

To the
- Members of the Sub-Committee Alpine Technical Delegates

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Minutes Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates held on Wednesday, 28.09.2022.

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates.

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

Kindest regards,



Markus Malsiner
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates Wednesday, 28.09.2022

1. Welcome and opening of the Meeting

The Chairman Markus Malsiner (ITA) welcomed all present and introduced a new member of the sub-committee, Christophe Lemeire (BEL), who replaced David Mansfield (GBR), as the Commissioner for the Lowland Countries.

It was regrettable that Martin Leach was unable to attend and it is hoped that he returns to good health quickly.

The Chairman asked committee members to pause for a minutes silence for TD's, and colleagues who have passed away in the last few years, and also for Gian Franco Kasper.

The Chairman briefed members present of the status of sub-committees, after a meeting held on 30 August last. The online meeting with the Sec Gen outlined a new strategy whereby some changes in sub-committees, some even with their own Executive Board, and with large number of members, are being considered; this is currently under review however the Chair does not expect changes until the Spring Meeting. The Chair noted that it should not be that sub-committees are overly large. He has written to the Sec Gen outlining this sub-committee with its 16 members and a representative from the sub-committee for Women's Alpine Skiing and does not feel that there should be any concerns.

Finally he thanked Janez for all the work in preparing this years TD Update, to Paul Van Slyke (USA) for his excellent presentation on B Netting and Matteo Bianchi for the Masters presentation.

2. Roll call-

Janez Fleré (FIS) called the Roll. (see page 8)

Simon Wi Rutene, TD Commissioner for AUS-NZL were excused.

3. Approval of the agenda

The Agenda, with no remarks or comments, was unanimously approved.

There was one point requested but that would be addressed under Miscellaneous.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the online meeting 13.05.2022

The Minutes of the Meeting held online on 13.05.2022, were, without additions or comments, unanimously approved.

5. Reports

5.1 The Chairman gave the floor to Daniel Défago (FIS)

He regretted being unable to attend the TD Update; the new TD Report has now been released and he looks forward to comments or concerns. The changes introduced enable the Report to harmonise with all other Disciplines and is a good step towards standardisation.

For the Timing Report, please show caution and review the document with the Time Keeper if yellow or red marks are displayed.

There are changes to the issue of Homologation for Timing devices. Renewal in future will automatically be from the year of issue and for the coming 5 (five) years.

There is a change to a precision regarding Hand Timing for Parallel events which will be circulated with the Rules Precision.

The Chair thanked him for his time and looked forward to the briefing in Zürich. In answer to a brief question, it was noted that the new Timing Booklet would be published after this meeting.

5.2 The Chairman

The Chairman thanked Janez for the Update yesterday, with all the very interesting topics, as well as our colleague Paul Van Slyke for his presentation for safety on the slopes and Matteo Bianchi (ITA) for the Update in relation with the Masters competition.

The new season started with a lot of competitions in CHI / ARG and also a few in AUS and NZL, 5 events in ARG and 10 events in CHI on different levels, not only SAC and FIS but also CHI competitions, which is very good as they bring children to the snow and winter sports.

The general snow situation was very good with heavy snow falls at the very last moment which made the competitions possible.

The TD Clinics were held in South America for ARG and CHI on 23/24.6. and on 12.6. for AUS and NZL, both with no candidates.

At the beginning of April we started to ask to increase the Per Diem for the TD's from CHF 100.- to CHF 150.- in line with colleagues in charge of the TD's for Jumping, Snowboard and Freestyle, and to review the reimbursement for the fuel, which is not possible at the moment by the Swiss law. In its meeting on July 5th, FIS Council decided to change from CHF 100.- to CHF 125.- but only for World Cup and COC competitions.

The Per Diem allowance of CHF 125.- for Technical Delegates should also cover all FIS competitions, including those at the lower level. As we all know the duties of a TD at a World Cup competition are much less compared to the duties at a low-level competition, where sometimes the TD is engaged from early morning to late in the evening in order to ensure that a safe competition happens, sometimes under difficult circumstances; not to talk about the risk management and the responsibility from a legal point of view, which is very different at a competition for World Cup and COC compared to a low-level FIS competition. The Chairman informed the Secretary General about this situation, which we consider as a paradox. The Chairman is still waiting for a comment from the FIS Office.

We need to continue to act responsibly keeping social distance and wearing masks where needed and requested. It lies upon all of us to do our best to keep our environment safe and to show the professionalism that we have as well as staying within our competition bubble.

The situation seems to be totally different from last year but some requirements are still in place, such as mandatory vaccinations and seeing how the Fall will evolve 3 scenarios have been put forward (**Annex 1 page 8**) as suggested by the Medical Committee and reported by Dimitrije Lazarovski.

Since this year Ski Cross is a sub-committee of the Alpine Committee and has to follow the combined ICR of Snowboard. For next year Ski Cross should have its own ICR or can be integrated into the ICR of Alpine Ski. Regarding the education for the TD's and their clinics and Update for Ski Cross, it will be done as in the past with their own programme, as it is completely different from our discipline in many aspects.

The past years happenings with the 2 COVID seasons, the ongoing invasion in Ukraine, the significant increase of prices of energy, petrol and a potential recession which is around the corner does not help at the moment.

All areas of production are impacted by prices going up, and we need to be aware that requests of reduction of costs are coming up with less snow making, less machine hours, less people involved in the OC's.

We need to be very careful in finding the appropriate solutions for now and the future and we have to look at how to maintain the quality, the high standard and services provided until today.

Thank you for your attention.

Remarks:

Peter Krogoll (GER) noted that FIS Council had carried out some investigations into what a rise of CHF 25 per day for the Per Diem would cost OC's in a season but believed that an increase in costs of CHF 75 for a three day event was not overly expensive.

Paul Van Slyke (USA) noted that the reality of bringing the next generation of TD's forward, for recruiting of these "volunteers" when more and more responsibility rests on them requires a comparable level of financial support. It is an unfortunate fact that the next generation looks to some form of payment for work and this goes a little way to encouragement.

There were no further remarks or comments

5.3. FIS Office

In opening Janez Fleré noted that it is difficult to say whether CHF 100, or 125, or 200 or even 300 is appropriate when looking at the amount of work being done. He did not believe this point is open for discussion however the complaint here is that any Per Diem should be the same across the board, It is difficult to understand why a World Cup and a FIS assignment are treated differently.

Important information for the Commissioners is that all assigned TDs for World Cup must be full vaccinated as are the FIS staff working for the event.

6. Reports from TD courses June 2022 (Southern Hemisphere)

6.1. Stefano Pirola (CHI) reported on the recent TD Update in South America where for the first time in three years TDs from ARG and CHI were able to come together. There were two Candidates from Argentina who are now ready for the practical DH exam. They enjoyed a very interesting Update and the important lesson on safety aspects was well received.

Currently there are many World Cup teams training and racing there which is good to see. He wished all a good season and thanked again all for their support

6.2. Written report from AUS-NZL was received.

"NZL and AUS have had a successful season of races in 2022, a welcome return to pre-COVID times. Our Alpine Community is very happy and enjoyed the opportunities they had to compete and train. This included our domestic NZL athletes and many international athletes and coaches who visited. All races were successfully run, although several were postponed and assigned new dates, thank you.

The issue of payment of expenses is a problem we still experience in NZL and AUS.

One particular complaint was the late payment of TD expenses by Coronet Peak to Manfred Wolscher which was very unsatisfactory. I will also review with my other TDs what their experience was re payments and the Coronet Peak race organising committee.

The main priority going forward is succession of my old crew. Peter May, has retired and we lose his senior experience, but we do have good AUS TDs on the list. Similarly, Nigel Brown is nearing the end of his career. Nigel completed several assignments in 2022 and the plan is to extend him in 2023 as we bring a new candidate (Toby Arnott) through.

As you know, not all of my TDs were able to do assignments this season, and combined with COVID-19 over the last two years, getting assignments and their training remain a priority.

I can report that most of my TDs were present during updates and the 2022 racing at venues to assist as volunteers when they were able to. Some have contacted me with a desire to do an assignment over the Northern 2022/23 season and I will write to those TD Commissioners in that instance to see what can be done.

During the 2022 season Snowsports NZ appointed Dave Grogan as National TD Commissioner in NZL responsible for training our volunteer base and lifting skills, like gate-keeping, course slip and work, and other race organising committee functions. This is a very important step in rebuilding and strengthening our sport in NZL. Dave is being mentored by Ian McLean who has returned to national race duties at Mt Hutt.

I will also propose a similar approach to Australia Snowsports Federation as volunteer base development in Australia is undertaken.

The season is winding down now, as we have completed the Youth racing in Cardrona, however the snow is continuing to come between record warm spring periods.

Although the South Island was successful, the North Island ski areas were a disaster with no snow and face serious financial problems.

NZL is opening up to the world again, there are still some restrictions on international travel which may hit NZ and AUS athletes as they plan their 2022/23 Northern Hemisphere seasons. Plane capacity and costs, health and visa requirements etc. We will see.

Once again thanks to Janez and Markus for your help, it is very much appreciated. I wish also to record my appreciation and thanks to Continental Jordi Pujol, COC Coordinator (FIS) It was very helpful to have him visit and many local officials benefited from his experience and willingness to guide and discuss at the ANC events."

7. Planning of TD courses 2022 (See list below)

REGION	PLACE	DATE	CANDIDATES	INSPECTOR
JPN*	Online	16.- Oct	1 (E)	Michihiko Nakamura (JPN)
AUT	Steiermark	04.-05. Nov	2 (G)	Matjaz Kranjc (SLO)
FRA	<u>Les Rouses</u>	29.-30. Oct	2 (F)	Enrique Diaz (ESP)
NOR*	Oslo	15.-16. Oct	2 (E)	Anne-Chantal Pigelet (FRA)
USA-CAN West	Denver (USA)	21.-23. Oct	4 (E)	Markus Malsiner (ITA)
USA-CAN East	<u>Orford (CAN)</u>	28.-30. Oct	-----	Paul Van Slyke (USA)
SVK-CZE*	Spindleruv Mlyn (CZE)	14.-16. Oct	---	Jana Palovicova (SVK)
SUI / LIE	Maienfeld	04.-05. Nov	2 (1G) +(1F)	Open
GER	München	04.-05. Nov	-----	Peter Krogoll (GER)
GBR*	Edinburgh	4.-6. Nov	1 (E)	Rolle Johansson (NOR)
SLO* (1)	Belgrade	12.-13. Nov	-----	Janez Flerè (FIS)
SLO* (2)	Ljubljana	26.- Nov	-----	Matjaz Kranjc (SLO)
ITA	Desenzano del Garda	29.-30. Oct	-----	Markus Malsiner (ITA)
ESP/AND	Andorra	19.-20 Nov.	-----	Janez Flerè (FIS)

* Region

8. Planning of Speed Clinics 2022/23

Janez Flerè confirmed at least one Speed Clinic to be held in January 2023 in Tarvisio (ITA) with the European Cup Men event.

Proposed name of candidates must be send before 15th November and the final list will be published at the end of November 2022.

The idea to run a Speed Clinic in Asia (JPN or KOR) will be postponed one more year due to the actual Covid regulations still valid in the Far East region.

9. Planning of TD assignments 2022/23

9.1. TD nominations for the [World Cup events 2022/2023](#) are confirmed.

9.2. TD assignments for FIS events were done during the meeting.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 The Chairman proposed to keep the annual Autumn Update (held usually in Zurich) as a closed meeting with the exception of FIS staff members as Race Directors or if members of the sub-committee ask to have an assistant who will act as proctor at their national Update presentation. The reason for this is that it hinders the non-active participation at the Update and stops the non-active participant from excusing themselves and not participating at their own national Update.

10.2 The Children's Race Organisers Committee expressed the initiative to establish a register of International Technical Delegates in Alpine skiing who are specially qualified to work in International Children's Competitions. This is because sometimes Technical Delegates who are nominated for these competitions, or are not specifically involved with the rules for Children Races or are not qualified for this level of competition.
They also suggest to have a special rule book for Children events.

11. Next Meeting

FIS Spring Technical Committee Meetings will be held between 3rd and 5th May 2023 in Dubrovnik (CRO)

12. Closing of the Meeting

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.40hrs.

For the Minutes, Martin Leach

Read and approved by Markus Malsiner, Chairman of the TD Sub-Committee

Roll Call

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates		
LIST OF PRESENCE		
Meeting, 28.09.2022		
Chairman:		
MALSINER, Markus	ITA	✓
TD Commissioner:		
CAMPBELL, Doug	CAN	✓
WI RUTENE, Simon	NZL	✓
PILZ, Hans Peter	AUT	✓
PIROLA, Stefano	CHI	✓
PIGELET G., Anne-Chantal	FRA	✓
DIAZ, Enrique	ESP	✓
ORLOV, Alexey	RUS	EXC
LEMEIRE, Christoph	BEL	✓
KROGOLL, Peter	GER	✓
NAKAMURA, Michihiko	JPN	✓
KRANJC, Matjaz	SLO	✓
HOFER, Franz	SUI	✓
PALOVICOVA, Jana	SVK	✓
JOHANSSON, Roland	NOR	✓
VAN SLYKE, Paul	USA	✓
Honorary Members:		
FORSMARK, Jari	SWE	EXC
FRITZ, Edwin	AUT	EXC
GRUZELER, Thomas	SUI	✓
MARUYAMA, Hironari	JPN	EXC
WINTERS, Tom	USA	EXC

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates			
FIS Staff:			
LUESSY, Tatjana	FIS		
DEFAGO, Daniel	FIS		
FLERE, Janez	FIS		
Guests:			
Name	Nat.	Function	Signature
LIPANSKY Tomis	CZE	TD candidate	
Elena GAJA	ITA	TD/COACHES	
Zingales Jozsef	HU	SC Rules/Class	
JARMI PAVEL		FIS	
Wiro Rosser		FIS	
Jan Abernethy	AUT	ORG HKR	
PAOLO PASCUA	FRA	TD	
ATULLO PERONA	ITA	COACH	
Ayathaya Adelit	THA	Committee	
ANJA SKUTELJ	FIS	RD PARA	
MILAN BORIC	SRB	TD	
Hiroshi SAWANO	JPN	TD	
OBYSKALOV Andrey	KAZ	TD	
SYPARENKO Julia	UKR	TD	
Shamirina Lucy	RUS	NSA	
KRACOS KRACOS	CYP	TD	
JUSAN GORISEK	SLO	TD/COACHES	
PANTELIDIS ANDREA	GRE	TD	

Annex 1

COVID-19 SITUATION SEASON 2022/23 – SCENARIOS

