

To the:

- Members of the Sub-Committee for Womens' Alpine Skiing

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- Sarah Lewis, FIS Secretary General
- Bernhard Russi, Chairman Alpine Committee
- Janez Fleré, Alpine Technical and Administrative Coordinator
- Peter Gerdold, Chief Race Director Women World Cup
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**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Womens' Alpine Skiing  
Airport Hotel Hilton Zurich (SUI),**

Dear Ski friends,

We take pleasure in sending you the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Womens' Alpine Skiing held in Zurich (SUI).

Additionally, 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](http://www.fis-ski.com).

Thank you very much for your valuable cooperation.

Kindest regards,



Karen Korfanta  
Chairperson Sub-Committee for Womens' Alpine Skiing

## **INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Womens' Alpine Skiing**

- 1. The Chairman welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. The Agenda was approved**
- 4. Minutes from the meeting in Cavtat (CRO), May 2019 were approved**
- 5. Athletes Commission Representative, Verena Stuffer, not present**
- 6. Report from Women's Alpine Race directors**
  - Peter Gerdol, Chief Race Director, new role since spring
  - All inspections completed for 2019/2020 season
  - No major event, but full WC calendar including Para events and AC
  - Numerous inspection trips to China, 2022 OWG, test event for Men, so women's race directors will inspect again during the men's event. Difficult DH, only one trail, not a lot of options different from men's race track
  - Several WC sites continue to make significant improvements, ex. Chourchevel top to bottom re-grade
  - Non-race activity and post finish area, "cat walks" and make-up tents always continue to be encouraged and improved upon. Fine line for women athletes to be close to public and still feel secure in the environment
  - Question? Some sites do not have best athlete hospitality? Ans. dependent upon layout and availability for space.
  - FIS media coordinator, Giulia Candiago, is working on "Faces of Racers"
- 7. Discussion re: availability of "good" forerunners and too difficult race tracks**
  - Not usually an issue of having "good" forerunners often European Cup men are available
  - Are race tracks and jumps too difficult?
  - Difficulty of race tracks and possible injuries usually happen to the middle of the field, they try to go 120%, but may only be capable of 100%
  - Top end of field able to handle increase speed and adrenalin rush on race day, bottom end of field usually go slower so able to manage track, but middle of field often goes "full gas" and they are not always able to handle the increased speed and difficulty on race day.
  - Management of grooming, water, size/difficulty of jumps a constant work in progress from training days through race days
- 8. Member update on Safeguarding Policy**
  - Significant engagement since spring
  - All members present (12) have reached out to their association leadership and report that they are either using the FIS specific policy or a combination of their

government, association and FIS. Many have helped initiate programs reaching down into the lower levels of coaching, junior racing and full membership.

## 9. Member update on Gender Equity

- Members present are engaging their association leadership and are leaning to a strong balance within their associations and clubs throughout their countries. The more difficult area is in coaching, lower levels in most associations have a better balance, but at the higher levels it is very low or even zero.
- Several Gender Equity seminars are being hosted by associations and federations.
- Elena Gaja reported on the status of the Gender Equity WG, they will continue to exist/meet, keeping the door open to the council, monitoring the existing initiatives and perhaps new proposals.
- The link below is a presentation by Sarah Lewis, FIS Secretary General, to the Norwegian seminar held this fall on FIS Gender Equity Actions: <https://www.fis-ski.com/en/international-ski-federation/news-multimedia/news/female-ski-leaders-of-tomorrow-seminar-in-oslo>
- FIS Women's Seminar "The next Generation of Women in Sports Associations" will be organised during the 52<sup>nd</sup> FIS Congress the 18<sup>th</sup> May from 18:00 – 19:00.

## 7. Reports from other alpine committees

- Rules – no rule proposals, discussion on Parallel and rules in ICR will stand with "cups" able to format the rules as desired if change seems necessary
- Courses - Positive opinion about possible decrease of ENL SG vertical drop to 300m
- Youth & Children – open discussion on lowering FIS age to 15
- Continental Cup – change in leadership roles, good calendar, AC and parallel events

## 8. Date of next meeting: FIS Autumn Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The next S.C. for Womens' Alpine Skiing meeting is scheduled to take place during the 52<sup>nd</sup> FIS Congress Royal Cliff (THA). The Date will be announced as soon as possible.

Karen Korfanta thanked the participants for the good cooperation and wished all the best during the summer time.

