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Oberhofen, 16.10.2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for European Cup held on Thursday, 28.09.2023 in Zurich (SUI).

Dear Ski Friends,

We have the pleasure sending you today the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for the European Cup held in Zurich.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **24th October 2023**.

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 successful season 2023/24.

Kindest regards,



Herbert Mandl
Chairman Sub-Committee for European Cup

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION Sub-Committee for European Cup

**Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for European Cup held on Thursday,
28.09.2023**

1. **Welcome and opening of the meeting**

The Chairman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all Committee Members and all present. A special welcome to honorary members and to all organisers and suppliers present.

The Chairman asked for a minute of silence for Luis Breitfuss (ESP), who passed away last May.

2. **Roll-call**

Janez Fleré (FIS) made the Roll-call (see enclosure).

3. **Approval of the agenda**

The agenda, with no additions, was unanimously approved.

4. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Cavtat on 04.05.2023**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. **Report of the Chairman and the Coordinators**

5.1 **Chairman Herbert Mandl (AUT)**

From my side, there is not really much to report. The summer work was done by the Coordinators Jordi Pujol (FIS) and Wim Rossel (FIS). Many summer inspections were carried out with the organisers. It's getting harder and harder to find organisers. The costs for the events can no longer be covered, especially speed organisers have enormous costs with the security installations.

I would also like to inform you about the FIS Fluor Ban. FIS confirmed full implementation of the fluor wax ban start to 2023/24 season. So it's clear that preparation with fluor is prohibited from this season. FIS will carry out testing to ensure that skis are fluor-free at top-tier events:

- FIS World Cup
- FIS World Ski Championships
- Other major events such as FIS Junior World Ski Championships.

Testing at other level events will be carried out on a random basis to ensure those events are also regulated.

5.2 **Coordinators**

Jordi Pujol (FIS)

Jordi is informing about how difficult it is for some of the organizers to find accommodation for 90SF full board. For this season, teams will need to be very precise with the entries by name, seven days before each race.

Jordi said that almost all summer inspections are done. Next week with Wim, will travel to Scandinavia to visit the Swedish and Norwegian organizers.

For this season 2023/24 will be some new organisers in the calendar, all of them are very motivated. At the moment we have confirmed eight races with Live Streaming.

Jordi informed that after the last coaches meeting, the two most demanded topics were, start the season a bit later in order to have more time for training before the first race and try to race speed races in World Cup slopes. The season will start on December 6th and 80% of the speed races will take place on World Cup courses.

Jordi thanked all organizers and Federations for their effort and motivation, thanked all FIS staff and all the coaches for the good collaboration and for their interesting contributions.

Wim Rossel (FIS)

Wim reports that right after the spring meeting some changes have been made on the calendar. Val Cenis (FRA) pulled back to difficulties with accommodation, therefore Maribor (SLO) came in the calendar. If in Maribor cannot be raced there is a plan B with Ponte di Legno (ITA) on 26. / 27.02.2024. Most of the inspections are done except 2 to be defined organisers in AUT. As well Tarvisio (ITA) will be visited as this organiser will host the WJC 2025 instead of Santa Caterina (ITA).

The digitalisation in EC will go on and be upgraded, as well the GPS Gates measurement will be featured again for the upcoming season. Newly checklist for the eligibility for EC races are put and will be distributed online before the season. In general lots of organisers note that the financial situation is very difficult and that the 90 CHF full board accommodation price needs to be adapted to the current situation.

Wim informs about the FIS Fluor Ban for EC and makes a report regarding Livestreaming in EC. Here as well the financial situation slows down this evolution and Wim hopes that in the future with support of FIS we will see an increase of value in general in EC.

6. European Cup calendars 2023/24

The calendars for upcoming season were presented. There are some organisers to be still dedicated, but all in all good balanced calendars with great organisers.

7. Miscellaneous

7.1 2024 FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships, Haute Savoie (FRA)

A short presentation from the upcoming FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships in Haute Savoie (FRA) was shown.

7.2 Information accommodation prices

The Chairman opened the discussion regarding the pricing of accommodations. For many years, the European Cup has set an accommodation price of CHF 90.--. The organisers complain that there is no more accommodation available at this price, so we have to find a way, the right balance of pricing. On the one hand, the organisers demand more money, but on the other hand, we are aware that this has to be paid for by the teams and Federations. The Chairman proposes an increase to 110-120 CHF. The organisers of course support this solution. Some representatives of the Federations speak up and say that this would put a lot of strain on the teams' budgets. The course of the discussion shows that increasing the fixed price will not really solve the problems. Rather, it is about increasing the value of the European Cup in order to generate more interest in the media. As long as you don't tell a higher sporting value, the targeted live streaming will not bring the desired success. I think it's time to look at skiing as a whole and develop a strategy together with the World Cup. Perhaps an overarching points system would be the solution. It is proposed to set up a working group for this purpose.

Furthermore, it would be desirable that the FIS supports the necessary streaming measures of the organisers. The Chairman would like to thank all for coming and the productive discussion. He would also like to thank Tatjana Luessy (FIS) and Janez Flere (FIS) for their support from the office.

8. Next meeting, 5th - 9th May 2024, Portoroz (SLO)