

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
Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portoroz (SLO), Monday, 06.05.2024, 14:00 – 16:00 hrs CET**

Dear Ski Friends,

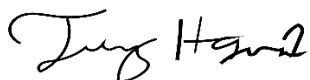
We are pleased to send you the Minutes of the Sub-Committee for Popular Cross-Country Skiing held in Portoroz on the 6th of May.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Nordic Office in Oberhofen until **30th June 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.

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 EST)
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the minutes of the meeting (ONLINE) 18.09.2023.
6. Popular long distance races Season 2023 - 2024
 - 6.1.1 Report Worldloppet - CEO Epp Paal.
 - 6.1.2 Report Ski Classics – CEO David Nilsson.
7. Discussion about appointing TD: s for races that are not in the FIS calendar. Example: Some of Euroloppet are not in calendar and therefore it is not possible to appoint TD.
8. Discussion about future development in long distance races due to warmer winters with lack of snow and quick weather changes.
9. Report from the first year with total fluor ban.
10. Report from working group Update of FIS guidelines for long distance races.
11. Transgender athletes. Report from Nordic meeting.
12. FIRST draft of the FIS TD list 2024/2025.
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 08.05.2024 and to the approval of the FIS Council meeting 04.06.2024.

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Members present	Remarks	Substitute
Höglund Tommy, SWE	Chair	
Bares Alex ESP	not present	
Burrige John NZL	not present	
Flury Christian SUI		Seraina Mischol
Furuli Eiliv NOR		
Im Yeui Gyu KOR		
Kadykov-Orbeliani Georgy RUS	Excused	
Kaliba Stepan CZE		
Koyuncu Ozkan TUR	not present	
Macor Enzo ITA		
Maki Kristine USA		
Marsland Allan AUS	Sandra Paul	
Pappas Christos GRE	not present	
Peets Robert EST		
Prado Diego ARG	not present	
Sznajdrowicz Kaja POL	Excused	
Tannert Andreas GER		
Trachsel William FRA	not present	
Tuka Ondrej SVK	not present	
Viljamaa Juha FIN		
Wang Jeff Po-Jen TPE	Excused	
Zografov Petar BUL	not present	
Field Patrick GBR	Honorary Member	
Guests:		

FIS Staff

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

The meeting approved the Chair's proposal to have Robert Peets (EST) as Secretary of the meeting.

Approved

4. Approval of the agenda

Approval of the minutes of the meeting (ONLINE) 18.09.2023.

Minutes approved

5. Popular long distance races Season 2023 – 2024

Report Worldloppet - SG Epp Paal.

Epp Paal made presentation of season 2023/2024

Worldloppet races had all possible weather conditions, many cancellations. Fluor ban was challenge for OC-s, conducted in 5 WL races, focus was schooling participants: ITA, EST, SWE, SUI, NOR. Also prerace testing was possible in some races: SWE, EST, NOR.

In June WL meeting they will share experiences and best practices.

19 events planned, 14 were organized. Most difficult was in central Europe, AUS, USA.

107000 finishers. 69% men and 31 women. 88000. Unique participants. 25% first time, 22% average foreigners. 93 different nations. Biggest nation is 34% SWE, 11% Sui, 10,2, USA, 9,2% NOR, 6,9 EST and FIN. Biggest Vasaloppet 40808, Engadin 11742, American Birkebeiner 8739, Birkebeiner 8163, Marcialonga 5528, Tartu Maraton 4798, Finlandia 3169. 11 races had more than 2000 finishers. Average number of participants is 500. Global ranking age groups, 74% men and 26% women. Passport sale best year 23 000 in total, average age of owner is 46 years. 123 Masters in 2024. Average masters are age 50. Next year WL calendar is published online. In June new president election.

Michal, is balance between men and something you are worried? Some races are doing special women races VL. Since skiing is technically complicated, women are not so eager to participate.

Committee must work on it and improve the situation.

Report Ski Classics – David Nilsson

14th Season: 15 races planned, only one was cancelled (Jizerska).

15 Pro tour races – televised.

63 Challenger races.

37% (first season 15%) women, total 900 skiers.

They are working to have more youth athletes (26years).

40% are in youth category.

Only 9 skiers (of 10) can be from established countries, to have more nationalities involved.

6. Discussion about appointing TD: s for races that are not in the FIS calendar. Example: Some of Euroloppet are not in calendar and therefore it is not possible to appoint TD

Decision: WL appointments for Spring meeting and SC and Euroloppet for Autumn meeting.

7. Discussion about future development in long distance races due to warmer winters with lack of snow and quick weather changes.

Open discussion sharing experiences between different organizers.

Juha: Should we respect people who travel to other side of the world and it's cancelled in last minute, should we give stamps for our "costumers". Falls creek gave stamps after skiing distance on possible snow on short loop. American Birke organized race on 10k loop different starts in 5 days. In Germany race is moved to January next season. Marcialonga start with artificial snow 1991, now they have 40 water stations along the course to produce snow, 200 000m2 snow is produced every year. Lillehammer is quite snow safe, the problem is weather, this year it was strong wind and race was moved one day.

8. Report from the first year with total fluor ban.

A lot of extra work, new rules. Extra resources: space, manpower, material, coordination, responsibility. FBI protocol: ski delivery, specific for all formats. Early testing for athletes. Slots to test prerace. Protocol was followed and worked well. In general, it was fair for all teams.

Next season: Only certified EC can make sanctions. Coordinators per regions. Guidelines to be followed.

9. Report from working group Update of FIS guidelines for long distance races.

Work in progress, we continue and send out updated version before Autumn.

10. Transgender athletes. Report from Nordic meeting.

Autumn document will be published how to regulate this question.

11. FIRST draft of the FIS TD list 2024/2025.

Assignments were confirmed.

12. Other matters arising

Fis points: when course have higher climb than 28m in one KM we can use factor 1400. Not supported.

13. Next meeting:

Physical meeting on site in Zurich