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Oberhofen, 11 June 2025

### Minutes Committee Meeting for Telemark Skiing Grand Hotel Bernardin – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Telemark Friends,

We are pleased to send you the minutes of the Telemark Committee meeting held on May  $6^{th}$ , 2025 in Vilamoura.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the Chairman, Andrew Clarke.

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: <u>www.fis-ski.com</u>.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution.

Kindest regards,

Andrew Clarke Chairman Telemark Committee

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# Minutes

## Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 from 8:00 – 17:00

### 1. Welcome/Apologies

The chair Andrew Clarke thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

# 2. Roll Call/ Apologies

### Present:

CLARKE Andrew (GBR) BIRCHLER Hans-Peter (SUI) DIXON Neil (FRA) GAY Kenneth (USA) KOPECKY Matej (CZE) LARSEN Troels Tore (DEN) HORVATICEK Franc (SLO) LEICHT Christian (GER) VERNET Maely (FRA)

Member Member Member Member Member Athletes' Representative

### Online

PERREAULT Stephane (CAN)

### Not Present:

BRYN Rolf (NOR) CHIAVEGATO Diego (ITA) PULIDO Nazaret (ESP) HIROSE Kohei (JPN)

### **Observers/Guests:**

TAYLOR Jasmin (GBR) ERIKSEN Gøril Strøm (NOR) PERY Adrian (GBR) GETRAUD Raoul (FRA) ALES Jure (SLO) TREMBLAY Francis (CAN) VIEL Matias (CHI) BLUM Alexandra DEFAGO Daniel Member

Chair

Member

Member (Excused) Member Member Corresponding Member

Predecessor Athletes' Representative Athletes Working Group FIS Telemark Race Director FIS Telemark Events Manager NSA Telemark Chair NSA Telemark President (Online) NSA Nordic Director FIS FIS IT

# 3. Report of the Season 2024/2025

### - Financial Report 24/25

FIS-FinancialReport(24-25) April2025.pdf

- Financial Support FIS 25/26
- Provisional Budget 25/26

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## 4. Olympics 2030

Three new disciplines have been officially proposed by FIS to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for inclusion in the 2030 Winter Games: Telemark, Speed Skiing, and Freeride. It was agreed that this represents a good opportunity for Telemark and that all efforts towards Olympic inclusion should be continued. This included the overall aesthetics of events, prize offerings, judging, timing and organisation.

## Rule changes/proposals 2025/2026

Rule changes were discussed by the RWG, and the findings were presented by Adrian Pery. Rule changes to take effect for the 2025/26 season were agreed by unanimous vote.

Key points discussed:

# **Competition Format & Technical Setup**

Adrian provided technical clarification on the elements of the jump, which led to discussions on safety, positioning, and control. It was agreed that settings for the jump would continue to be monitored to ensure safety and compliance with Telemark ICR.

# Finish

There were mixed views on diving at the finish. While some considered it a show element, others were concerned about safety. While diving is ultimately discouraged due to the perceived risk, it was considered a personal choice. The Rules Working Group continue to review all elements of the finish from the loom to the finish line.

# Overtaking and Race Integrity

Athletes advocated for fair overtaking opportunities. A design was suggested for the finish corridor to allow overtaking by splitting the final 5 meters. For FIS-level events that do not use photo finish, the final section must include separate tracks for each course. Where possible this is to be incorporated.

### Judging Challenges

A proposal was made to have one judge per three gates to improve efficiency and reduce costs. Emphasis was placed on judge education, consistent penalty signalling, and the use of video judging. A panel-based video judging system is recommended for World Cup and Championship events. Manual and visual judging standards were clarified. Experimentation of various judging techniques will continue, alongside current agreed methods, to find the best and most effective way of judging telemark racing.

### Accommodation & Event Logistics

Accommodation policies now include guidelines such as gender and role separation, and potential surcharges for late registration. While regulations are non-discretionary the committee acknowledges the logistical challenges that they may present. We will continue to work alongside OCs and NSAs to ensure the best possible solutions are found.

# Equipment & Safety

It is strongly recommended that athletes wear 3-star cut-resistant underwear. Safety concerns were raised over ski leashes. The use of brakes is recommended, and the committee acknowledged the impediments that some braking systems cause. Helmets must meet at least EN 1077 (Class B) or ASTM F2040 certification standards.

## 5. Report: FIS Telemark Race Director

Report: Telemark WC 2024 2025 season report.pdf

# 6. Report: FIS Telemark Events Manager

### 7. Athletes' Representative Report

Report: Presentation for FIS Telemark Committee MAY 25 V2 - Final.pdf

### 8. WC Calendar 2025/26

Adrian Pery reported on the organisers that had confirmed races for the 2025/2026 season. Concerns were aired that several events were still unconfirmed. The chair reminded the committee that Adrian had only recently taken over the role of Race Director, and a period of "bedding in" was required. It was acknowledged by the committee that, while there were a few organisers who regularly organise events, we needed to grow the breadth of our organisers and consider new territories for future World Cups. Adrian is working on completing the calendar before the middle of summer.

Telemark WC Programme as at 9 Jun.pdf

### 9. JWSC/WSC Outlook

The recent separation of the JWSC from the WSC was considered a successful move as it separated the two competitions and allowed athletes eligible to compete in both competitions to do so without disadvantage. The JWSC will continue to be hosted annually to encourage further participation of the junior element of Telemark racing.

### 10. Media and Communications Report

- Telemark Children – The Telemark program to bring children to snow and telemark in particular has continued to grow. Participation was high last season and the chairman wished to thank those involved in its delivery, which included many of the World Cup athletes and coaches. Without them, the program may not be so successful.

### - Social Media

### 11. Working Group Reports

- OC Meetings

Report: Report OC-Working-group 05.2025 EN.pdf

12. Any other business – GBR Telemark's Head Coach, Sebastien Mansart prepared a short presentation for the committee to consider the growth of the children's aspect of the FIS Telemark program. He suggested that a dedicated FIS Children Cup Working Group be formed to further explore what could be done to encourage more participation at the youth and children level. Sebastien agreed to initially head up this group. Matej Kopecky will assist Sebastien in this endeavour.

### 13. Closing Remarks

The chair wished to once again recognise everyone's outstanding contribution to the delivery of the World Cup and World Championship program and the functioning of FIS Telemark. Much goes on behind the scenes to deliver all aspects of the program, and we all have busy lives with much competition for our time. Without the dedication and fortitude of a few, the program would simply not be possible.

While I have the opportunity I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Jasmin Taylor who at the end of the 2024/2025 season resigned as the Athletes' Representative to the Telemark Committee. Jasmin, not only coordinated a disparate World Cup athlete forum to provide valuable insight to the committee, but was the first Telemark representative on the FIS Athletes' Commission. It was no mean feat that Jasmin held down these appointments, serving others, while at the same time securing her place in the history books, securing Bronze overall at the Telemark World Championships and overall winningest woman in the World Cup. I speak on behalf of the Telemark community when I say a hearty thank you to Jasmin for all she has contributed to the sport, and I look forward to seeing her on the World Cup this next season. At the same time, I wish to welcome Maely Vernet who takes the baton from Jasmin as both Athletes' Representative to the Commission and the Telemark Committee.

\*All proposals and decisions of the Committee for Telemark Skiing are subject to the approval of the FIS Council.