrolled in the 30th position, the group would be extended to include these competitors. To determine their enrollment order in this case, the tie will be overridden according to FIS points in the given event.

If there is still a tie, a draw will be done.

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Long-term World Cup Calendars

The Sub-Committee unanimously decided to have the draft Calendars for the season 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 ready for the Spring Technical meetings in May 2023.

12.1 Working Group Coaches Women (Paul Kristofic, USA)

Peter Gerdol reported on behalf of the Working Group Coaches Women.

A meeting was held on Wednesday in the afternoon with almost all head coaches present.

The Calendar 2022/2023 was presented and reports from the Race Directors were done. Course Setters were defined for the whole season. FIS Travel Service was also present at the meeting and Precisions about flights and cargo were communicated.

Coaches reported about a very successfull training period in the Southern Hemisphere. The general feeling is that everybody is ready to start the winter season.

There were no questions or remarks.

12.2 Working Group Coaches Men (Thomas Stauffer, SUI)

The Chairman Thomas Stauffer was unanimously confirmed and the position of vice chair covered by Christian Schwaiger from Germany

All topics about the organisation and logistical points of view were deeply explained with regards to the World Cup Calendar. Some organisers presented their races. The new starting order for speed events was also well explained.

The schedule for the next meetings of the Working Group was already set. They will meet five times during the next winter season.

13. Intercontinental Cup (Stefano Pirola, CHI)

After the last two years where the Coronavirus Pandemic had a huge impact in all the Continental Cups, finally this year the Southern Hemisphere (Australian – New Zealand Cup and South American Cup), could organise Continental Cup events with a huge foreign participation due to the release of the travel restrictions. This also allowed the Northern Hemisphere teams could do their classical training camps in the ski resorts in the Southern Hemisphere with excellent snow conditions.

In the end 50 events were held in the Southern Hemisphere Continental Cups (SAC 38; ANC 12)

Regarding the other Continental Cups in the Northern Hemisphere, Europa Cup, Nor Am Cup and Far East Cup already planned their Calendars for the next season and they will be distributed and presented by from each Chairman later.

At the end of this report, I would like to thank the Continental Cup and EC Coordinators Jordi Pujol (FIS) and Wim Rossel (FIS) for their work and to Chairmen of each Cup and all the staff at the FIS Office for their constant support.

13.1 European Cup (Herbert Mandl AUT)

The Chair thanked the Coordinators for their work in most difficult conditions in this last two years.

A big thanks also to the European Cup organisers.

It is very important to sit together and study how to increase the value of the Continental Cup circuit because we have already good sport, great organisers and very well-prepared slopes.

We hope to find a solution on how to finance especially the speed events in the future if we want to still have this event in the long term.

13.2 Nor-Am Cup (Chip Knight, USA)

Over the course of the summer, the NorAm Sub-committee has been working hard to confirm the Calendar for the 2022-23 season.

It continues to be a challenge to schedule events in North America, especially speed events, with the consolidation of resort owners in recent years. Additionally, the early scheduling of the World Junior Championships put additional pressure on the Calendar this year, since the goal is to schedule a minimum number of events before that championship.

For the 2022-23 season, there are 26 events scheduled per gender: 4 DH, 6 SG, 8 GS, and 8 SL.

The Cup will return to Copper Mountain to start the season, with women's technical events followed by men's and women's speed events.

The men will then go to Beaver Creek for technical events, following the men's World Cup races on the Birds of Prey venue.

After the New Year, the circuit will resume on the east coast of the U.S. with technical events at Burke and Stratton Mountain and SG events for both genders at Burke.

The Cup will then take a break for the World Junior Championships before resuming in late February in Eastern Canada, with technical events in Mont Ste. Marie and Camp Fortune, Collingwood and Mont Tremblant.

Lastly, the Finals will take place at Whistler Mountain at the end of March, with all four events contested to finish the season and award titles.

13.3 Far East Cup (Michihiko Nakamura, JPN)

It was very hard to organise the races under Covid pandemic situation and other none sportive incidence. We had to cancel all planned events during the previous season.

For forthcoming season, China and Sakhalin (RUS) will not host the event this coming season again.

Then we managed to plan total 6 GS, and 6 SL races between Korea and Japan as follows:

- Jan 23-28 2 GS, 2 SL Akan JPN
- Feb 06-14 2 GS, 2 SL YongPyong & Jisan, KOR
- Feb 28-04 2 GS, 2 SL Sugadaira JPN

However, countries of our region have decided to re-open their gates from October. We are slowly, but firmly making new steps. Far East Cup was hurt severely by Covid restrictions.

We will start to meet again and consider our long-term plans.

There are a few problems to promote the events, such as travel distance is very far, like everyone has to travel by air. Even for TD's travel expense of CHF 600.-- never met. It has always been the organising committee's burden. For that manner, it is very hard to find an organiser to host the event, considering regional team's travelling costs, they will need support. Anyway, Japanese Yen is very cheap now and it will be less expensive to travel to Japan.

13.4 South American Cup (Ernesto Cingolani, ARG)

The Chairman was excused and replaced by Martin Begino (ARG). After 2020 and 2021 seasons of no Continental Cup races in South America 2022 was a successful season. This winter the release of the Covid travelling restrictions combined with excellent snow conditions allowed one of the best seasons ever. The Calendar of the South American Cup shows 38 events in all five events and in both genders (4 DH, 3 SG, 2 AC, 5 GS, 5 SL), only one AC in Corralco (CHI) had been cancelled. After successful events in Chapelco (ARG), Cerro Catedral (ARG), Colorado (CHI), La Parva (CHI) and Cerro Castor (ARG), the finals including all five events are being held at the same time of this meeting in the spectacular ski area Corralco by the Lonquimay volcano in Chile. Counting the presence of numerous World Cup Athletes, the South American men athletes are competing race after race for the overall cup. Andres Figueroa (CHI), Henrik Von Appen (CHI) and Tiziano Gravier (ARG) are less than 35 points away at the time of the start of the last AC race. On the women side, the overall went to Lara Colturi, (ALB) while the best South American racer classified was Francesca Baruzzi from Argentina. On the Nations Cup Argentina topped the ranking, with Chile in the second place and Italy in third place.

We are very confident to keep recovering the interest in the participation in South American races in the next years. We are working hard in developing the highest standards in slope preparation, safety and race secretary that combined with the increasing interest for the teams in training and racing in Southern Hemisphere will result in a cup with the highest standards of a Continental Cup.

13.5 Australia / New Zealand Cup (Jono Howson, NZL)

The New Zealand Alpine community welcomed a large contingent of international athletes back to our mountains for the first time since 2019. Our training lanes were at capacity and we have completed a full complement of FIS and ANC races this year with excellent snow conditions and weather. The whole 2022 ANC Series was run and completed in New Zealand with near minimum penalties for Slalom and Giant Slalom, both men and women. Unfortunately, Australia was unable to host any ANC races due to post pandemic factors and difficulties in finding a resort partner. Snow Australia are working hard to find a solution for 2023. We were able to host their athletes, many of whom performed very well. The ANC Sub-Committee is in discussion and working towards the return of an Australian leg for the 2023 ANCs. As noted above, conditions were excellent during the entire event. Slalom was run first on August 22nd - 23rd followed by Super G and then GS from August 27th – 30th. The New Zealand Winter Games (NZWG), an international multi-sport snow sports event, was incorporated by the LOC into the Super G and GS providing an invaluable media and marketing overlay that brought hundreds of

people out to watch the races. By all accounts this has been successful ANC series.

We would like to make special mention of and offer our thanks again to Jordi Pujol (COC Coordinator FIS) who joined us for 10 days in New Zealand during the ANCs. Jordi took an active role in race preparation and in each event as the Referee. After his racing career Jordi had been a coach at Coronet Peak and this was his first time back in New Zealand since then. His insights, support and experience have helped us improve this event and we hope he might return soon, if his busy schedule permits.

This has been a re-building year for the ANCs, but one greatly enhanced by the return of the international community, favourable snow conditions, and an excellent committed resort partner in Coronet Peak.

14. Youth Questions (Janez Flere, FIS)

The 37th meeting of the Alpine Youth was held in person in Zurich with 45 members present.

Many different reports were given by Rudi Huber (SRS), Bostjan Anderlic SLO (Children's Races Organisers), Jenny Shute GBR (FIS Medical Committee & FIS Snow Safe Policy) and Andrew Cholinsky FIS (Bring Kids to the Snow – FIS Snow day event).

There was also the presentation from St. Anton (AUT) organiser of the next World Junior Championships to be held in January 2023 and a short report from the 2024 organiser in Haute Savoie (FRA).

The next candidate's organisers are 2025 Santa Caterina (ITA) and Andorra and Switzerland for 2026 /2027.

Chip Knight (USA) presented a proposal to use Super-G skis in Downhill events for level 2-3 and 4 to try to remove a barrier to entry in DH events by allowing athletes to compete in DH without having to buy new equipment. With this the athlete's participation in DH events should increase in future years. The proposal was sent to SRS asking if they can define the safety issue in using SG skis in DH events.

A presentation on how to start speed training for young athletes with the support of Ski Club Olimpic (BIH) Telemach Speed Camp, Ski Club Olympic Sarajevo and Nik Zoricic Foundation (contributed with safety equipment) was done by Edin Terzic (BIH).

Val Gardena (ITA), candidate for the WSC 2029, proposed a speed training camp for developing National Ski Associations free of charge to be scheduled in December 2022 and 2023.

Liechtenstein announced that they will run for the first time International Children Events in April 2023.

14.1 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships (Jordi Pujol, FIS)

Jordi Pujol informed that all events at the 2024 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships in St Anton (AUT) will be covered by ORF live.

A new format of the Team Alpine Combined proposed to run in the 2026 OWG will be tested in St Anton and will replace the actual Alpine Combined.

He thanked Panorama (CAN) for the successful championship they organised last February.

15. Ski Cross (Klaus Waldner, FIS)

The Alpine Ski Cross Sub-Committee held a successful meeting on Wednesday; we handled in total 8 rule proposal which all went through and are ready for approval by FIS Council.

A short preview on the sport side;

We completed more or less all our summer inspections. Two weeks ago, we had 19 single races on the Calendar, last week we received two cancellations. Alleghe (ITA) and Mégève (FRA) had to cancel their events due to the unpredictable situation concerning the energy prices.

In about one month we will start the season with the Cross World Cup kick-off event on the glacier in Les 2 Alpes (FRA). Les 2 Alpes will be a long-term project and we are really happy to be a part of this project.

On the Calendar are now 15 single events confirmed, plus the World Championships in Bakuriani (GEO) with a single and a team event.

The Ski Cross World Championships will take place in Bakuriani (GEO). We had a great test event in Georgia in the season 2020/2021. The last infrastructure work is also more or less completed. It's all set up in Georgia for great World Championships with a single and for the first time a team event.

The first invitations are already sent out by the organisers and we are ready to start into the upcoming Ski Cross Season

16. Equipment (Massimo Rinaldi, ITA))

No report from Equipment Committee.

16.1 Working Group Alpine Equipment (Pernilla Wiberg, SWE)

The Working Group is waiting for confirmation as an independent group who can guide the Alpine Committee in regard to equipment. More information will be given in the near future.

17. Athletes' Commission (Verena Stuffer, ITA-Leif Kristian Nestvold Haugen, NOR)

Leif Kristian Nestvold Haugen (NOR) is excused since he is training and preparing for his first race of the season in Soelden (AUT) and Verena Stuffer (ITA) reported in the name of the Commission.

Athletes are happy to have again a season with public side events, public draws and hopefully without Covid.

It is important to have a long-term Calendar also for the athletes themselves.

As you all have heard, the proposal from the Athletes' Commission with the new "Team Alpined Combined" will be tested for the first time during the forthcoming World Juniors in St. Anton and will be broadcasted from TV. We invite all to watch it.

We are grateful for the prize money increase. It is a first step into the desired direction.

Wish all the stakeholders of the FIS family a good season and wish the athletes a successful season without injuries.

18. Reports from Organisers of the previous and next major championships:

There followed a series of short presentations by representatives of the venues briefing committee members of the final reports or current states of preparation.

18.1. 2023 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Courchevel-Meribel (FRA)

18.2. 2024 Youth Olympic Games, Gangwon (KOR)

18.3. 2025 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Saalbach Hinterglemm (AUT)

18.4. 2026 Olympic Winter Games, Milano-Cortina (ITA)

18.5. 2027 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships, Crans Montana (SUI)

18. Questions, Various

The Chairman thanked all for the hard work carried out during this week to all Committee and Sub-Committee members, Working Groups and the Executive Board and wish all the best for the next winter season.

For more details in regard to all Sub-Committee meetings see www.fis-ski.com under Members Section.

19. Next Meetings

FIS Spring Meeting, 3rd to 5th May 2023, Dubrovnik (CRO)

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 16.00hrs

For the Minutes, Janez Fleré

Read and approved by Massimo Rinaldi, Chairman Alpine Committee