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**Minutes Meeting Committee for Grass Skiing
Hotel Hilton, Zürich-Airport (SUI), 01.10.2016**

Dear Grass Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you the Minutes of the Committee for Grass Skiing held in Zurich (SUI), 1st October 2016.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the Chairlady, Heidi Pfister, until 30th November 2016.

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 winter.

Kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION



Heidi Pfister
Chairwoman Committee for Grass Skiing

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**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
Committee for Grass Skiing**

**Minutes Meeting of the Committee for Grass Skiing
Saturday, 01.10.2016, 08.30 – 12.00 hrs, Zurich (SUI)
Saturday, 01.10.2016, 13.30 – 16.00 hrs, Zurich (SUI)**

AGENDA

1. Roll call and welcome by Chairperson
2. Approval of the minutes, Meeting in Cancun 2016
3. Approval of the Chairman's report
4. Approval of the yearly event reports 2016 (WC/FIS/Youth/WSC/JWSC)
5. Approval of the Homologation reports 2016
6. Approval of TD report and future TD/ Rules
7. Approval proposals for the FIS Council 2016 / Cancun
8. Proposals for the FIS Council 2017
9. Latest WC calendar draft 2017
10. Nomination TD and course setters for the WCS 2017
11. Candidates for Grass Skiing events
12. Information about Youth Camp, International Youth Races, FIS Race
13. Miscellaneous
14. Date of next meeting
15. Closing of the meeting

All proposals and decisions of the Committee for Grass Skiing are subject to the approval of the FIS Council meeting in Oberhofen (SUI), 05.11.2016

1. Roll call and welcome by Chairperson

Heidi Pfister, Chairwoman of the Committee for Grass Skiing welcomes everyone and asks for a minute's silence in remember of our lost friend Bruno Cheng, who passed away this summer. Announced absences: Achille Cattaneo ITA (will also retire from the Committee).

Rest of the attendance can be seen from the additional paper.

2. Approval of the minutes, Meeting in Cancun 2016

Approved concordantly.

3. Approval of the Chairman's report

FIS Representative arrangement at JWSC or WSC is as follows: 1. President of the FIS, 2. FIS Secretary General, 3. Chairman/Chairwoman of the Committee for Grass Skiing, 4. Member of the Committee of Grass Skiing, 5. TD.

A thank you to everyone who worked hard during the summer to keep the Grass Skiing races running, adjusting the ICR and many other things.

4. Approval of the yearly event reports 2016 (WC/FIS/Youth/ WSC/JWSC)

It was a good year with some problems but nothing that could not be solved. If there are questions and proposals that come up during season shall be discussed during the official meetings during the season.

Proposal: This meeting shall take place at the World Cup Finals each season.

Accepted concordantly.

The Youth regulations shall be attached to the minutes.

5. Approval of the Homologation reports 2016

New slope homologated near Naples. 15 minutes away from the Naples airport.

The work at the slope in Ravascletto (ITA) has been done too late for the WC Finals to start from the top this season. For the WSC 2017 if they are held in Dizin the inspection of the slope must take part early in the year to ensure safety of the athletes.

Approved concordantly.

Roberto Parisi is going to visit the slopes and future slopes in Nepal in November/ December '16 and homologate if possible.

6. Approval of TD report and future TD/ Rules

The TD has to make sure that all information gets to the organiser and he has to make sure that the safety concerns are abided by.

The TDs were doing a good job but the problem has been the issue of data transmission. The organiser has received a confirmation of the FIS that all data (TD reports) was transmitted. However, on the FIS Website the files were not to be found. This was a matter of IT problems. Usually, the TDs wait until everything is done and accomplished and all documents finished before they leave the slope/organiser.

Every TD does the Alpine training/education and after this instruction the TDs can partake in a specialisation for Grass Skiing. Thus, it is no longer allowed to have TDs who has not an alpine certificate/instruction. Every two years they need a refreshment as rules change continuously.

Helmut Gruber affirms that the Grass Skiing TDs all participate in the repetition courses but they do not read the ICR thus not knowing about the changes. Therefore, one was able to calculate the additional points at FIS races according to the old system, while writing something else in their TD report.
Approved concordantly.

7. Approval proposals for the FIS Council 2016/ Cancun

Proposal for Super G: FIS and WC at least 100m difference in altitude. If this is not possible the Jury is able to allow a lower exception.

It is a problem to find long enough slopes that offer the infrastructure for a Super G that is worth the name Super G.

Accepted concordantly.

The rest of the proposals are handled under 8.

8. Proposals for the FIS Council 2017

806.1.1.2 Sprint Slalom

Addition for the English version. All competitors have to start in all runs first to fourth.

Approved concordantly.

9.1.1 Enrolment for Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super Combined, Super G.

Reduction of the first Group of Ladies and Men to 5 and 10 respectively.

Approved with 4 votes against 1 the rest vote abstention.

9.1.1.1

Approved.

Proposal:

No FIS points at WC races in order to make FIS races more attractive and bring more people to FIS races.

➔ Deferred back to next spring. The calendar draft is too far advanced in order to bring this rule into effect.

➔ For season '17 nothing changes earliest change would be for season '18.

Everyone is asked to find a solution or think about this proposal in order to make FIS races more attractive.

Interconnected with this is the question of surcharge calculation at FIS races. Swiss proposal is to eliminate calculated surcharges and only work with fixed FIS points calculations: FIS races 0.00, JWSC 3.00 and WSC 0.00.

Proposal:

Time limit to receive World Cup points at WC races = +20% of the winner's time.

Specification: This only counts for points not the rank. The athlete will even if not fulfilling the +20% rule still keep the rank.

Approved without dissentient.

9. Latest WC calendar draft 2017

WCS IRI:

There have been safety issues with the slope in Dizin (IRI). The committee would like to know what they could do in order to help IRI to organize the future events. IRI would like to know, what else needed to be done to the slope in order to rule out the safety considerations from the homologation side.

They can adjust small things in May but not big changes, as time is critical by then. Roberto Parisi is going to see what needs has to be done to the slope and lists up the things so that IRI is able to complete the steps until September '17 to host if possible the WSC and other FIS Grass Ski events.

The committee will keep track of the progress and wait for Roberto's October report and spring report.

Worst case: If something goes wrong, the chairperson asks for permission to look for another solution. The only person to decide something is not on track is Roberto Parisi! If necessarily, he can propose the eventually worst-case scenario.

Approved concordantly.

Calendar for season '18

The draft is attached.

S. Caterina is cancelled (according Roberto), however, FISJ has not yet officially handed the cancellation in. Try to get in contact with them to try rescuing the race.

Sauris in September might take the WC Final.

3 Open events:

WC in July

JWSC organizer

WC Final

Please go back to your National Ski Association and try to take over one event. A chance for Asia to take over one of these races. Why not do the Final in Taiwan and make a memorial for Bruno. This would be amazing. A possible option would be the visited slope in the south of Taiwan. The slope is enough steep not too long but great for sprint races. Or the WC in July which happens right after the races in JPN, which would open a possibility for an Asian Tour in July.

Youth camp in Rettenbach (AUT) from 24th to 28th July 2017

JWSC: 29th and 30th July 2017 → organiser still vacant

10. Nomination TD and course setters for the WSC 2017

WSC: Marco Cozzi/ITA (FIS TD)

JWSC: will be decided in May as the Organiser is not yet fixed

Course setters:

SL 1. Run: Decision made in May Meeting

SL 2. Run: Decision made in May Meeting

GS 1. Run: Decision made in May Meeting

GS 2. Run: Decision made in May Meeting

SG: Decision made in May Meeting

Approved concordantly.

11. Candidates for Grass Skiing events

JWSC '17 open

WSC '17: IRI

Youth Camp '17: AUT

JWSC '18: open

Youth Camp '18: GER

JWSC '19: open

WSC '19: open

Youth Camp '19: open

Please go back to your National Ski Associations and ask them to take over one or the other of the open events. Especially, Switzerland is asked to try and take over one JWSC as it is quite a while since Switzerland has hosted one.

12. Information about Youth Camp, International Youth Races, FIS Race

New Youth coordinator for the Committee of Grass Skiing will be as of now Fausto Cerentin/ITA. He will be in charge of everything concerning youth races, such as coordination and drafting youth races calendar and youth camp such that the races are not too heavy packed together within a few months.

The Youth camp was a great success in ITA and a great thanks to the FIS for organising and hosting this great event. The committee has a fond to support new nations in order to expand their national Grass Skiing athlete pool.

13. Miscellaneous

Chairperson mentions that Achille Cattaneo shall receive honorary status of the committee for Grass Skiing. TPE and IRI have a new member to the committee, thus, a very warm welcome from everyone.

Dieter Posch/AUT is the new Rules expert of the Committee for Grass Skiing
Fausto Cerentin/ITA is the new expert for Youth Coordination
Marco Gut/SUI is confirmed as the race director

Outlooks:

Rumor should be addressed directly to the Committee and discussed constructively. As soon as problems or rumors arise we must address them and discuss the issue immediately and not wait them out. Waiting too long would just cause unnecessary drama that could easily be avoided.

In order to develop Grass Skiing sport, we need to work together and ideas for development should be sent to the Chairperson. Only if everyone works together and comes up with ideas we can make noticeable progress.

The medals for the Junior Cup winners have been sent by mail to the respective NSA's. The medals were held back at the border for some unknown reasons. The price of the medals was 136.03 EUR.

Italy has asked the answers related to the letter of the President of the Italian Ski Federation (FISI) Mr. Flavio Roda. The chairwoman answers that it will directly be responded to the Italian Ski Federation.

14. Date of next meeting

The official meeting of the Committee for Grass Skiing will take place during the FIS Calendar Conference 2017 in Portoroz (SLO) from 23rd to 27th May.

The FIS Technical Committee meetings 2017 in Zurich (SUI) will take place from 3rd to 7th October.

15. Closing of the meeting

Thank you everyone for the work in the past year and looking forward for great events in the future.

The Chairwoman closes the meeting at 12:50.

Heidi Pfister
Chairlady of the committee for Grass Skiing

