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**Minutes online meeting of the Sub-Committee for European Cup held on Tuesday,
10.05.2022**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have the pleasure sending you today the minutes of the online meeting of the Sub-Committee for the European Cup.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **30th June 2022**.

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 safe and healthy summer.

Kindest regards,



Herbert Mandl
Chairman Sub-Committee for European Cup

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1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all Committee Members and all present.

2. Roll-Call

Janez Fleré made the Roll-call (see enclosure)

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. The Agenda, with no additions, was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of the minutes of the online meeting held on 28.09.2021

The minutes were unanimously approved.

6. Report of the Charman and the Coordinators

5.1. Chairman Herbert Mandl (AUT)

The Chairman was giving a short review of the season, again a season under COVID restrictions. Big thanks to EC Coordinators Wim Rossel and Jordi Pujol doing an excellent job under these difficult circumstances.

All in all a good season although we had few replacements of races.

Bad luck for the organisers of the final in Andorra where do to bad weather conditions no speed event could be hold.

Thanks to all LOC for the good organisation considering the difficult circumstances. It will, or it is becoming increasingly difficult to finance races and find sponsors.

Speed organisers in particular face major challenges due to the expensive safety installations. Only possible in combination with World Cup events.

Maybe be it is to rethink the EC regulations and schedule to make it more attractive. For example, direct Qualification suggestions are on the table.

Media impact was getting a bit better do to livestreaming.

5.2. Coordinators

Jordi Pujol (FIS)

Jordi Pujol has informed that the second season of Covid was even more complicated than the previous one, because each country had different Covid rules and sometimes it was difficult to give the right communications to the teams but, at the end they had a very well season.

Despite the fact that the National Association representatives and the Organisers was always in contact with Jordi Pujol the Scandinavian tour must be cancelled in the last moment due to lack of snow.

Jordi Pujol thanked the Austrian Ski Federation and the Organisers of Mayrhofen and Pass Thurn for their availability and support to organise in a short period 2 Slaloms and 1 Giant slalom. After those races, there were able to follow the established schedule in Zinal (SUI) with 2 Super-G, Valle Aurina/Ahrntal (ITA) 2 Slaloms, Andalo (ITA) 2 Giant slaloms and Passo San Pellegrino/Val di Fassa (ITA) with 2 Downhills.

After Christmas and New Year break, they had a full program in Orcieres-Merlette (FRA), with 2 Downhill's and 2 Giant-Slaloms, Hasliberg (SUI) 2

Slaloms, St. Anton (AUT) 2 Downhills, Zell am See (AUT) 2 Slaloms, Sarntal (ITA) 2 Super-G's, Kopaonik (SRB) 1 Giant Slalom, Maribor (SLO) 2 Giant Slaloms, Crans Montana (SUI) 2 Downhill's, Bad Wiessee (GER) 2 Slaloms and the Finals in Soldeu (AND) with 1 Giant Slalom and 1 Slalom.

Jordi Pujol highlight the great speed season, with very good course preparations, high level organisers and the most important issue, no big injuries. Unfortunately, was not possible to replace the Kvitfjell (NOR) Super-Gs and the final Downhill and Super-G in Soldeu (AND) must be cancelled due the really adverse weather.

Also, on the Tech side they had great Organisers and good course preparation. As expected, the weather sometimes did not make things easy for them in some places, but Jordi Pujol thanked all National Ski Federations, Organisers, Volunteers, Coaches and especially the competitors for they collaboration, it has not been an easy season (weather + covid) but he think all learned a lot and can be satisfied.

He thanked also Panorama (CAN) WJC 2022 for the amazing job and perfect slope conditions with the result of great and promising World Juniors Champions.

Jordi Pujol thanked all FIS staff for the support, advice and collaboration during all season.

And the end he highlighted also the encourage of the LOC's to believe on live or streaming coverage of the races with very good experiences which is very important for the LOC's, for the competitors and for our sport in general.

He is looking forward for a great and healthy 2022/2023 season.

Wim Rossel (FIS)

2021/22 was again a very intense but successful season. Lots of flexibility and adaptations were needed due to sometimes complicated pandemic situations, especially in the beginning of the season. It seemed to be a good decision to start in central Europe and move later to Scandinavia. In general the EC Family was lucky with most of the weather, resulting in great DH season.

The goal on the speed side was to try to have more challenging and longer DH races on the EC level. With fantastic weather during almost all DH events this was more than achieved, resulting in incredible conditions in Santa Caterina (ITA) / Tarvisio (ITA) / Saalbach (AUT) & Kvitfjell (NOR). The SG season was a little more tough, complicated light conditions in Zinal (SUI) and two cancelled races in Garmisch (GER) (one of it replaced in Kvitfjell (NOR)) with a highlight in Oppdal (NOR) where one race got pulled out even with a broken chairlift.

Another goal for EC GS was to have again a more or less normal season after two very complicated EC GS winters. As well this goal could be achieved. Only once again unfortunate EC organisers in Reiteralm (AUT) struggled to prepare the iconic race course 'Grande Finale' due to snow storms. At least one race with reduced VD could be accomplished on the last day.

Last EC Slalom started with difficult conditions in Italy, than a date change in Berchtesgaden (GER) was needed to use colder temperatures in order to have a possibility to race, but ended in good conditions in Vaujany (FRA) and 2 amazing races in Almaasa (SWE).

During the entire season everyone was looking forward to have the finals in Soldeu-Ei Tarter (AND). A number of bad weather fronts jeopardized all races during this week, unfortunately resulting in the cancellation of both Women's and Men's speed races. With huge efforts of the LOC both tech final races could be pulled of resulting in a satisfying conclusion of the EC Men season.

Statistics: 36 races planned, 32 raced, 2 SG (Garmisch (GER)/ Ei Tarter (AND)) 1 GS (Reiteralm (AUT)) & 1 DH (Ei Tarter (AND)) cancelled.

From the sports perspective view some very high level could be seen on almost all EC races. Some extremely strong performances from settled EC racers were visible in both World Cup and at the 2022 Beijing Olympics. The well-deserved EC Overall went to Giovanni Franzoni (ITA). In addition some possible new champions rising could be spotted ex. Alexander Steen Olsen (NOR) / Joan Verdu (AND) and Fadri Janutin (SUI) to name some.

Another important topic is to keep the focus on upgrading the media impact of the second level in alpine skiing. Huge efforts were made by some LOC's to provide good quality Live streaming of their races, but there is still a long way to go to give the future stars of our sports more visibility.

In the end Wim would like to thank again all stake holders, NSA'S, EC LOC's, Teams and Staff for tremendous efforts, excellent cooperation, flexibility and great sportsmanship in another complicated Covid-19 Season and finally to all FIS colleagues for support and collaboration.

7. European Cup calendars 2022/23

The Calendars of the upcoming season were presented, still some places and organisers to find.

8. Information for season 2022/23

Janez Flere (FIS), inform that regarding the dates of the next YOG in Korea on January 2024 the Europa Cup circuit will not to stop their races during the YOG time considering that January is a busy time for the Europa Cup calendar.

9. Presentations

9.1 2022 FIS European Cup Finals Soldeu (AND)

David Hidalgo has given a short summary of the well-organised final.

10. Miscellaneous

No comments given.

11. Next meeting – FIS Fall Meeting, last week of September 2022