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**Minutes of the Committee for Grass Skiing
National Ski Federation of Italy, FIS, Milan (ITA), 17. – 19.04.2015**

Dear Grass Ski Friends,

We have pleasure sending you today the Minutes of the Meeting from the Committee for Grass Skiing held in Milan (ITA), 17th – 19th April 2015.

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 successful Grasski season.

Kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION



Pfister Heidi
Chairperson of the FIS Grass Ski Committee

Enclosure: ment.

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
Committee for Grass Skiing**

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National Ski Federation of Italy FISI, Milan

Friday, 17.04.2015 - Sunday, 19.04.2015

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Time schedule:

17.04: 3.30 pm – 7 pm	Committee meeting (members, experts according the programme)
18.04: 9 am – 11.30 am	Working group (members, experts according the programme)
18.04: 3 pm – 5.30 pm	Working group (member, experts according the programme)
18.04: 6 pm – 7 pm	Summary of the work (member, experts according the programme)
19.04: 8.30 am - 10.30 am	Committee meeting (members, experts according to programme)

1. Opening the conference by the committee (Chairperson)

The Chairwoman welcomes everyone and opens the meeting. Special thanks to the FIS that they offered gratefully the location here in Milan.

Few words from the head of the FIS Vice President: Welcomes everyone here in Milan and thanks that the Grasski committee visits the FIS here in Milan. FIS has the year 2015 made the year of Grasski. He is head of the TD's Alpine of Italy. He also is very happy that the World Championships take place this year in Belluno. He is looking forward that Grasski keeps growing as a sport and hopes that this promising sport will one day be part of the Olympic Games. He again wishes everyone a great meeting and thanks again that we are here.

Official start postponed to 16:00 due to traffic issues and planes from Asia being delayed.

2. General Committee information (Chairperson)

Due to the World EXPO in Milan the hotel rooms are almost booked out and some had to be hosted outside Milano. First dinner is at the official hotel all together.

Time-Table is recapitulated so that all are informed.

The TD's are released and start with their independent work, so that the committee meeting can start. Attendance list is going round and not taken into this minutes.

The autumn meeting is approved but there was a misunderstanding of the ski-length: So here is the copy of the point from the autumn meeting:

“Youth: 90 cm skis for the oldest youth year should be available. Only for the Youth 3 category. Youth 1 & 2 are still restricted to the 85 cm size.

→ Approved for the next season as a test, restricted to 90 cm for Youth 3 and 85 cm for Youth 1 & 2. Final decision will be made in the next fall minutes.”

And with these words confirmed everyone agrees with.

Sarah thanks HP Brandl for his dedicated work for the Grasski and FIS.

Proposals: There needs to be a specific way how the proposals have to be handed in so that they can be processed much more effectively. So for now on, every proposal made by any Nation needs to be made through the official proposal sheet provided by the Chairwoman or the FIS. **Deadline to hand-in new proposals is mid-September**, so that the working groups can look over the proposals and work them out if there are some minor mistakes. By this the autumn meeting will be rationalised and sped up and the decisions will as well be processed much faster by the FIS.

Correct process:

1st April: deadline for normal proposals

Working group assesses the proposals for the fall

3. Information of the intent of the future duty of the working groups (Chairperson)

Spring Meeting :

Working group meetings shall take place

Do the immediate work for the upcoming season

The committee needs to give directions for the sport itself and decide where the way should lead to. And then the work groups do the work and carry out the decisions.

Discussion on the theme working groups is open:

- Everyone agrees that the working group is a good idea

The Chairwoman presents a proposed set up of the working groups:

An external Print out of the organisation of the working groups is provided for Saturday.

Three groups are proposed consisting of "Offspring working group", "Promotion New Nations working group" and "Rules & Security working group".

Adjustments:

- Wolfsberger switches lead of the Offspring working group with Cattaneo.
- Sandor (SVK) will help in the Offspring working group as well but on Saturday is busy with the TD group.

The groups are not fixed and people can change. The current organisation is just a proposal.

4. FIS race calendar 2015 - informations (Chairperson)

All the changes have to be sent to FIS, Judith Lessing, and she then sends the information to the Nations.

FIS Calendar for 2016 has to be done until May 25th 2015. For children, which are not in the calendar, the calendar issue will be discussed tomorrow in the working group.

Important: Judith Lessing needs the e-mail addresses of ALL Nations so that they can receive the information and Grasski can actually be promoted in new countries. Be sure to keep the e-mail addresses up to date.

AUT cannot guarantee that Kaprun can host the WC-Final 2015 and neither if Kaprun can host the World Championships in 2017.

Calendar 2015 is presented and a copy is handed out. The correct calendar is online on the FIS Website.

Application for FIS Races in 2016:

- Be aware of Ramadan from June 6th to July 5th (no races possible in Iran at this time) so that Iran has a spot to host their races.
- FIS Race Bömmeli June 11th & 12th 2016
- WC Marbach August 13th & 14th 2016

5. FIS Grasski WCS 2015 (information by Achille Cattaneo - ITA)

WCS 2015 handout with the race program included is handed around by ITA. Work is in progress grass and slope still needs some adjustments. All Nations will receive the handout by e-mail and the Nations are reminded to book the hotels early enough so that the organizer is able to make sure all athletes and coaches as well as assistants have a room.

6. FIS Grasski JWCS 2015 (information by Daniel Macat - CZE)

JWCS 2015 handout with the race program included is handed around by CZE. The Race Program is not yet fixed. The current version is only a working version. The final version will be made available later on by the organiser. Impression pictures of the FIS race 2014 are shown on the handout. It is reminded here as well not to book your hotel rooms too late because it is not a touristic region and the rooms available might be booked out soon. Deadline for athlete registration is 30th June.

Age Group: athletes born in between 1994 to 1999.

7. FIS Grasski pupils camp 2015 (presented by Daniel Macat – CZE)

A working sheet of the pupils camp 2015 is handed around. However, apart of the dates 02.08. - 08.08.2015 the exact program is not yet fix. More detailed information on the event itself will be sent to all Nations by e-mail. Application deadline is not yet fix.

Question: Camp Fee = For the whole camp, includes accommodation = 270.- EUR.

Age Group for pupil camp is not restricted.

Pupils camp takes place just after the JWCS in CZE and is 200 km away from the JWCS place. So a combined event can be arranged.

8. Candidates for future FIS Grass Ski top events (Chairperson)

Pupil Races:

6th & 7th June official youth race in Schnorrenbach GER

11th & 12th July non-official youth race (not for the cup) Ehrenfriedersdorf GER

25th & 26th July in ITA near Trento

Future FIS / WCS / JWCS events

WCS '15 ITA / '17 ? / '19 CZE / '21 ?

JWCS '15 CZE / '16 IRA / '17 ?

WC Final '15 AUT / '16 ? / '17 ? / ...

Pupil Camp '15 CZE / '16 ? / '17 ? / ...

WC are still open for application through the National Ski Federation

FIS Races are still open for application through the National Ski Federation

JWCS '16 in IRA is not yet certain if it can take place due to changes in the president person.

WCS '17 in AUT (Kaprun) is very unlikely to be able to host the event.

WC Final '15 in Kaprun final go or no will be given by AUT in two weeks time

ITA L'Aquila wants to host the event in 2016.

Most urgent open spots are JWCS '16 if IRA cannot host the event and the WCS '17 if AUT fails to host it. WC Final in '16 is still open.

9. TDs information for the season 2015 (presented by Helmut Gruber – AUT)

JWCS = Sandor, Ladislav (SVK)

WCS = Posch, Dieter (AUT)

The exact distribution of the TDs to the races will be made tomorrow in the work group and announced thereafter. It is important to write the truth in the TD protocol and without any emotion just as objective as possible. Especially when you do not agree with the organiser it is important to let the committee know. Just state what has happened and if there was an issue write it exactly how it was. It is in the best interested for the athletes and the organiser.

Penalty: If there is a penalty it needs to be handled the same for everyone.

Start number issue: If someone forgets his number or starts with a turned number then he is admonished no money fee.

Rules:

There is an issue at the moment with the ICR and the WC rules. 5 years the rules were made and edited only in the german version. Now we go back to the original

English version and have to make sure, that all rule editing made in the German version are most likely not yet introduced in the actual English version. The Chairwoman will sit together with Judith and make sure that a recent version of the rules will be made available latest for the first WC.

The rules will be fixed and made synchronised in English and German by '16.

10. Miscellaneous

Sight-seeing trip to Milan after dinner.

11. Conclusion

Beginning of May 2016 the ICR needs to be revised and ready for use by the TDs for the season '16. Meaning all editing made in German and those in English have to be merged and actualised.

Keep on with the working groups and bring the pending work up to date.

Spring meeting might be scheduled next time according with the alpine so that the Nation Delegates do not have to go to different places.

12. End of the Spring Meeting

Next Meeting in Zurich 3rd October 2015, Spring Meeting will be in Cancun (MEX) and the Chairwoman closes the meeting.

Pfister Heidi



Chairlady of the Committee for Grass Skiing