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Oberhofen, 19.05.2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for European Cup held on Wednesday, 07.05.2025

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 Vilamoura.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **28th May 2025**.

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 healthy summer.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Mandl'.

Herbert Mandl
Chairman Sub-Committee for European Cup

Enclosure: mentioned

INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION

Sub-Committee for European Cup

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1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The Chair opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all Committee Members and all present. A special welcome to all organizers and suppliers present.

The Chair asked for a minute of silence for Dieter Posch (AUT), who passed away last autumn. Dieter used to be a long term Chair of the European Cup Committee and honorary member.

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 Zurich on 26.09.2024

The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Report of the Chairman and the Coordinators

5.1 Chairman Herbert Mandl (AUT)

We are looking back to a very good season. Almost all the aces could be done. Only a couple of races on the women's side had to be canceled due to bad weather situation.

First of all, I would like to thank the race directors Jordi Pujol (FIS) and Wim Rossel (FIS). They are always taking care that we have very good quality of the races. All in all, we had a successful race season with good races. The efforts for course preparations are on a high level and it is valued by the racers.

Big thanks to all organizers and to all persons involved in the European Cup. We had a couple of new organizers and they all have done a very good job.

Of course all are facing the challenging economic situation, especially on the speed side.

We all know the European Cup builds the step to the World Cup but would need more support and attention to guarantee a successful and valuable second league in alpine skiing.

Many organizers are working hard on it to provide live streaming to create more media attention, more financial support but also more attraction for all the athletes. I think it was good to increase the amount for accommodation, and it was a help for the organizers.

Considering the injury situation compared to the World Cup we are in a better situation.

We were lucky and had less heavy injuries than in the past.

5.2 Coordinators

Jordi Pujol (FIS)

Jordi Pujol (FIS) began his report by explaining that the Women's Europa Cup season began in early December and concluded with the finals in Kvitfjell (NOR) (speed events) and Oppdal (NOR) (technical events). Throughout the season, we witnessed outstanding races in locations such as Zinal (SUI), Hippach (AUT), St. Moritz (SUI), Ahrntal (ITA), Les Diablerets (SUI), Puy Saint Vincent (FRA),

Zauchensee (AUT), Zell am See (AUT), Oberjoch (GER), Bardonecchia (ITA), Sarntal (ITA), Geilo (NOR) and Špindlerův Mlýn (CZE). A special mention goes to the Super-G races in Kitzbühel (AUT), marking a historic first for the women's circuit.

The level of the organising committees is improving.

Of course, still have injuries, every injured racer is one too much, but we have to say that we have had fewer injuries compared to previous seasons.

Jordi Pujol (FIS) gave thanks to all organizers, coaches, athletes, and federations for their support. A special thanks to the Norwegian Federation for quickly finding a replacement organizer in Geilo after Aal's cancellation.

Finally, Jordi thanked his FIS colleagues, Wim, Matjaz, Tatjana, Janez, also all the TD's and, of course, the federation representatives who work tirelessly to secure top-tier, motivated organizers.

He also mentioned that both, he and Wim are working hard to present a good race calendar for the 2025-2026 season.

Wim Rossel (FIS)

Wim Rossel (FIS) reflects on a highly successful European Cup Men's season. It was surely not always easy, but in the end, replacements were found for all cancelled races, only the Downhill Finals in Kvitfjell (NOR) had to be cancelled due to wind. This allowed the battle for World Cup fixed spots to continue right to the very end of the season.

A trio of rising stars from Switzerland, France, and Norway kept the overall title race thrilling, with multiple leader changes in the final stages. Ultimately, Norway's Oscar Andreas Sandvik clinched the title on home snow during the tech finals in Oppdal (NOR) ahead of Switzerland's Lenz Hächler.

The season also met key goals, especially in the technical disciplines. Several new venues with longer, more demanding slopes and high-quality course preparation were successfully introduced. On the speed side, promising new locations included Pass Thurn and Reiteralm (AUT), Crans-Montana (SUI), and Bjelašnica (BIH).

One of the major ongoing challenges for the European Cup remains securing resources for live streaming and the organisation of speed events. This continues to make it difficult to find consistent, high-quality organisers in both technical and speed disciplines.

Finally, Wim extends his heartfelt thanks to Matjaz, Jordi, Janez, Tatjana, and all FIS TDs for their excellent cooperation. Special thanks also go to Daniel Defago (FIS) and Philippe Guerindon (FRA) for their outstanding IT support. And of course, sincere appreciation to all organisers, NSAs, staff, and athletes for the sportsmanship support and respect shown throughout the tour.

6. European Cup calendars 2025/26

Wim Rossel (FIS) and Jordi Pujol (FIS) presented the calendars for season 2025/26.

7. Rules 2025/26

7.1 Proposal (FRA), Art. 2.2 National Quota (Simulation)

For this proposal a simulation will be done upcoming season and then we see how it would work.

7.2 Proposal (NOR), Art. EC 4.4 European Cup Finals

The proposal was unanimously approved.

7.3 Proposal (NOR), Art. EC 3.1.3 Injury Status

The proposal was unanimously approved.

7.4 Proposal (NOR, Art. EC 6.1 No training or race permitted)

The proposal was approved. One vote against.

7.5 Proposal (NOR), Art. COC 3.1.2 Validity of Cup points

The proposal was approved. Three votes against and one abstention.

8. Proposal financial support for professional live streaming

All agreed to the proposal. There were some discussions about the amount of support and how we should handle this. Finally, we agreed to bring it to the Executive Board and discuss it and bring it further to the Council.

9. Presentations

- **2025 FIS Alpine Junior World Championships, Tarvisio (ITA)**

Jordi Pujol (FIS) was giving a short presentation and showing a final video of the event in Tarvisio.

We heard also about the big potential of live streaming for this event.

Big thanks to the organizing committee of Tarvisio.

10. Miscellaneous

FIS Council member May Peus (ESP) mentioned the importance of live streaming and supports the proposal from Germany, Wolfgang Maier. He is thinking that the European Cup should be renamed to notice it in a better way as the second league of skiing. It would be necessary to put more attention on it.

11. Next meeting, 23rd-26th September 2025, Zurich (SUI)

The Chair took the opportunity to thank Tatjana Lüssy (FIS) and Janez Flere (FIS) for their support in the office. With best wishes for the summer and good training the Chair closed the meeting.