

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
Sub-Committee for Ladies' Alpine Skiing**

**Meeting Sub-Committee for Ladies' Alpine Skiing
Friday, 30.09.2016, 10:30 – 13:00 hrs, Meeting Room “Panorama C”**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening of the meeting
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting at Hotel Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Resort & Spa, Cancun (MEX), 06.06.2016
5. Report from Chief Race Director and Race Directors
 - 5.1 World Cup Season 2015/2016
 - 5.2 Changes in equipment and safety implications
 - 5.3 Confirmation of rules and or new precisions
 - 5.4 What is new at Ladies' WC sites?
6. Special Reports
 - 6.1 Discussion topics from other Alpine Committees
 - 6.3 Discussion on future initiatives for Ladies' WC skiing
 - 6.4 FIS Council and Athlete Commission Input – Jessica-Lindell Vikarby
7. Miscellaneous
8. Next meeting in Portoroz (SLO), 24th – 28th May 2017

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**Minutes Sub-Committee for Ladies' Alpine Skiing
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Present

Chair:

Karen Korfanta USA

Members Present:

Fränzi Aufdenplatten	SUI
Elena Gaja	ITA
Ingrid Christophersen	GBR
Petra Kronberger	AUT
Julie Lemieux	CAN
Pepa Mitzeva	BUL
Traudl Münch	GER
Anastasija Popkova	RUS
Maria José Rienda	ESP

Apologies: Olga Krizova-Charvatova CZE, Gity Kiashemshaki IRA, Anne-Chantal Pigelet Grévy FRA, Spyridoula Stamou GRE, Tuba Tasdemir TUR

Substitution: Clara Kaszo for Ildiko Kapitany HUN

Guests: Atle Skaardal FIS, Markus Mayr FIS, Andi Krönner FIS, Jean-Phillipe Vuillet FIS, Kodama JPN, Peter May AUS, Massimo Rinaldi ITA, Daniela Merighetti ITA, Sigrid Szabo HUN, Paul Van Slyke USA, Darryl Landstrom USA, Snorri Pall Gudbjornsson ISL, Jan Vidar Thoruddsson ISL, Sophie Geroud SUI, Marcus Murmann SUI, Martin Rufener CAN, Jon Byun KOR, M. Nakamura JPN, Su Jung Kim KOR, Phil GilanFarr USA, Florian Profanter ITA, Lorenzo Conci ITA

- 1. Welcome and opening of the meeting**
The Chairman welcomed the delegates.
- 2. Roll call**
The roll call was taken.
- 3. Approval of the agenda**
The agenda was approved.
- 4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting at Hotel Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Resort & Spa, Cancun (MEX), 06.06.2016**
The Minutes from the meeting in Cancun were accepted.

5. Report from Chief Race Director and Race Directors

- 5.1 World Cup Season 2015/2016**
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- 5.4 What is new at Ladies' WC sites?**

Atle Skaardal - Chief Race Director, World Cup Ladies:

Sight inspections all summer. Season 2016/17 covers 20 resorts, 38 competitions, in addition to World Championships in St. Moritz. New sites: Killington, on East Coast of USA, Kronplatz in the South Tyrol, Korea (Olympic test events), Squaw Valley.

Rule changes: New start order only for speed events in order to hold the attention of a larger TV audience for a longer period. Top 10 athletes choose start numbers from between 1 & 19, odd numbers only. Next group are drawn from numbers 2 to 20, even numbers only. Third group numbers drawn from 21 to 30. TV breaks after bibs 10, 20, 30. Start intervals to be decided in cooperation with TV companies. Technical races: Start order remains the same.

New innovation: Small device attached to ski boots will measure, and send to TV screens in actual time, speed, time taken between known points, length of jumps, etc., Informative, entertaining. Data collected can make interesting analysis. Qualification races for St. Moritz will take place in Zuoz week preceding Championships. New Ladies' World Cup Media Coordinator from USA, Christine Feehan.

Markus Mayr - Race Director World Cup Ladies Technical:

Under foot conditions improving all the time, lot of money invested in machinery. No resort should lose a race owing to lack of snow.

Jean -Philippe Vuillet - Race Director World Cup Ladies Speed Events:

New start area in Val d'Isere. Cortina, easy jump slightly enlarged. Aspen new challenging course.

St. Moritz World Championships: Rominger jump has been eliminated. Korea, downhill long, lots of movement.

Andreas Krönner - Alpine Ladies Technical Operations Manager:

No dedicated fashion show this year, but make-up tents in several resorts. Val d'Isere, Courchevel, Flachau, St. Moritz, possibly Garmisch.

Comments from delegates:

If Race is cancelled long-suffering and patient public see nothing. In Jasna girls were asked to ski to bottom and engage with public. Very popular. Girls should learn to wave to the public and not only to TV.

AS:

The athletes have a long way to go to understand how to promote themselves and their sport. Race areas too restricted and not enough inter-communication with public. Fans feel neglected. All skiers need sponsors. Big teams have media coordinators. Ladies need lessons on how to handle the press, what to say.

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Youth and Children: FIS entry age back to where it was?

Classification: Rules for indoor ski halls being scrutinised. National Associations react too slowly to FIS registrations, causing some athletes to miss out on points in first FIS list.

Rules: New rules regarding pregnancy - as in X-C.

Europa Cup: 36 competitions in 7 countries. Many new sites lined up (in order to be able to run a World Cup in the future). Programming trying to make travel easier for athletes, i.e. grouping resorts. Always two races in any one resort. 6 downhills; Saalbach, Davos, Crans-Montana, Speed finals in ITA 20-25 February. Speed Clinique in Innerkrems, AUT, 16/20 January. World Junior Championships Aare, SWE, 6 - 14 March. City Event in Kronplatz, parallel races.

7. Miscellaneous

Ladies Committee will work with Athletes' Commission and with athletes regarding the question of interacting with the public. The Committee's Fan Club initiative has had a big impact on organisers. Garmisch: catwalk where athletes, having finished the race, walk out of the finish arena via a walk-way which takes them close to the public and from which they can sign autographs. Proposal: following the finish of a race, ski with the public?

1. Committee members come to Portoroz with information regarding their own media initiatives
2. Invite Tom Kelly, USSA President, to speak to Committee re media coordinators
3. Invite Christine Feehan to speak to Committee

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For the minutes: Ingrid Christophersen, Bentley Farm, October 2016