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**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing,  
Hotel Croatia Cavtat, Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO), 03.05.2023**

Dear Ski Friends,

We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing held in Dubrovnik, 03.05.2023.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **15<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.

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

(sent by e-mail without signature)

**Enclosure: ment.**

**INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION**  
**Minutes Meeting Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing,**  
**Hotel Croatia Cavtat, Cavtat-Dubrovnik (CRO), 03.05.2023, 10:30 – 12:30 hrs CET**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Members present.
3. Appointment of a secretary (proposal: Eiliv Furuli NOR)
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting (ONLINE) 29.09.2022.
6. Popular long distance races Season 2022 - 2023
  - 6.1.1 Report Worldloppet - SG Epp Paal.
  - 6.1.2 Report Ski Classics – RD Anton Karlsson.
7. Fluorine Ban, how will this rule effect long distance competitions
  - Status report – RD Michal Lamplot
  - Information from fluor test in American Birkebeiner -Allan Serrano
  - Discussion how to handle this in long distance races.
8. Discussion about how to have a better system of presenting long distance rases on FIS Web site. Different NSA works in different ways.
9. 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) Continue from last meeting.
10. RUS and BLR amateur skiers in long distance skiing. Status from last winter.  
How is the recommendation working in different NSA? See below.
11. Climate activities and protest actions in long distance races, Example Vasaloppet.
12. FIRST draft of the FIS TD list 2023/2024.
13. Other matters arising
14. Next meeting:

**All proposals and decisions of the Sub-Committee are subject to the confirmation of the Cross-Country Committee on 05.05.2023 and to the approval of the FIS Council meeting, 24.05.2023**

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened on 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 10:30 hrs CET.

**2. Members present**

Tommy Hoglund, SWE

**Remarks**

Chair

**Substitute**

Bares Aley, ESP

Present

Burridge John, NZL

Flury Christian, SUI

Substituted by Guri Knotten

Furuli Eiliv NOR

Present

Im Yeui Gyu, KOR

Present

Kadykov-Orbeliani Georgy, RUS

Not present

Kaliba Stepan, CZE

Present

Koyuncu Özkan, TUR

Present

Macor Enzo, ITA

Present

Maki Kristine, USA

Present

Marsland Allan, AUS

Excused

Pappas Christos GRE

Peets Robert, EST

Excused

Prado Diego, ARG

Sznajdrowicz Kaja, POL

Tannert Andreas, GER

Present

Trachsel William, FRA

Tuka Ondrej, SVK

Excused

Vijamaa Juha FIN

Present

Wang Jeff Po-Jen, TPE

Zografov Petar, BUL

Patrick Field, GBR

Honorary member, not present

**Guests:**

Epp Paal (Worldloppet), David Nilsson (Ski Classics), Anton Carlsson (Ski Classics)

**3. Appointment of a secretary (proposal: Robert Peets, EST)**

The meeting approved the Chair's proposal to have Eiliv Furuliv (NOR) as Secretary of the meeting.

**4. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting (ONLINE) 29.09.2022.**

**6. Approval of the minutes of the meeting in (ONLINE), 29.09.2022.**

The Minutes were approved.

**7. Popular long distance races season 2022-2023**

Report Worldloppet, Epp Paal

The season has been good, and the races could again be held in normal conditions. The races have good numbers, and the number of participants in the WL member races where apx. 90 000. The presentation attached.

Report Ski Classics, Jonas Bauer

The Ski Classics are developing in a positive matter. The TV figures are increasing. Ski Classics has strengthened the position as World Cup for long distance skiing. There have been 14 races during 10 weekends. The presentation attached.

## **8. Fluor ban. How this rule will affect long distance competitions**

The Chairman opened the issue with some general comments, and Michael Lamplot made a presentation from FIS side. The decision is made, and all parties want to support and follow up on the progress. FIS will focus on top athlete competitions, senior and junior. FIS see that the routines within long distance skiing will be more complicated and demanding due to the number of participants. Cooperation with the NCA is important. The presentation attached.

From the meeting:

Important that cleaning manual is distributed.

Cost of machine must come to the parties.

Ski Classics wish to be active in the matter and should also be prioritised, due to top professional athletes.

FIS will follow up the wax producers.

Best practice testing from USA was presented.

The general understanding in the meeting was that good information is important, and with a realistic number of tests in addition, long-distance skiing can contribute in this important work.

## **9. Discussion how to better present races in FIS calendar**

The races are not presented by name, often only host resort. It should be named. The NCA must give the right name to FIS.

Regarding TD for each race the, the TD must contact each race in good time.

## **10. Discussions about future development of skiing technique in long distance skiing**

Moved to next meeting.

## **11. RUS and BLR amateur skiers in long distance skiing. Status from last winter.**

The Chairman informed about some examples from Vasaloppet last winter.

Worldloppet has made a clear statement regarding this matter. Each race must use their knowledge and make their decisions.

**11. Climate activities and protest during races**

There was one episode in WC Lillehammer last winter where activists went into the track with banners. They were stopped in time before the racers passed. The Chairman showed a video from Vasaloppet where the same episode happened. The guards managed to move the activist out of the track also here some seconds before the field og racers came in that position. This is something the organizers must be aware of. For long distance races this will be demanding.

**12. FIRST draft of TD list 23-24**

The Chairman went through the lists. (made by Robert Pets). TD will be from host or neighbour country. This is positive and will save costs for the organizers. Positive feedback from the meeting. TD list attached.

**13. Other matters**

There where no other matters

**14. Next meeting**

The autumn meeting will be digital meeting.  
It will take place late September or early October.  
It will be before the FIS autumn meeting. Date TBC.

The Chairman closed the meeting.