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- To the Members of the  
Alpine Youth and Children Sub-Committee

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**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the FIS Alpine Youth & Children Sub-Committee  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2012, Roccaraso (ITA)**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have pleasure in sending you today the Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Alpine Youth and Children's Sub-Committee meeting held in Roccaraso (ITA), 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

You are kindly asked to send any remarks to the FIS Office in Oberhofen no later than 15th April 2012.

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](http://www.fis-ski.com).

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution.

Kind regards,

INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION



Ken Read  
Chairman

(sent by e-mail)

## AGENDA

10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the FIS Alpine Youth & Children Sub-Committee – Roccaraso (ITA)

1. Welcome and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Review of the minutes
  - 3.1. Approval of the Alpine Y&C sub-committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011, Portoroz (SLO)
  - 3.2. Meeting of the Experts Group, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010, Zurich (SUI)
4. Equipment:
  - Decisions of the FIS Council and Alpine Executive Board
  - Review of proposals for U16 equipment regulations
  - Report from Patrick Riml (stand height study)
5. Discussion Points:
  - transition to the new age classification in season 2012-13
  - status of super-combined
  - report on superG and downhill
  - one-ski rule for U12
6. Proposals for Alpine Committee
7. Special Groups
  - 7.1. SRS
  - 7.2. Children's Races Organizers Group (Mauro Detassis)
  - 7.3. FIS Medical Committee (Dr Jenny Shute)
8. FIS Alpine World Junior Championships (Markus Waldner)
  - 8.1. 2012 – Roccaraso (ITA) – update on progress of the event
  - 8.2. 2013 – Le Massif (CAN)
  - 8.3. 2014 – Jasna (SVK)
  - 8.4. Future Candidates:
    - 2015 La Molina (SPA); Erzurum (TUR)
9. Youth Olympic Winter Games
  - 9.1. 2012 Innsbruck
    - review of event
  - 9.2. 2016 Lillehammer
10. FIS
  - FIS Youth Seminar – Zurich
11. Various
12. Next meeting
  - Informal gathering: FIS Congress Kangwonland Korea – 27 May 27 to 2 June 2012
  - Experts Group: Autumn Meeting, October 3-7, 2012, Zurich (SUI)
  - Sub Committee: FIS Calendar Conference – Dubrovnik (CRO) – spring 2013

## MINUTES

10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the FIS Alpine Youth & Children Sub-Committee – Roccaraso (ITA)  
19.00 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Salle de Commune, Roccaraso, ITA

Present:

Chairman Ken Read (CAN)

FIS Janez Flere  
Markus Waldner

Members: THOMA, Alfons (ITA); BOSIC, Bostjan (SLO); HOFER, Franz (SUI); LINDEN, Petri (FIN); KYRIACOU, Kyriacos (CYP); OSSWALD, Martin (GER); QUIROGA, Eduardo (ARG); SHUTE, Jenny (GBR); SJODIN, Thomas (SWE); SPYRIDOULOU, Stamou (GRE); WITTEVEEN, Einar (NOR).

Guests: DALMASSO, Stefano (ITA); DETASSIS, Mauro (ITA), Chairman of the Children's FIS Race Organisers; EHR, Gert (AUT), rep STAUDACHER, Arno; GALINIER, Jean-Louis (FRA), replacing BORNAT, Pierre; HARDARD, Thorunn (ISL) rep JAKOBSSON, Gudmundur; ZINK, Robert (HUN) rep NAGY, Csaba; KUPCO, Martin (SVK) rep POPROCKA, Miroslava; LAVALLE, Daniel (CAN); RAPATEL, Jean-Francois (CAN) rep HAIGHT ARN, Diana; RAPIM, Sirez (CZE) rep KRIZOVA, Olga; YAKIHIRO, Sati (JPN), rep KIYOTAKA, Kato.

### 1. Welcome and Roll Call

All attending were welcomed by Ken Read (Chairman). It had been agreed that the main meeting would be held in Roccaraso rather than in Korea. A "Gathering of the sub-committee will take place at the FIS Congress for those members attending. Congratulations were extended to the various nations on their successes in the WJC and wished all competitors good races rest of week. The roll was called. Replacements are listed above.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved, with no additional items.

### 3. Review of the minutes

3.1. Approval of the Alpine Y&C SC Minutes, 2nd June 2011, Portoroz (SUI): No questions, approved

3.2. Meeting of the Experts Group, 30th September 2011, Zurich (SUI): No questions, approved

### 4. Equipment:

4.1. Decisions of the FIS Council and Alpine Executive Board: FIS Council has confirmed the recommendation of the Alpine Executive Board that the new ski regulations for WC/EC are to be in force at the WJC 2013 in Quebec. All nations must contact equipment manufacturers in good time to obtain the new skis.

Qualification race - in Portoroz, the Y&C Committee had proposed a qualification race if more than 140 participants were entered in a technical discipline race. This year the high numbers had been unforeseen, but there is a need to be prepared in technical events in future (probably only for men). The rules will be in place for 2012/2013.

4.2. Review of proposals for U16 equipment regulations: The SC has discussed a recommendation that boots may not be altered for U16. In recent random checks, around 50% were higher than 43mm and athletes therefore subject to disqualification. Previous rules re ski length for children had simply stated a min 130cm ski length for K1 and 2 in slalom/GS. It is suggested we recommend a better transition of turning radius from U16 to U18. For GS, ladies' ski (new length 188cm) may provide a better progression from radius 17m, but it has been noted most U16 athletes do not use equipment with the minimum radius. Decisions and rules regarding ski dimensions will be reviewed in KOR, members to gather information ahead of the Gathering

4.3. Report from Patrick Riml (stand height study) will be presented in Zurich.

## 5. Discussion Points:

5.1. Transition to the new age classification in season 2012-13: This season all athletes remain in current categories. No concerns. Fields of competition may be smaller.

5.2. Status of Super Combined: Unanimous support - no further comments

5.3. Report on Super G and Downhill: Difficult early season conditions in December and January resulted in fewer speed events at the FIS level. For example no FIS DHs in AUT. This continues to be a concern for the preparation of athletes moving to the COC, WJR and WC level.

5.4. One-ski recommendation for U12 – proposed by Arno Staudacher. Deferred until Zurich

## 6. Proposals for Alpine Committee

6.1. Qualification race for technical events if the entry exceeds 140 athletes. This is now confirmed in the ICR and WJR rules. To be enabled, the schedule of the WJR Championships is now 10 days. All future organizers are informed and this will be announced in the Race Notice starting for 2013. The schedule must be adapted to permit time to organize the Quali GS and SL if necessary.

6.2. Proposal to include the 16 best nations for the Nations Team Event from the previous year's Marc Hodler trophy listings. This proposal is supported by FIN, SUI, AUT, SLO, FRA, NOR, ITA.

6.3. If more than 140 racers, that 80 competitors should qualify for the second run. This was again proposed by FIN, SUI, AUT, SLO, FRA, NOR, ITA. JF would like to gather more feedback on these proposals, and to get a majority from all nations rather than just the major Alpine nations.

6.4. Distances in course setting (children races) had not been transferred from the original proposal into the ICR, whereas changes of VD percentages were already in place (accepted in Zurich 2011, for next season). Distance proposals are to be re-submitted by PL for approval and publication in the ICR July 2012.

- 6.5. Maximum 25 technical starts for 1<sup>st</sup> year U18 – rule to remain in-place as there will be no 1<sup>st</sup> year U18 athletes in season 2012-13 and it refers to the 1<sup>st</sup> year FIS athletes, so the ICR does not need to be amended. Continuation of this rule unanimously supported.

## 7. Special Groups:

- 7.1. SRS - no report
- 7.2. Children's Races Organisers Group (Mauro Detassis). Report from the Chairman of the Race Organizers Committee and a supplemental report from the Chairman of the sub-committee. At the invitation of M. Detassis a presentation was made by Energia Pura, regarding innovations in clothing and safety equipment.

Provisional Dates for children's races for 2013-14 were communicated to members of the SC:

July/2012	Chile
25-26 Jan/13	CZE
26-27 Jan/13	AND
16-17 Feb/13	SLO
8-9 Mar/13	Topolino (ITA)
22-23 Mar/13	Abetone(ITA)
4-5 Apr/13	La Scara (FRA)
5-7 Apr/13	Whistler Cup (CAN)
12-14 Apr/13	SWE

- 7.3. FIS Medical Committee (Dr Jenny Shute): ongoing studies into children's injuries; Salzburg studies also on-going, looking at slalom skis this season

## 8. FIS Alpine World Junior Championships (Markus Waldner)

- 8.1. 2012 Roccaraso (ITA) – update on progress of the event: Running well, difficult in the early part of the Championships with high temperatures. Opening ceremony - had agreed should be short, but the speeches were too long again. Competitors left early as a result. MW apologised for this, and will ensure that the speeches will be shorter in Quebec 2013. The programme is working according to plan, need 10 days, spare in case of disruption.
- 8.2. 2013 Quebec (CAN): Canadian ROC members are in Roccaraso to observe. FIS has already checked the resort. All teams will be based in Mt St Anne. Speed events will be held in Les Massif, 30 minutes away. Dates Feb 18<sup>th</sup> (Mon) - to Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 2013. Ten days in total. Men's speed events will be held first; technical disciplines first for ladies. The Team Event may be held in Mt St Anne, or in city of Quebec. NorAm finals will be held there in two weeks (March 2012), as a test event.
- 8.3. 2014 Jasna (SVK): EC events there, DH ready; all under control.
- 8.4. Future WJC Candidates: 2015 - two candidates:  
La Molina (SPA), DH not yet ready but will be in next few months;  
Erzurum (TUR), inspected last autumn. University Games had been held there. There are two mountains here - best slope for technical disciplines in old ski area, challenging; new area 25mins away good DH. Some changes will be needed (raise the start level).

## 9. Youth Olympic Winter Games

- 9.1. 2012 Innsbruck (AUT) - review of event: High standard, great organisation, central village/atmosphere but many questions: quotas
- - Team competitions had been affected by injury and illness to one of the four athletes
  - date of nomination of athletes was too early
  - good Olympic spirit, but much better in the village than on the mountain
  - no TV coverage (refused by the IOC)
  - few spectators (perhaps because the dates clashed with Kitzbühel), though better for Nordic than Alpine. TD Einar Witteveen (NOR) felt it was a great competition, enjoyed village, but that it had not been well enough promoted to spectators. The cost was €30m, but not a great deal of construction work had been required as everything was already there.
  - so much work had been done on the hill that the events would have accommodated many more racers than were allowed to enter.

All comments should be forwarded, for future discussion with the IOC. New age range for Lillehammer 2016 will most probably be U18, but not yet decided. Delegates are requested to communicate technical questions and comments, and ask their NSFs to forward to FIS.

- 9.2. 2016 Lillehammer (NOR): No information yet
- 9.3. Next EYOF (2013) – Romania, Brasov; slopes still need homologation. Dates: 16-23 February 2013

## 10. FIS - FIS Youth Seminar – Zurich (SUI):

Recommendations for topics to be discussed to be put forward in next few weeks

## 11. Various:

All nations to be reminded to respect FIS ICR 608.4 regarding the number of races per athlete in the children's categories. BEL would like to do more as no similar races in their own country. Nations were reminded that they may approach other nations seeking invitation to participate in their national children's events.

## 12. Next meetings

Informal gathering: FIS Congress Kangwonland Korea – 27 May to 2 June 2012

Experts Group: Autumn Meeting, 03.-07-10.-2012, Zurich (SUI)

Sub Committee: Dubrovnik - end May/first week June 2013 (Calendar Conference).

KR declared the meeting closed, thanked all members and guest attending and wished all nations successful participation in the remaining events of the WJC and for the rest of the season.