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Oberhofen, 14.05.2024

Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine European Cup held on Tuesday, 07.05.2024 in Portoroz (SLO).

Dear Ski Friends,

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

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **24th May 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 healthy summer.

Kindest regards,



Herbert Mandl
Chairman Sub-Committee for European Cup

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Alpine European Cup

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1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all Sub-Committee Members and all present. A special welcome to all organisers and suppliers present.

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

2. Roll-call

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

3. Approval of the agenda

The agenda, with no additions, was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Zurich on 28.09.2023

The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Report of the Chairman and the Coordinators

5.1 Chairman Herbert Mandl (AUT)

Looking back on a very challenging but interesting winter season on all the different FIS levels. Many thanks and big congrats to all organisers and to all persons involved in the European Cup.

Special thanks to the Coordinators, Jordi Pujol (FIS) and Wim Rossel (FIS). As usual they had to deal with different cancelations and replacements of races. All in all, was a successful race season with good races. The efforts for course preparations were on a high level and it is valued by the racers.

Due to the weather situation and warm temperatures, it was especially difficult on the speed side.

On the other hand, was facing the challenging economic situation for the Organisers. The Chairman is a bit afraid to lose more and more Organisers in future.

Considering how to develop speed skiers the Alpine European Cup series for women and men are very important. The Alpine European Cup builds the step to the World Cup but needs more support and attention to guarantee a successful and valuable second league in Alpine skiing. That means more media attention, more financial support but also more attraction for all the athletes to take part. Indeed it is the selection for the World Cup.

A big issue is the financial situation for all the Organisers. To guarantee the high value of races we have to consider to raise the amount for accommodation.

It would be fair for alle Organisers, who are struggling with financing the races in the future.

Over and beyond it is to think about to give support from FIS for Organisers of speed disciplines. Only World Cup Organisers are able to carry the costs für safety installations and course preparations.

The Chairman also would like to mention the future for the second league of skiing. We have to think about the attractivity for the European Cup. Maybe we have to install a Working Group dealing with new formats. Maybe a new point system over all the levels could be a solution.

5.2 Coordinators

Jordi Pujol (FIS)

Jordi Pujol (FIS) began by thanking all Organising Committees and National Ski Associations for the big help and effort in delivering the races with the best possible conditions.

As every year, this season has not been easy due to the difficult weather conditions in some periods, especially from the middle of January till mid-February losing St. Anton (AUT) due to the snow falls every night, despite the big effort from the LOC, with probably one of the best slope preparations. Also, Oberjoch (GER) was affected by the weather but in this case due to the high temperatures losing almost all of the snow from the race track.

Apart from these important cancellations, Jordi Pujol (FIS) believes that it has been a good season with very good race slope conditions which resulted in many young European Cup racers achieving good results in the World Cup during the season. He also appreciated the efforts of more and more Organisers that offered the races in live streaming which increased the value of the European Cup circuit.

He gave a special mention and thanks to the Norwegian Ski Association and Norwegian LOC for organising eight races including the finals.

Finally, he gave thanks to his FIS colleagues and all of the coaches for their great cooperation during the season.

Wim Rossel (FIS)

As well on the men's side, despite some real challenging situations with extreme warm weather which lead to multiple changes in the calendar, Wim Rossel (FIS) looks back on a positive men's season. Finally, 32 races out of 37 were delivered. Wim Rossel (FIS) makes a review from the entire season and comments difficulties and highlights. Especially the course preparation could be improved again this season resulting in very high-quality events for the young racers. New this year was Fluor testing which were held on most of the speed events and some tech events, but there is a big wish from all stakeholders for a full coverage of the European Cup season regarding fairness. As well the digitalisation for entries, board and bib draw could be improved again this season. In general Wim Rossel (FIS) thanked all LOC's and NSA's for the high efforts put in the organisation, as well all teams for the great support regarding the pre-course preparation especially in slalom. In the future Wim Rossel (FIS) hopes we can work on trying to raise the entire value and attractivity of European Cup with the implementation of full Livestream coverage of all events.

6. European Cup calendars 2024/25

Wim Rossel and Jordi Pujol presented the calendars for season 2024/25.

7. Rules 2024/25

7.1 Proposal, Art. 7.2 and ff, accommodation price increases from CHF 90.—to CHF 110.—

The proposal was approved unanimously.

8. Presentations

- 2024 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, Haute Savoie (FRA)
- Presentation digital course measurements
- Presentation from M&M concerning live streaming
- Information concerning the testing fluor ban

8. Miscellaneous

There were no more discussions and comments.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Tatjana Lüssy and Janez Flere for their support in the office.

9. Next meeting, 23rd-27th September 2024, Zurich (SUI)