

To the:

- Members of the Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing

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**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing,  
Thursday 26.09.2024, 08:00 – 10:00**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing held in Zurich (SUI), 26.09.2024.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

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 contribution. We wish you a nice autumn and winter season.

Kind regards,



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

**Enclosure: ment.**

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**AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Members present.
3. Appointment of a secretary (proposal Robert Peets).
4. Approval of the agenda.
5. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Portoroz May 6.
6. Report, Status Worldloppet, Epp Paal, Ben Popp.
7. Worldloppet adjustments in case of no regular race due to weather factors.
8. Report, Status Ski Classics. David Nilsson, Lukas Bauer.
9. Presentation, Updated version FIS guidelines for long distance races.
10. Discussion about Fluor testing in popular races the coming winter.
11. Update FIS TD list 2024/2025 Robert Peets
12. Other matter arising
13. Next meeting

**All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Cross-Country Committee on 27.09.2024 and to the approval of the FIS Council meeting.**

## 1. Opening of the meeting.

Tommy opened the meeting and welcome everyone.

## 2. Members present.

Not present	Burridge	John	NZL
Not present	Carlos	Cristobal	ESP
Not present	Clugnet	James	GBR
Not present	Field	Patrick	GBR
Presnt	Furuli	Eiliv	NOR
Present	Höglund	Tommy	SWE
Not present	Im	Yeui Gyu	KOR
Present	Iseppi	Adriano	SUI
Excused	Kadykov-Orbeliani	Georgy	RUS
Present	Kaliba	Stepan	
Not present	Kern	Julia	USA
Not present	Koyuncu	Ozkan	TUR
Present	Macor	Enzo	ITA
Present	Maki	Kristine	USA
Present	Malik	Faustyna	POL
Not			
Present	Marsland	Allan	AUS
Substitution	Matus	Jancik	SVK
Not present	Pappas	Christos	GRE
Present	Peets	Robert	EST
Not present	Prado	Diego	ARG
Substitution	Nöll	Andrea	GER
Not present	Viljamaa	Juha	FIN
Present	Wang	Vincent Wen-Hsiung	TPE
Not present	Zografov	Petar	BUL

Guest: Michal Laplot, Simon Caprini, Uros Ponikvar, Doris Kallen, Ben Popp, David Nilsson, Lukas Bauer, Jessica Rochat.

## 3. Appointment of a secretary (proposal Robert Peets).

Robert Peets was appointed as secretary.

## 4. Approval of the agenda.

Agenda was approved.

## 5. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Portoroz May 6.

Minutes of the Portoroz meeting were approved.

**6. Report, Status Worldloppet, Epp Paal, Ben Popp.**

Ben Popp introduced himself, he is new WL president for next 4 years. and made WL presentation. Kangaroo was cancelled, rest of the the season so far held. Global calendar in progress, more races are signing up.

Goals for 2025: build new global partnership, Climate friendly events, support for last year cancelled races, attract new participants, education on fluor free rules, connecting elite and popular skiers.

**7. Worldloppet adjustments in case of no regular race due tom weather factors.**

What would be the minimum requirements to have WL stamping: race must be organized on skies, distance can't reduce more than 50%, alternative track can be used, OC must record results, change of date is possible, entry fee reimbursement is up to organizer.

**8. Report, Status Ski Classics. David Nilsson, Lukas Bauer.**

Season 16 starts: 14 races, 67 challengers. 35 pro teams, new point system, 5 different level of races. Teams can have limited number of NOR/SWE skiers. Luckas Bauer new Race Director introduced upcoming season calendar.

**9. Presentation, Updated version FIS guidelines for long distance races.**

Work is still in progress. Shorter, more focus on sport, invalid procedures are out, reefer to ICR for specific rule, final proposal in spring meeting 2025.

**10. Discussion about Fluor testing in popular races the coming winter.**

More certified EQ persons available, OC must sent request to FIS at least one month before the race if they want to order Fluor control, OC must take care of the costs.

Simone explained new fluor control procedure.

**11. Update FIS TD list 2024/2025 Robert Peets**

List was presented.

**12. Other matter arising**

Transgender athletes - no final decision.

Organizers can not pay athletes to participate the race.

Women participation in popular races, discussion continue in Spring. Alutaguse Marathon (EST) will try first time race only for women, OC help with ski rental, waxing, chaperons on course who support and educate participants. Summary in spring meeting.

**13. Next meeting**

Vilamoura (POR), 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, May 2025