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Minutes of the meeting Working Group Women's Coaches

Dear Coaches,

Please find attached the minutes of the meeting Working Group Women's Coaches, which took place in Zurich (SUI), on October 2nd, 2019.

Kind regards,

Paul Kristofic
Chairman Working Group Women's Coaches Alpine

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Coaches present:

See the enclosed presence list

FIS present:

- Peter Gerdol (FIS)
- Markus Mayr (FIS)
- Andi Krönner (FIS)
- Jean-Philippe Vulliet (FIS)
- Giulia Candiago (FIS)
- Tatjana Lüssy (FIS)

1. Welcome

Paul Kristofic (USA) opened the meeting by welcoming the coaches and the organizers and introducing the new Chief Race Director, Peter Gerdol, to his first Working Group Women's Coaches meeting.

Peter Gerdol welcomed coaches and organizers and thanked FIS that trusted on him on this new role. He also thanked Atle Skaardal for the amazing job he did in the past in developing the Alpine Skiing Women's World Cup with the purpose to keep working on the same direction and he also thanked him for the support he gave in the last few months. He presented his team with: Jean-Philippe Vulliet, FIS Race Director Women Speed Events, Markus Mayr, FIS Race Director Women Tech Events, Andreas Krönner, FIS Technical Operations Manager and he presented Giulia Candiago as a new media coordinator for the Women's tour.

2. Information FIS Travel

Heinz Gurtner welcomed everyone to Zurich and presented his team. He will provide the same travel services for USA and Canada races this season with 2 extra luggages each so 3 in total. Bansko resort's owner offer the possibility to use his aircraft as a charter that will leave Tuesday 21st of January from Zurich to Sophia. He also added that his team is organizing a truck for the equipment, that will leave on Monday 20th of January from Austria to Sophia with 2 possible pick up points. He asked for confirmation of Sochi travel needed by the end of the week (5th October) of who would join the charter leaving Sophia and also how much luggage. FIS Travel is available in the boardroom during the fall meetings for all arrangements.

3. Information form World Cup Organisers

Representatives from the LOCs shared specifics with the group about changes and plans for the upcoming season. A short summary from each occurred as follows:

Soelden – the autumn has been very good in term of snow and temperatures. They started to work on the slope the 3rd of September and there is a potentially opportunity to train on the race hill from the week of 14th of October.

Levi – there have been a colder summer and the snow is already there into the storage under the covers is in good shape heading into the fall. The slope will be opened in 10 days

for public. All the training schedule has been already set with the team. In case of travel assistance and special offers the organizing committee is keen to help.

Killington – they will provide team services the day earlier of the official arrival day. They will keep the team update with the snow situation to see if there will be the opportunity to train.

Lake Louise – Same wax cabin location as last year. They also have new snow making guns.

St. Moritz - not major changes, except the new slalom hill under construction with the aim to host the next PAR events.

Zagreb – Saturday the 4th has been set as a race date and after a successful test last year, they decided to re-confirm the race in the afternoon, 13 o'clock the first run and 16.15 the second.

Sestriere – they are happy to be back in the World Cup tour after 4 seasons of absence. They will host a GS and PGS. All the offices and the teams are going to be in the Olympic Village which is walking distance to the chair lift and the village.

Bansko - honored to be back after 5 years. They will use the same format as 5 years ago and last year on the men's tour. Everything is running by the schedule with the first OC meeting planned for the second week of October.

Sochi –They will use the same format as last year. The visa support will be the same. The accommodation for all is in Rosa Spring Hotel. They reminded that the radio check will be on Tuesday 28th.

La Thuile – excited to come back after 3 year. The race will be in the same Franco Berthod slope. The program has been confirmed with the SuperG and the Alpine Combined. They offer the possibility to arrive on Thursday 27th and leave on Monday the 2nd.

Are – they will use the same format as the World Championship and they will host 3 events with a PSL, GS and SL.

Cortina – the slalom race will be on the same slope as the other disciplines and not on the World Championship slope due to a logistic issue.

4. Report and general information

Peter Gerdol (FIS) explained the summer was business as usual with inspections going on to improve as much as possible. FIS is working in the direction of course preparation especially for speed races and took action over the summer to make it a special inspection point with organizers. He will go through few topics with the coaches such as Downhill jumps, timing issues and some specifics about Alpine Combined.

Regarding the timing issue he affirmed that after Crans Montana issue last year, Swiss Timing and Longines reacted immediately providing a 3rd measurement system, photofinish.

Courchevel and Meribel are investing a lot on their infrastructures and slopes. The Emile-Allais slope has benefited from a summer re-modelling with an extension of 70 meters and more marked terrain movements that make the final part of the race more attractive. The

snow making system has been modernized and adapted to the needs and the fiber network has been completely rebuilt on the lower part of the track. All these works are part of the construction of the new building of the Club des Sports de Courchevel. In a short report from Beijing, he noted that they are developing and creating a technical, steep, challenging hill at a new ski resort. To be ready for the test events in 2020 for men might be a tight schedule but it's optimistic right now.

Having no big events for the next season means that he can go into details venue by venue and understand in a better way everything he is not aware of.

Jean-Philippe Vulliet (FIS) acknowledged that the tour faced difficulties last year at a few speed venues and is committed to making it better in the future. He is confident we will improve and get to the level we need with more water and preparation moving forward.

He analyzed the inspections he took part during the summer, affirming that they have been very productive. He welcomed the Lake Louise new race director Sue Schwarz (CAN) saying he can't wait to start working with this new group of people.

Val d'Isere - they have a new set up with a new gondola and they pulled out the chairlift on the bottom part of the slope to create more space. After Usine à Neige compression there is a new A net in term of improving safety and they worked on a new snow making system with the aim to avoid problem as the previous season.

Zauchensee - has a longer finish area (120 mt.).

Sochi – he remarked how important will be the snow preparation on the slope.

Garmisch-Partenkirchen – last year they faced major jumping issue during the downhill and it will be definitely part of the future cooperation between LOC, coaches and FIS to work on this issue. The expectations have to be reduced and he asked to react as soon as possible before an accident happens. He pointed out as an example the Seilbahn Sprung section, reducing the speed will avoid dangerous jump.

He will also attend China men's race to have an idea about the course setting before the winter 2020-21 is coming.

Markus Mayr (FIS) shared no big news and echoed his colleague's notes on the technical venues. He explained that during the summer the FIS team and the LOCs spent a lot of time talking about the Parallel events also acknowledged the difficulties of the Parallel event from last year experience.

Andreas Krönner (FIS) announced that Restricted Area cards will be available in Sölden respecting the quota. He reminded about race- suits testing taking place in Soelden, Lake Louise, Val d'Isere, Zauchensee, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and La Thuile. He also invited to add one more place and he said to be at disposal to set Soelden time check. SMS method for sharing Team information is now switching on WhatsApp group.

4.1 Calendar 2019/20

Peter Gerdol made few more comments regarding several venues:

He reminds that Val d'Isère would like to know the accurate accommodation numbers for teams due to the Christmas holidays and the teams have to leave the 22nd of December as latest, keeping a certain number of room available for a late check-out. The LOC is providing a night more before the official arrival day.

Lienz is providing a new location for TCM, race office and accreditation which are no more in the city center but still close and with no parking issues.

Are took charge of Stockholm's Parallel and they will host 3 events in a row starting with PAR and to follow GS and SL.

It has been set the program for Cortina's finals starting with men's and women's downhill to follow the superG starting with women's and men's afterwards. Regarding Slalom's warm up, it will take place in Col Drusciè where the World Championship Slalom race is going to be held.

5. World Cup 2019/20

5.1 Course setters and connection coaches

Paul Kristofic (USA) thanked the coaches for their proactivity and he explained the formula used to compute course setters. Course sets were distributed per nation.

Alberto Senigaglia (FRA) asked to the other coaches to switch Killington's Slalom setting with another race due the fact that they have no slalom racers at the moment.

Paul Kristofic (USA) also said that the working group is at disposal to arrange decision during the season.

6. Rules 2019/20

Peter Gerdol went through the rule changes:

- Start field reduction rule changed but will affect the men's World Cup and not the women's.
- The Parallel World Seeding List (PWSL) list will be updated after each FIS List publication and it will be used for the qualifications just for the upcoming season. After the 3 parallel events the Parallel World Cup Starting List (WCSL) will be installed for good. With 3 planned events, the Parallel will award the globe for the upcoming season. He also reminded that on Friday after the World Cup Sub-Committee and Alpine committee will be defined the PAR format for the upcoming season.

Christian Mitter (AUT) remarks that the PWSL will be updated based on the FIS points and not the World Cup points.

Peter Gerdol (FIS) confirmed his comment and explained again how the PWSL and WCSL will work in the future.

- Prize Money- the payment must be paid latest 7 working days after the last competition. In case of later then 30 days payment, the LOCs will be charged of CHF 999.
- Ski goggles- is prohibited to reshape the ski goggles in order to obtain aerodynamics advantages.
- Course accesses - LOCs will distribute the course access directly to the teams, based on the quota.
- Oxygen- it is prohibited for any NSA to use Oxygen tanks, cylinders and related devices. (check from the ICR 222.7)

7. Miscellaneous

Peter Gerdol closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

8. Next meeting

In Sölden (AUT) after TCM on Friday. Will agree on a few meetings in the short term during the winter but will also fix a spring meeting date for the end of April or early May or a best time.