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Minutes Online Meeting Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing, Zoom platform, 05.05.2022, 13:00 – 15:00 hrs CET

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing held online, 05.05.2022.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **31th May 2022**.

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.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution. We wish you a nice autumn and winter season.

Kind regards,

Tommy Höglund
Chair Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing

(sent by e-mail without signature)

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Members present
3. Appointment of a secretary (proposal: Robert Peets, EST)
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting (ONLINE) 27.09.2021.
6. FIRST draft of the FIS TD list 2022/2023.
7. Popular long distance races Season 2021 - 2022
 - 7.1.1 Short report of Juha Viljamaa - WL President.
 - 7.1.2 Visma Ski Classics – Short Report C.e.O. David Nilsson.
8. F.I.S. Point at Popular races:
 - 8.1.1 Only for races over 30 Km
 - 8.1.2 One competition per EVENT
 - 8.1.3 Organizer must tell FIS and NSA which is the main race.
 - 8.1.4 All athletes MUST include FIS code when the entry into a race to be able to count for there personnel FIS-points.
9. Temperature Limit of -25° at popular races. Tommy Hoglund
 - 9.1. Report from working group.
10. Discussion about future development in skiing technique in long distance races: Today the elite skiers only use double poling, and the amateurs use diagonal. One group use wrong technique (skating in uphill)
11. Total fluor ban in all FIS races: How will this ban effect long distance races?
12. Other matters arising:
13. Next meeting:

List was presented and approved.

7. Popular long distance races Season 2021 - 2022

Short report of Juha Viljamaa - WL President.

69 organizers, 212 races, 21 counties.

20 World Loppet, 17 Euroloppet, 6 CEZ Ski Tour, 5 Estoloppet, 4 Swissloppet, 17 other

100154 participants 2022, 48359 participants 2021, 84240 – 2020, 123444 – 2019

6320 passportholders, 38%W and 62% M.

Visma Ski Classics – Short Report Anton Karlsson.

Ownership: 49%W Sportsmedia, 25,5 % Vasaloppet, 25,5 Birkebeinerrennet

14 Pro Tour races, 45 Challenger races.

35 Pro Teams, 11 countries, 16 nations, 333 athletes, 118 W, 215 M, 114 1996 or born later.

Competitions: Chamion, Sprint, Climb, Youth, Veteran, Pro Team, Grand Classics, Grand Slam, Pro Team Director, Event of the year, overall ranking system

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8.1.4 All athletes MUST include FIS code when the entry into a race to be able to count for their personnel FIS-points.

All races longer than 30k are valid for FIS points. Startlist must be prepared with FIS codes, only those athletes counting for FIS point calculation.

Tommy Höglund proposal: Only athletes with FIS code should qualify for Elite start wave.

Pierre Mignerey: It should be regulated with race regulation.

Enzo Macor: If athlete don't have FIS code, we can't sanction them.

Uros Ponikvar: All sanctions are valid except written reprimand.

Decision: no rules change. Each race should regulate who is starting in Elite wave.

9. Temperature Limit of -25° at popular races. Tommy Hoglund

9.2. Report from working group.

Members of working group: Tommy Höglund, Enzo Macor, Georgy Kadykov Anton Karlsson, Medical Doctor Helge Brändström, Major Tony Gustafsson Swedish Army Polar and Winter education, Meteorologist Pia Hultgren.

Working group made presentation and showed wind chill chart, with different zones: green, yellow and red.

Proposal for Competitions in cold weather:

The existing rules for long-distance skiing will still apply

We propose that electric heating Equipment as socks and gloves will be allowed in competitions,

When the risk of frostbites according the wind chill chart is increased (Yellow Zone) the organizer and jury must inform the skiers about how they can protect themselves. If necessary, the jury can force the skiers to wear, head and ear protection, glasses, Thick gloves vests.

When the risk of frostbites according the wind chill chart is high (Red zone) The organizer and Jury must follow the existing rules and postpone or cancel the competitions.

Decision: It will be discussed in Equipment committee to allow electric heating systems (socks, gloves etc.), it must be double checked, that there is no interference with timekeeping.

10. Discussion about future development in skiing technique in long distance races:

Today the elite skiers only use double poling, and the amateurs use diagonal. One group use wrong technique (skating in uphill).

Main topic was how to solve massive technique violation in classic long-distance races.

Georgy Kadykov: proposed to have time penalty for non FIS athletes (at the moment only option is DSQ or ranked as last).

Enzo Macor, Fred Arne Jackobsen support.

Uros Ponikvar: we can not give athletes possibility to play with the rule. Current rules are good and fair.

Juha Viljanmaa: we need to keep both techniques, people want to enjoy skiing.

Decision: no rule changes.

11. Total fluor ban in all FIS races: How will this ban effect long distance races?

From season 2022/2023 full ban. Equipment is soon ready and will be used, main focus WC and WSC + some lower level races. FIS encourage NSAs and race organizers to invest and buy this equipment.

12. Other matters arising:

Georgy Kadykov: Drafting behind skidoo is not fair and can be dangerous.

Decision: Main priority is safety, in all races jury must be proactive and educate skidoo drivers. If possible connected with radio during the race and ensure that race is fair and safe.

Proposal from some TD:s

If I summarize their proposals:

They would like to introduce an intermediate sanction when they feel that competition suspension is not enough. They propose a fixed time penalty.

TD can be involved in sanctions proceedings even 72 hours after the competition; which in some cases can mean a lot of work.

The proposal is to add the days when busy to the daily fee for the TD.

They feel that for some participants which do major rule infractions (i.e. starting in a non-designated start box, skiing under false name, excessive skating in classical competitions) there should be additional sanctions like Not permitted to start next year or similar.

Decision: for extra work, TD can have maximum one extra day reimbursed.

13. Next meeting:

Zürich autumn Sep?