

To the

- Members of the Sub-Committee Alpine Technical Delegates

For information to:

- Johan Eliasch, FIS President
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Oberhofen, 22.05.2024

Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates held on Monday, 06.05.2024.

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **15th June 2024**.

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 safe and healthy Northern Hemisphere summer.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Markus Malsiner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Markus Malsiner
Chairman Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates

**INTERNATIONAL SKI AND SNOWBOARD FEDERATION
Sub-Committee Alpine Technical Delegates**

**Minutes of the Meeting Sub-Committee Alpine Technical Delegates
Monday, 06.05.2024, 08.00 – 10.00 hrs, Conference Room “Europa B+D”**

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting

The Chairman welcomed those present and hoped that all travel arrangements went well. He personally welcomed Massimo Rinaldi (ITA), Chairman Alpine Committee; Wim Rossel (FIS), European Cup Coordinator; Peter Gerdol (FIS), Chief Race Director World Cup Women; Jordi Pujol (FIS) Continental Cup Coordinator as well as all Chair's from other Committees and Sub-Committees.

All presents stood for a minute of silence to remember the colleagues who passed away during the previous year.

2. Members present

Janez Flere (FIS) called the Roll. The following members were excused; Anne Chantal Pigelet (FRA); Simon Wi Rutene (NZL); Enrique Diaz (ESP); Alexej Orlov (RUS) and Michihiko Nakamura (JPN).

Members present: Rolle Johansson (NOR); Paul Van Slyke (USA); Jana Palovicova (SVK); Osi Inglin (SUI); Peter Krogoll (GER); Hans Peter Pilz (AUT); Matjaz Kranjc (SLO); Doug Campbell (CAN); Christoph Lemeire (BEL); Stefano Pirola (CHI); Chairman Markus Malsiner (ITA) and Honorary Member Thomas Gurzeler (SUI).

3. Approval of the agenda

The Agenda was approved with additional points raised under Miscellaneous.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Zurich on 26.09.2023

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed without comment or remark.

5. Reports

5.1 Chairman

The last competition season ended with races in Scandinavia and in Japan as well as in Canada, these being held a few days ago. In general, it was a good season with few cancellations in the lower categories at the end of February and March as temperatures rose above average.

It was a little different for the World Cup Calendar with the cancellation of 12 competitions in all, 9 for the Men and 3 for the Women, which is a lot. Only 9 DH and 6 SG were held for the Men.

The rapid climate change of the last few years is facing the World Cup Organisers with increasingly greater problems. Too much or too little snow often made it impossible to hold races.

It is becoming apparent that the Alpine World Cup season can no longer be held after February in the Alps and may have to move to Scandinavia or other countries like Asia or North America.

The Alpine Ski World Cup was faced with another big problem as during the past season where over 29 top athletes competing in the World Cup were, more or less, seriously injured. There are countless accidents every year in all categories, but never before have so many World Cup athletes been affected.

One problem we were facing as TDs was the arrival of the TD at the venue location before the first TC Meeting. The Chairman has received several phone calls on this matter. As is clearly written in the ICR under Art. 602.4.3. the TD must arrive at the competition site 48hrs before the TC Meeting for any Downhill or Super G competition. Unfortunately, organisers are often upset at this rule and

ask that the TD arrive on the same day as the Draw. This is unacceptable as it could create a Legal issue for the TD in the case of an accident.

The winter went without any major problems regarding TD assignments and here, many thanks to the good cooperation between Commissioners and the Chairman would like to thank them all and asks that they extend his thanks to all their TDs. There are now some 509 effective TDs, including some Candidates, however only some 17% are women and 73% men and this requires us to increase the number of women TDs as was defined a number of years ago. We have received information, believed to be from the IOC, that in future there must be at least 50% women on any Jury. This therefore will be a problem and we need to find a solution for the future as this becomes a rule.

Since last year some 15 Clinics and Updates took place across the world with 26 Candidates present.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Daniel Défago (FIS), IT manager, and to Janez Fleré (FIS) for sorting any problems or questions that arose during the season.

Finally, he wished to thank the Commissioners for their dedication, passion and their commitment throughout the season and to extend his thanks to all the TDs. Thank you.

There were no questions or remarks.

5.2. FIS Office

Daniel Défago (FIS) wished to thank all the TDs for their prompt reports, particularly on Timing, that complimented the reports from Timekeepers. There were 51 individual cases where timing was missed but always system B or Hand Timing was able to provide back-up. 51 cases seem a lot however when taken in context of 2800 races this is an extremely small percentage. What at times is disappointing is that timing errors appear on the first day of racing and again on the second day, often for the same reason. From his point of view this should not happen. Some new improvements in the Timing Report will be done for the next season.

There were no questions or remarks.

The Chairman thanked him for his report.

Janez Fleré (FIS) reported that with over 3000 races planned for the last season and the greatest challenge was the large number of “changes” from the original plan; changes of TDs, of dates, changes of venues and events as well as a number of problems in the Legal sense that Organisers were facing. Trying to adapt our programme to the weather, trying to be flexible and of course some of the Organisers wanted to have technical events (SL) instead of speed events (DH) (as example). Despite all of this he believes it was possible to manage changes in a correct manner.

As the Chairman mentioned there are some 474 actual TDs, the remaining number are Candidates, from 47 nations. There were 343 TDs assigned to events and this identifies that almost 100 TDs were not assigned to a race during the previous season. This does not mean that those TDs did not attend a race but could show that an event was cancelled. He therefore asked Commissioners to review their list of TDs and to identify any that may not have been assigned in the last two years. He is not suggesting that these TDs that failed to complete an assignment in the last two years should be deleted because sometimes those with dual functions, e.g coach/TD, are unable to be assigned due to other commitments. We do however have TDs who do not attend Updates, cannot be active as they have “no time” and it is here that we should clarify the matter in order to have a clean TD List.

In regard to the Reports, he has to note that he was able to use all the races for the FIS points list calculations every two weeks. There was never a problem where a race was not valid for the calculations, thanks to TDs who ensured that the Reports were sent on-time.

What we do have is race cancellations were the TD does not inform the alpine office immediately. This is something that needs to be addressed; how should the reporting procedure be? Sometimes the TD is even leaving the site without informing the office that the race is cancelled.

As you are aware we are missing some DH races and therefore it is difficult to carry out TD examinations. One of the proposals that we will action; we will accept those TDs with technical examinations providing a nation requires them as TDs

Super G as a Speed Practical Examination will not be accepted.

There were no questions or remarks.

6. Reports from TD course 2023

Austria: The Update was held on 13th and 14th November with all AUT TDs present as well as 6 TD's from SUI. In addition to the FIS Agenda the Update studied practical cases from the last season.

France: The Update, held in Cannes (FRA), was successful. The two days format was a little long for some attendees and this will be adjusted for the next Update.

Norway: was held in Stockholm (SWE) with only two Candidates due to flight problems for the other two. Josef Zingerle (ITA) was able to evaluate the two Candidates later in the season. Tried to cover the Agenda on Saturday and Sunday morning as it is all about time and cost but note that the Update then has to be close to a capital city and/or an airport. It was well attended with interesting and informative discussions and will present ideas for the next Update later.

United States of America and Canada: As all are aware it is normal to hold two Updates, one in the East and one in the West however this year a single and central Update was held. This is not done often due to the higher expense however this was well supported and the agenda was interesting and informative.

CZE/SVK: TD Update was held in Katowice (POL). There was one Candidate and the Inspector/Examiner was only able to arrive at the last moment. A good and interesting meeting. Thanks Matjaz Vrecl (FIS) for his support.

Switzerland: The Swiss Update was held in Sion (SUI). There were good discussions but with concerns on how TDs could better manage Timing issues. It would appear that not all the TDs there were fully aware of how to deal with all possible Timing concerns. This would appear to be a topic that requires more study. Janez Fleré (FIS) noted that the last schooling on this subject was a little while ago and he will raise the matter with Daniel Défago (FIS) and see if it can again be a subject at the next Update.

Germany: The Update was held in München (GER). There were questions from Candidates about the Verbal examination. Believes better structure is needed. There were concerns expressed about how questions and answers were formulated. Did an answer require a "text book" reply? It was understood that the examination is designed to see how the background knowledge of the Candidate is.

Janez Fleré proposed adding this point to the subject that will be discussed later in the Meeting. It may be necessary to set up a small Working Group to look at the two examinations. With the last defining exam paper now ten years old it may be time to renew them completely. In general he felt that an examiner, noting that a Candidate is having difficulty in answering a question should discuss it with that person and thus identify if the knowledge is present; is it confusion, unable to present the answer clearly, lack of understanding or of knowledge.

It was noted that many Candidates are not native English speakers, nor are many of the Examiners, and so questions need to be easily understood and answerable.

Great Britain: The Update was held in Manchester (GBR) with day one for the FIS TDs. On day two national TDs, Organisers, coaches and Chief of Races joined for a good programme with interesting discussions.

Balkan Region: Technical delegates from 14 National Ski Associations were included in our region, together 45 TDs, one Candidate, one applicant and one person in training process.

Two TD Updates had been organised: Sofia (BUL) organised by the Bulgarian National Ski Association and Janez Flere (FIS) participating as Examiner and the second one in Ljubljana (SLO) with Matjaz Kranjc (SLO), Bojan Perko (SLO) and Matjaz Vrecl (FIS) as examiners.

Not present without excuse: 2 TD's

Excused with reason: 4 TD's,

Present ON- Line: 8 TD's

Present –in person: 31 TD's, 1 Candidate, 1 applicant, 1 person in Training.

Italy: Almost all TD's were present and enjoyed long and deep reaching discussions on a number of points; all very interesting. Currently there are no Candidates.

Spain/Andorra: There were 45 TDs present and national TDs were invited. There were 4 candidates (2 from Spain and 2 from Andorra) who all passed the written exams. Only two were able to carry out practical exams at this time.

There were no questions or remarks.

7. Planning of TD courses 2024

The different proposals for sites and dates were presented. Inspectors will be assigned in Zurich at the Autumn Meeting.

REGION	PLACE	DATE	CANDIDATES	INSPECTOR
ARG-CHI	Frutillar (CHI)	27.-28-June		Janez Flere
AUS-NZL	TBC			
JPN*	JPN (TBD)	.		
AUT	Tirol (AUT)	08.-09-November	(2)	
FRA	Anancy (FRA)	04.-05- October	(1)	
NOR*	Levi (FIN)	05.-06- October	(4)	
USA / CAN	Lake Placid (USA)	25.-27- October		
CAN / USA	Calgary (CAN)	18.-20- October		
SVK-CZE*	CZE (TBD)	18.-20- October	No candidates	
SUI / LIE	Engelberg (SUI)	01.-02- November		
			No candidates	

GER	Kalten (ITA)	08.-09- November	(3)	
GBR*	Manchester (GBR)	01.-02- November	No candidates	
SLO* (1)	TBD	08.-10-November	(1)	
SLO* (2)	----	-----		----
ITA	Desenzano (ITA)	18.-19- October	No candidates	
ESP/AND	TBD	TBD		

*Region

Remarks: JPN and KOR are looking at a new TD Commissioners and both nations have forwarded nominations to FIS Council, who will decide in June 2024. The delegate was reminded that the Update has to be organised, in October or November, and that some Candidates with written exams have yet to take their practical examinations. Janez Fleré would seek a suitable Examiner/Inspector.

8. Report of Speed Clinic

8.1 Yanqing (CHN) – Markus Malsiner (ITA)

The Chairman attended for a couple of days and there were TD's from JPN as well as a Candidate present. All were very interested in the Olympic DH slope which was perfectly prepared. All security, fencing etc, erected as per the Olympics. The Chairman enjoyed two days of intense and deep discussions and the whole was very good. He hopes that the clinic can be held there again as the attending NSA's are very interested in repeating the process.

8.2 Hafjell (NOR) – Josef Zingerle (ITA)

Josef Zingerle (ITA) was unable to be present at this meeting. Rolle Johansson (NOR) gave a short report. There were challenging weather and course conditions and therefore a lot of experience was gained. For the Inspector the real task was that all learnt to adapt to the situations. For those attending it was a very good course and it is hoped that in the future a similar clinic can be run. Janez Fleré (FIS) thanked Rolle Johansson (NOR) for making all the administrative arrangements and noted that all Candidates had written praising Josef and the organisers for their work. It is hoped that eventually more of Josef's kind become available and can run speed clinics on a world wide basis.

8.3 Kimberley (CAN) – Doug Campbell (CAN)

This was the first time a speed clinic was run in Canada and it was found to be most useful as many CAN TDs live in regions where DH is not possible. There were four TD Applicants present and the clinic was well run and extremely useful. Background was discussed with Josef Zingerle (ITA), prior to the clinic and this was very good. The clinic is something that they wish to run again and on a regular basis

8.4 Planning Speed Clinic (season 2024/25)

Janez Fleré (FIS) informed the Commissioners that he has forwarded requests to run two speed clinics in the coming season to FIS Council. Awaiting the

confirmation of the Europa Cup Calendar to establish venues however Central Europe would see one clinic and in September he will be able to confirm the venue and dates for the second.

This proposal was agreed to by Commissioners.

There were no questions or remarks.

9. Planning of TD assignments 2024/25

9.1 TD names assignments for World Cup events

Date	Site	Nation	Gender	Nation	Name	Lastname
26.-27-Oct	Sölden	AUT	W-M	NOR	Erik	SEM
16.-17-Nov	Levi	FIN	W-M	AUT	Edi	DRESCHL
23.-24-Nov	Gurgl	AUT	W-M	SUI	Ulisse	DELEA
30.-01-Dic	Killington	USA	W	CAN	Gordon	REESE
06.-08-Dec	Beaver Creek	USA	M	GER	Thomas	BRAUN
07.-08-Dec	Tremblant	CAN	W	USA		
14.-15-Dec	Beaver Creek	USA	W	CAN	Julie	KLOTZ
14.-15-Dec	Val d Isere	FRA	M	AND	Santi	LOPEZ
20.-21-Dec	Val Gardena	ITA	M	AUT	Heinz	KABUSCH
21.-22-Dec	St. Moritz	SUI	W	SLO	Peter	BIZJAK
22.-23-Dec	Alta Badia	ITA	M	FRA	Francois	JOURDAN
28.-29-Dec	Semmering (TBC)	AUT	W	SUI	Carlo	LOETSCHER
28.-29-Dec	Bormio	ITA	M	SUI	Kari	BRIKER
04.-05-Jan	Kranjska Gora	SLO	W	ITA	Giovanna	RIZZO
08.-Jan	M. di Campiglio	ITA	M	FRA	Yves	DIDIER
11.-12-Jan	Adelboden	SUI	M	AUT	Makus	GATTINGER
11.-12-Jan	St. Anton	AUT	W	ITA	Heinz Peter	PLATTER
14.- Jan	Flachau	AUT	W	SVK/CZE		
17.-19-Jan	Wengen	SUI	M	FIN	Petri	TUOMIKOSKI
18.-19-Jan	Cortina	ITA	W	SUI	Luca	de MARCHI
21.-Jan	Kronplatz	ITA	W	GER	Katja	WETZEL
24.-26-Jan	Kitzbühel	AUT	M	ITA	Daniel	MENESTRINA
25.-26-Jan	Garmisch	GER	W	SLO	Tomaz	CIZMAN
28.-29-Jan	Schladming	AUT	M	SWE	Emil	SVANBERG
30.-Jan	Courchevel	FRA	W	ITA	Valter	DRUETTI
02.-Feb	Garmisch	GER	M	AUT	Thomas	GSODAM
22.-23-Feb	Crans Montana	SUI	M	ITA	Marco	COZZI
22.-23-Feb	Sestriere	ITA	W	FRA	Fabienne	DHEYRIAT
28.-02-Mar	Kvitfjell	NOR	W	AUT	Alexandra	ZEMSAUER
01.-02-Mar	Kranjska Gora	SLO	M	SUI	Hans	PIEREN
08.-09-Mar	Kvitfjell	NOR	M	USA		
08.-09-Mar	Are	SWE	W	LTU	Arturas	BIKULAC
15.-16-Mar	"Open"		W	OPEN		
15.-16-Mar	Hafjell	NOR	M	GER	Andreas	FISCHER
21.-27-Mar	Sun Valley (TBC)	USA	M	OPEN		
21.-27-Mar	Sun Valley (TBC)	USA	W	CAN	Susan	OHRT

9.2 TD assignments for Europa Cup events

Assignments will be confirmed at Autumn meeting.

9.3 Proposed TDs and Jury members for Major event

Feb.-2025	Tarvisio (WJC)	ITA	W	BIH	Edin	TERZIC
			M	AND	Jordi	FIUS
Feb.-2027	Crans Montana (WSC)	SUI				
	TD		W	AUT	Hans	SCHNEIDER
	Jury		W	MKD	Bojan	PANOVSKI
	Jury		W	NZL	TBD	
	TD		M	FRA	Fred	COMTE
	Jury		M	NOR	Roland	JOHANSSON
	Jury		M	ESP	Judith	LLUENT

Remarks: Janez Fleré (FIS) noted that we are facing a problem with too few TDs (W). At this major event there are 6 TD/Jury positions so ideally 50% of the Jury should be women. Commissioners need to be aware of this growing problem and look at improving the situation.

The Chairman noted that at present there are 421 M and 88 W licenced TDs. This is less than 20% and it is going to be difficult to reach a 50/50 mark. Currently we are unable to fulfil the required criteria.

Janez Fleré (FIS) expressed concerns that a real problem is being faced now and it must be addressed. If the current Jury members proposal is not accepted by FIS Council then the Sub-Committee needs to sit again and to identify a solution, for now and coming years.

9.4 Retirements

The following names are proposed for retirement.

- Mark Berry (GBR)
- Matjaz Goltez (SLO)
- Fred Coltier (FRA)
- Vincent Jay (FRA)
- Gilles Fossoud (FRA)
- Dominique Petit (FRA)
- Peter Auernig (AUT)
- Eveline Rohregger (AUT)
- Germain Barrette (CAN)
- David Hopper (CAN)
- Herbert Klammer (ITA)
- Scott Ransom (USA)
- Risto Happonen (FIN)
- Johan Burger Hyllienmark (SWE)
- Peter Lederer (NOR)
- Svein Erik Owesen (NOR)
- Ernst Schmid (GER)
- Miroslav Sochor (CZE)
- Reto Canclini (SUI)

9.5 List of Examiners

After this meeting the new Examiner list will be updated.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 PARA TD assignment (Matjaz Kranjc, SLO)

Currently the Sub-Committee for PARA races propose to the Sub-Committee for Alpine Technical Delegates the names of TD's that it would like to be assigned, knowing the background and experience of these TD's. It was acknowledged however that in all cases nominations for major events, also PARA, must be supported in writing by the National Ski Association.

Video Controller

A further point was that some rules do not clarify officials clearly. As a point the Video Controller at major events is not defined under Art. 601. Who is able to be a Video Controller? To whom is this official responsible? What is his position within the Jury?

Where should this person appear, under Jury members or "other officials"?

Janez Fleré noted that the "video controller" is only required for Level "0" events and there is a need to be careful where this requirement appears; it is not for general FIS events. Currently he does not see the necessity to define the position.

10.2 Fluor Report (Augusto Gilio, FIS)

Augusto Gilio (FIS) showed a PPT presentation with some figures regarding the Fluor control from the season 2023/24.

10.3 Practical Examination Document (Arno Heikkala, FIN)

Arno Heikkala (FIN) will present a proposal for a new Alpine TD examination format. When viewing past process it is difficult to see where we are heading to. Wishes to introduce a few new ideas covering TD Candidates education and development. He was recently involved in examining a Candidate and the education subject was discussed at length, producing several interesting ideas. The Chairman agreed to establish a Working Group of 3-4 TDs who would assist Arno in producing a final version to be presented in Zurich at the next meeting.

10.4 Honorary Member (Hans Peter Pilz, AUT)

The member for Austria, Hans-Peter Pilz (AUT) proposed that Hans Grogl (AUT) be elected as an honorary member of the Sub-Committee for Alpine TDs after his long service both to the Sub-Committee and to the sport in general. This motion was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously supported by Commissioners. The Chairman asked that the motion now be forwarded to the Alpine Committee.

Osi Inglin (SUI) will be replaced by Franz Hofer (SUI) as the new TD Commissioner for the SUI-LIE region.

11. Next meeting, 23rd to 27th September 2024, Zurich (SUI)

12. Closing of the meeting

The Chairman thanked all presents and specially Michihiko Nakamura (JPN) for his support during all this year's acting as TD Commissioner for the Far East Region, being this his last meeting as Commissioner. He also thanked other committee members attending and guests.

For the minutes, Martin Leach

Read and approved by the Chairman Markus Malsiner (ITA)