

## IPCAS MINUTES

**Event: IPC Alpine Skiing Sport Forum Meeting**

**Date: 17 February 2011**

**Place: Pallazio dello Sport, Sestriere. ITALY**

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<b>Participants</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>(Initials)</b>
	Sylvana Mestre	Chairperson	SM
	Nick Dean	Vice Chairperson	ND
	Markus Walser	Head of Technical Control & Officiating	MW
	Nick Cuttcliffe	Head of Classification	NC
	Erik Petersen	Head Competition North America	EP
	Jordi Carbonell	Head Competition Europe	JC
	Toby Kane	Athlete Representative	TK

### **IPC Management**

Eric Angstadt	IPC Winter Sports Manager	EA
Adrian Bellwald	IPC Race Coordinator	AB
Hugh Daniels	Secretary	HD

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**Purpose of Sport Forum the Meeting**

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**Executive Summary/  
Main Outcomes**

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## AGENDA

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| 9:00 AM  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome by Chairperson Alpine Skiing.</li><li>2. Roll Call.</li><li>3. Adoption of the Agenda.</li><li>4. Other relevant reports (Classification, Equipment, ....)</li><li>5. Presentation Factor System by Hugh Daniels.</li></ol> |
| 10:15 PM | Coffee Break   |
| 10:30 PM | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Recommendations from NPC's.</li><li>7. Recommendations from STC Committee.</li><li>8. Closing.</li></ol>  |

## SUMMARY

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### OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 9:04h.

SM welcomed the delegates and observers to the Sport Forum.

She informed the meeting that the SF are normally held on a quadrennial basis, but that in the interest of the sport, the STC took this opportunity during the WCH, to hold an extra forum.

SM congratulated the OC for their excellent job.

Welcome to the STC guest Mr. Niko Moll. Mr. Moll was a competitor in the 70s and 80s and was the creator of the Factor Restoration process.

Introduces the members on the table, and informed that Hugh Daniel was to keep the minutes.

SM clarified how appointments are made to the STC. All members of the current Committee were originally appointed from nominations from the NPCs.

The previous STC completed its term in July last year, and the IPC CEO re-appointed the Chair for the following term. The Chair recommended the reappointment of the STC members. SM informed the delegates that the position for Head of Competition Asia and Southern Hemisphere is still open for nominations.

SM informed that a regular set of races and a balanced calendar is critical to the growth of the sport. The STC and IPC management send periodical reminders to the NPCs and LOCs for potential hosting of IPCAS competitions. For various reasons that IPC management will explain later, this year we had only one WC event.

SM informed that, as approved by the last SF the new method of calculating points is in place, and will be fully effective by July/August 2011. The STC is aware of transitional issues and is collecting data and reviewing the process to ensure fairness to athletes.

On behalf of the STC, SM thanked the Athletes Representative, Toby Kane, for his work in the STC.

Finally, SM thanked the members of the STC and working groups for their work and for their contributions to the sport

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Roll Call

All invited Nations were present except:  
Belgium

The list of delegates distributed was as follows:

Delegates:

With voting rights: 20

Members: 32

Observers:

There were additional observers from:

Canada

Germany

Slovenia

Spain

USA

The executive consisted of:

Sylvana Mestre IPCAS STC Chairperson

Eric Angstadt IPC Winter Sports Manager

Nick Dean IPCAS STC Vice-Chairperson

Marcus Walser IPCAS STC

Adrian Bellwald IPCAS Race Coordinator

Jordi Carbonell IPCAS Europe Head Competition

Erik Petersen IPCAS NA Head Competition

Toby Kane Athlete's Representative

Minutes: Hugh Daniel

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

*Discussion*

The Chair proposed an amendment to the order of the reports as follows:

Equipment

Head of Competition – North America

Head of Competition – Europe

Classification

IPCAS Race Coordinator

Athlete Representative

IPC Management

Factors

Moved: France

Seconded: Australia

*Decision(s)*

Agenda was adopted.

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**ADOPTION MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

<i>Discussion</i>	Minutes of the last Sport Forum were taken as read.  Adoption of the minutes: Moved: KOR Seconded: CAN
<i>Decision(s)</i>	Minutes were adopted

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**4. REPORT OF THE IPC ALPINE SKIING STC**

<i>Discussion</i>	<p><b>Head of Control and Officiating – MW</b>          Projects implemented since IPCAS Sport Forum 2009, High 1 Resort Korea:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equipment control program.</li> <li>- TD education program development and implementation.</li> </ul> <p>Relationship development and clarification with FIS regarding TD matters including FIS TD assignments, calendar issues and results publication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sit ski standards project development.</li> </ul> <p><b>Equipment Control Program:</b> The program has progressed this year with the finalisation of protocols. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General principles of equipment control.</li> <li>- Protocols for ski length, waist width, radius, ski stand and boot stand height.</li> </ul> <p><b>Equipment Control Program:</b> The program has been able to be completed with the design and manufacture of a boot control device. The boot control device manufacture was much more complicated than anticipated but it was completed in time for the WCH. Boot control will be carried out at the WC, WCH and PWG levels.</p> <p><b>Equipment Control Program:</b> The other components of the program are being implemented so that control is possible at all Level 0/1/2 events. The equipment control protocols make the implementation much</p>
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easier as people outside the IPCAS STC can carry out standard methods.

**TD Education Program Development and Implementation:** An IPCAS TD Handbook has been finalized this year and is being formatted by IPC for distribution to the FIS TD Commissioners.

A TD Education presentation was prepared this year and presented at TD updates in North America (East and West) as well as a couple of nations in Europe after translation into Spanish by Sylvana Mestre.

**FIS Relationship Development:**

MW as STC HoC&O, attends both the Spring and Fall FIS meetings of the FIS Subcommittee for Alpine TD's and provides any information/clarification if required during those meetings.

MW also attends the Subcommittee for Athletes with a Disability where further clarification of issues occurs; also attends other subcommittee meetings in order to stay as current as possible with respect to developments within FIS and how they may impact IPCAS.

Regarding the IPCAS events, MW communicates directly with Tatjana Leussy of FIS who is responsible for the FIS Calendar and FIS TD assignment issues, and also uploads results directly onto the FIS website and clarifies any outstanding issues regarding TD assignments and FIS race codex.

**Sit Ski Standards Project Development:** MW and NC are working together on the data collection regarding basic information on sit-skis. This will allow us to examine characteristics of different sit skis to allow for basic standards directly mainly at safety issues.

No questions from the floor.

**Head of Competition North America/Canada - EP Responsibilities**

- In collaboration with the respective NPC's, assist with the race Calendar, race Sites, and assist in running IPCAS events in Canada and United States

- Assisting LOC's in the procedures of IPCAS events
- Assist IPCAS in coordinating International Classification Sighting in North America
- Assist IPCAS with World Cup events and PWG/WCH in North America

#### Events Post Sports Forum 2009

- 2008/09
  - Winter Park, USA, March (2 DH,1SG,1SC,1 GS,1SL )NAC
  - New Zealand Winter Games, Cornet Peak, NZL , Aug (1SG, 1GS,1SL)SHC
  - Integrated with Able body races
- 2009/10
  - Copper Mtn. USA, Dec (1SG,1SL)NA
  - Winter Park, USA, Dec (2SG, 1SG)NA
  - Kimberly, CAN, Feb (2SG, 2DH)NA
  - Park City, USA, Feb (2GS,1SL)IPCAS
  - Mt Washington, CAN, Mar (2GS, 1 SL)NAC/NA
  - Big Sky, USA, Mar(2 DH,1SG,1 GS,1SL)
- 2010/11
  - Copper Mtn. USA, Dec (2GS, 2SL) NA
  - Winter Park, USA, Jan (1SC, 2SG, 1GS) NA
  - Le Relais, CAN, Jan (2SL) IPCAS
  - Waterville, USA (2GS) IPCAS
  - Kimberly, CAN, Feb (2SG, 2DH)NA
  - Park City, USA, Mar (2GS,1SL)NA
  - Kimberly, CAN, Mar (2SG, 2SL)NA/NAC
  - Alyeska, USA, Mar (1 DH,1SG,1SC,1 GS,1SL) NAC
- 2011/12
  - Nor Am Races
  - 5 GS, 4 SL, 2 SG, 2SC, 1 DH
  - Sites TBA
  - IPCAS Races
  - 2 GS, 2SL, 2SC, 2SG
  - Sites TBA
  - NAC Races



- CAN, disciplines and sites TBA
- USA, disciplines and sites TBA
  - World Cup
- USA, Winter Park, CO CAN, TBA

Questions from the floor:

**AUS:** Why have the numbers of competitors in Noram races diminished? Eg there were only 29 competitors in 2010-2011 compared with up to 80 in previous years

**EP:** Participation tends to be cyclical and there were a lot of retirements at the end of 2010 season. There is a lot of youth appearing and the outlook for the future is quite good.

**EP:** encourages the Europeans in particular to participate in NORAM races.

**Head of Competition Europe – JC**

After the Sports Forum in High One KOR we achieved in the season 2009-2010 about EC, NC and IPCAS Races in Europe where it was planned 40 races and it was realized 25 races. The most important issue is the weather and snow conditions; always the most important is the safety of the athletes.

This season, 2010-2011 the most important event is the WSCH in Sestriere ITA, all other events work around it. I know we must provide athletes with opportunities for classification and for achieving better IPCAS Points before WSCH in Technical and Speed Events. This year the technical events took place in NED and ITA for IPCAS Races, GER and AUT for EC. Four IPCAS Races Speed events were planned in ESP but unfortunately after considerable effort with the LOC this was not possible due to adverse snow conditions. In the interest of the safety of the athletes, the races were postponed until after ECF in ESP.

Goals are:

- Provide athletes races according to his/her level.
- Provide minimum standards for Athletes

Safety.

- Continue to develop the IPCAS Races Circuit around all Europe.
- Provide Speed Events for all levels.
- Calendar.
- A balance between nations course setters.

To accomplish these goals:

- We will work more close with the NPC's.
- We will work more close with the LOC's.

For the following season we are working very hard to provide very good races in Europe for all levels. At this point for EC we are working with 4 and possible 5 LOC's. One of the most important races will take place for the first time in Sochi with Speed Events and the ECF will be held in Auron FRA, after testing with IPCAS Races.

I would like to thank all nations and all LOC's for your collaboration and support in our sport.

Finally I think with your collaboration and our support we can all together put the Alpine Skiing for people with disability on top.

No questions from the floor.

### **Head of Classification – NC Athletes**

In the course of these 2 seasons we have classified over 180 athletes; with New athletes accounting for over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Classifications

### **Classification Opportunities**

2009	Queenstown, NZ
	Pitztal, AUT
	Breckenridge, USA
2010	Whistler, CAN
	Landgraaf, NED
	Breckenridge, USA
	Sestriere, ITA
(2011	Kimberley, CAN)

### **Classifiers**

Level 2 4 New level 2 Classifiers have been appointed

(2 North America, 2 Oceania).

We now have a pool of 13 active Level 2 Classifiers from Europe, North America and Oceania

#### Level 1

We have 3 Level 1 Classifiers

National 6 New National level / Trainee  
International

Classifiers have been trained this season.

We have an additional 4 trainees registered

We need to target South America and Asia for more Classifiers and increased activity

#### Paralympics

Our goal of zero classification was not quite reached.

We had 3 reviews and one wild card entry in the LW classes, as well as 4 reviews in the VI classes. These figures are a significant improvement on all previous Major Competitions

#### Classification Handbook

The Handbook has been overhauled in accordance with the IPC's Classification Code to provide us with a revised edition of the source materials for Classifiers, teams and athletes and is as usual available on the website.

In addition to the Handbook we have produced a statement on prosthetics and new versions of the consent and protest documentation.

As far as the current Classification rules go I believe there is still some fine-tuning to bring them into line with the IPC Classification Code, and to provide some clearer guidelines for all.

As for the future of Classification, the IPC is keen for us to continue to review our system and look at alternative evidence based systems for the future.

No questions from the floor.

#### **IPCAS Race Coordinator – AB**

- IPC WC Race Coordinator since July 2009

Races officiated:

- Rinn: SL 1 GS 1

- Abtenau: SL 3 GS 2
- Aspen: DH 2 SC 1 SG 1
- Sestriere: DH 2 SC 1 SG 1
- 4 DH , 4 SG , 2 SC , 3 GS , 4 SL
- PWG Vancouver

Saison 2010/11

- Arta Terme: 2 SL , 2 GS
- WC Rinn: some challenges with the LOC to ensure smooth operations but finally the outcome was good.
- WC Abtenau: Also a rough start with the LOC. Some problems that were solved by the IPC delegates on site.
- WC Aspen: Some elements that make the WC Finale distinctive were missing.
- The slope's specification for speed events was not the ideal standard for IPCAS speed races. But finally we had safe DHs and good races.
- PWG in Vancouver 2010 were a great success, weather was a challenge but the joint effort of VANOC and IPC made the best possible combination to ensure very good races.
- Arta Terme: very limited resources to put together the event, but the LOC made a big effort to host it.

It is important to ensure that the LOCs have defined people in the key roles, as this helps to prepare much better the races.

The work that should be prepared in advance (work on slope, security, facilities, etc.) was not always finished or not even started when I arrived on place. The organizers (LOC) should take more care on the check list from the IPC and we need to provide the correct indications. It is very important to have a competent chief of race at every IPCAS race and that he is the first contact person for the IPC Race Coordinator.

Overall, teams are working more and more professional.

Calendar:

I asked a few Nations regarding hosting IPCAS races without much success.

The plan for next season is 4-5 WC series. The exact number of disciplines is to be defined.

Questions from the floor:

SVK noted that AB had not mentioned the WC event in Sestriere.

**IPCAS Athlete Representative – TK**

TK introduce himself, he stated that his first meeting was last year in Bonn and briefly discussed his impressions and encouraged the delegates that all athletes be informed of his position. He expressed his hope that all athletes work together for the best interest of the sport. A facebook page under the name IPC Alpine Skiing Group is open for all athletes to communicate with him as an email address [tobykaneipc@gmail.com](mailto:tobykaneipc@gmail.com).

No questions from the floor.

**IPC Management – EA**

*Vancouver Figures:*

EA gave some statistics of the Vancouver 2010 PWGs and compared some values with Torino 2006 for general interest. This can give the nations an idea of the trend of growth for some categories in some disciplines and where further development is required.

*Software Update*

An update was given by EA regarding the current status of the software for IPCAS races. A significant increase in the level of service has been made in the last year, and as of season 2011-2012, the software will be ready to license to the nations under the provision of a fee to yet be determined by IPC. More seminars will be planned for the nations to attend and run the races independently. This will be a big saving for all parties.

*SDMS*

The online system for licenses process was implemented this past season with high success for data management. All info is now centralised in SDMS system, providing consistent, accurate and

reliable data to use throughout the season. For the new season, new features will be available and the main data will already be there, just to be revalidated or new data added.

*Online Entry System:*

IPC Management is planning an online tool linked to SDMS to facilitate the online entry process to all IPCAS events, with access by the nations, LOCs and IPC. This would ease the process significantly for all involved parties. IPC's aim is to have this implemented for season 2011-2012 in November.

*IPCAS Corporate Plan*

EA gave an update on the current status of the Corporate plan and how this document gathers the priorities of the sport, main activities and linked budget.

The main objectives as of Jan 2011 are:

- Competition Coordination
- Software for IPCAS Results and Rankings (complete development and licensing to the nations)
- Classification Planning: balanced spread of opportunities for athletes and classification seminars
- Further research and development of the factor system

*WCH 2013, 2015 Bids Status*

EA explained the current status to finalise the contract for the 2013 WCH in La Molina (ESP) and the verbal Expression of interest from CAN for 2015.

*IPC - FIS*

EA explained that there have been discussions and feedback with FIS to redefine the Cooperative Agreement between both institutions to better reflect the current status of both organizations. This will continue to develop and it was clearly defined that the body to work through is the FIS Sub-Committee for Skiers with a disability.

No questions from the floor.

**Presentation on Factors - HD**

Hugh Daniels did a presentation on all the outcomes from the working group regarding the factors.

A copy of the presentation will be posted on the web site.

The Factor Committee would like to use Trimmed Medians and the Percy & Warner model for next season, but there are some details to be finalised and agreed before putting a proposal to the IPCAS STC, who will make the decision.

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## BREAK

### 6. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NPC

#### *Discussion*

**ND** advised the meeting that the Recommendations would now be considered by the meeting. Each Recommendation requires a Proposer and a Supporter before it can proceed to discussion.

**Recommendation 1:** The IPCAS-STC Meetings should be open for NPC- Representatives.

**ND:** Same as Recommendation 9 so both will be considered together.

Proposed: AUT  
Supported: GER

**EA:** STC Meetings are run according to the IPC Handbook.

Rule changes can only come from the SF and the STC can only change Regulations, such as the F-values for example, for the coming season.

The STC Meeting is held in May and the Agenda is published and feedback sought.

Planning the calendar involves all the nations, the STC oversees all the interest forms and constructs the calendar accordingly.

**AUT:** Sought clarification on the difference between Rules and Regulations

**EA:** Rules are the units. Regulations are the

procedures.

**GER:** Would it be possible to publish the Agenda well in advance of the meetings?

**SM:** With the support of the STC, this is supported. SM noted that the minutes of all meetings are published but only AUS had provided any feedback.

STC agrees that the Agenda would be published 4 weeks in advance.

**ND:** As a result of these discussions, the part of the Recommendation that is to be voted on is: "For the future ..... meeting" (except that 'should' is replaced by 'must'.

**GER:** Why only the May Meeting?, there is also one in October

**SM:** The May meeting is the only official meeting of the STC.

**MW:** Outstanding issues from the May meeting may be carried forward to an October meeting and these matters are detailed in the May Minutes published on the website. The minutes from the October meeting are also published on the website.

**GER:** Can we say "detailed agenda" so that it is informative to the Nations?

**SM:** Quoted from the Agenda of the last meeting to illustrate the level of detail provided

**AUT:** Asked that publishing a version with highlighted changes should identify changes to the IPCAS Rules and Regulation Book.

**MW:** STC will provide better communication of changes to the regulations.

#### **Amended Recommendation 1**

Proposed: AUT

Supported: GER

Voting: carried

**Recommendation 2.** Future members of the STC should be proposed by the NPCs. Each NPC can propose a group of experts in the sport of alpine skiing. Those experts do not have to be from the own nation. The Governing Board then decides who of the experts will be in the group.



**ND:** Recommendation 2 is the same, as 10 so both will be taken together.

**EA:** Section 1, Chapter 2.7 of the IPC Handbook defines the procedure for appointing the STC Members. Accordingly, the process that was used for the re-appointment of the STC in July was that the IPC Governing Board appointed the Chair and the other members were invited to continue in their roles.

All were appointed after nominations from NPCs and the STC has the full support of IPC Management. EA asked if there were any comments.

**ND:** On this basis we do not have the power to take this Recommendation any further. It would have to go to a General Assembly.

**Recommendation 3.** For the World Championships there is a IPC- competition fee for every person participating, either athlete or team official. This announcement must be at least one year ahead. Also it must be communicated clearly to the NPCs what services are included in this fee.

**ND:** Recommendation 3 is the same, as 11 so both will be taken together.

The Competition Fee is an IPC Management issue and is referred to EA.

**EA:** The competition Fee is approved by the Governing Board following the General Assembly. EA described the reason and purpose of the fee and advised that any change to the competition fee has to go through the Governing Board.

**USA:** What is included in the fee. Does it include transportation and accommodation? USA would prefer to make its own transportation arrangements.

**EA:** It does not include accommodation but we have some flexibility to include transportation or not. However, part attendance cannot be addressed at present.

EA said that he was looking at ways to break down the fee for (say) speed-only or technical only events. Such fees would be less than the fee for the whole event but inevitably they would be more than half. EA will be putting this forward to the CEO.

**SLO:** Requested that Recommendations that could not be address by the STC should be eliminated before the meeting to save time.

**EA:** The decision to keep in this SF all recommendations was to clarify to the delegates the misunderstandings the recommendations have created in the alpine family.

At the moment the only remaining one in this category is Recommendation 5, and EA would like to provide some explanation.

**Recommendations 4, 6 & 12.** There must be a draft World Cup calendar that is published 2 seasons in advance 2 weeks after the spring meetings. This draft must give the frame and include the dates of the World Cup (beginning/end), the amount of World Cup races and stations, and also the continents, the races will be on.

The fixed World Cup calendar for the upcoming season must be published latest two weeks after the spring meetings of the relevant season. Also there must be at least 4 World Cup stations in the World Cup calendar.

These calendars must at least include races of level 0. Races of Level 1 and 2 must be included latest two weeks after the fall meetings.

**MW:** This process has been in place for several years and is followed in Section 303 of the IPC Alpine Skiing Rules and Regulations Book:

*303.1.2 In order to achieve a fixed competition calendar at least two years in advance, the following preferred dates for receipt of Host Expression of Interest apply.*

**EA:** Regarding the Calendar, the STC is responsible for putting together the pieces of the puzzle, but not the process of proposing the races.

**AUT:** What we need is for the calendar as distributed to be on the Home Page so everyone can see it and plan.

**GER:** The regulation should also say that we must have at least 4 WC each year.

**EA:** We cannot regulate the delivery of WC events as we depend on the ability of the nations and the LOCs to stage them. It can and should be an aim of

the STC.

**AUT:** Questioned the scheduling of events. When GER proposed a WC, the STC said it was too late.

**MW:** There was a schedule involving a WC at La Molina and Sestriere, but when Sestriere was upgraded to WCH, La Molina was downgraded to Europa Cup status.

The proposal made by GER at the FIS meeting in September did not fit with the existing Calendar and could not be accommodated. The calendar will be on the website in March and we want the Nations to work with us on this.

The Regulation does not say the Calendar must be on the web-site. Can we change it accordingly?

**AUT:** Agreed.

**Recommendation 4, 6 & 12 amendment:**

The information regarding the draft calendar for IPCAS races in upcoming races must be on the calendar as general information for all teams. This information must be updated following every spring meeting and when significant changes occur.

Proposed: CAN

Supported: AUT

Voting: carried

**Recommendation 5.** The IPCAS-License fee has to be reduced to the level of the IPC- Summer Sports.

**EA:** The Governing Board sets the licence fee and the STC has no power to change it.

The reasoning for the higher fee than in summer sports is:

- Higher liability due to risk
- Expert attendance

In summer sports there is no IPC representation, but winter sports require several IPC delegates. There are also costs relating to software, but it is hoped that these can be offset in the future by licensing the software to the members.

At present, the revenue from licences does not cover the costs incurred by the IPC. However at the moment a proposal is being prepared to reduce the penalty fee for late registration.

We cannot compare licensing costs with able-bodied

because we work under a different organisation independent in operation from FIS.

**CRO:** Is it possible to make a recommendation to the governing board? It is important that the IPC supports this sport.

**EA:** As you know, the IPC does not have a substantial and continuing income and needs to work on that.

**GER:** Why is licensing more expensive for winter sports than summer?.

**EA:** Mainly because of the requirement for several IPC representatives at Winter sports.

**SVK:** Asked about access to Software and Factors.

**EA:** Licensing of Software and Factors will go hand in hand, unless the nation requires the Factors only.

Proposed: AUT

Supported: GER

Voting carried

Conclusion:

EA will look into ways to follow this up, but the STC has no scope to act on it. The Recommendation as it is will be sent to the Governing Board.

**Recommendation 7.** A title sponsor for the IPC World Cup circuit and a Marketing Coordinator for Alpine Skiing.

**EA:** There is an existing IPC Senior Manager for Marketing covering all sports, but this has not been as effective as we would like for Winter Sports. There has been interest, but nothing is finalised. Management does agree that this would be very helpful. Not that it is difficult to sell the sport to sponsors when not all the athletes are elite. Even the PWG sponsors were carried over from the Olympics.

**SM:** Has had several talks with potential sponsors of the WC circuit. However, they will not go ahead until there is certainty about liability and that means homologation of all equipment including sit-skis.

**MW:** is working hard to get something ready for the May meeting.

**ND:** Suggested we put this Recommendation to the

Governing Board.

Proposed: CAN

Supported: NED

Voting: carried.

**Recommendation 8.** At every World Cup the organizer has to pay up to 4 officials from IPC plus the TD. The IPC sends early enough their people in charge to help the organizer prepare the event, which includes:

- race office
- course preparation
- infrastructure
- checking out whether the requirements for WC are fulfilled
- safety issues

**GER:** Spoke to the recommendation. The purpose is to ensure that the course is prepared and properly set up in good time, so that work is not still going on immediately before the race.

**AB:** Agreed this can be a problem and that sometimes the LOC cannot get access to prepare the slope in time.

**GER:** There would be opportunities, for example, to set the course the day before the race and for the IPC officials to be there 2 days before the race to ensure everything is ready.

**MW:** Attempted to clarify further the intent of the recommendation so we could get a recommendation that could be voted on and regulated.

**USA:** As a race organiser, would suggest a handbook on what is needed and expected, including standards and timelines.

**SM:** Agreed to look into this.

**MW** drafted a revised recommendation:

Discussion on Recommendation 8 amendment:

At every World Cup the organizer has to pay up to 4 officials from IPC plus the TD. The IPC sends early enough their people in charge to help the organizer prepare the event, which includes:

- Race office
- Course preparation
- Infrastructure
- Checking out whether the requirements for WC are fulfilled
- Safety issues

Amended Recommendation: to regulate that:  
To ensure a good organization of IPCAS races, IPC Technical Officials should ideally conduct site visits for races level 0, 1 and 2 to ensure preparation aspects are in place and IPC Technical Officials must be on sight with enough time to ensure all aspects related to race preparation are fully in place.

For an organizer the experts from the IPC can help make it better event

Proposed: GER  
Supported: CRO  
Voting carried

**Recommendation 14.** Russian Paralympic Committee recommends conducting more Super-Giant races If it is impossible, not to fine athletes so much as it is now.

**RUS:** Please amend to say Speed rather than Super-G. Also commented that with few Speed events it is difficult for athletes to get good points.

**SM:** For more speed events we need organisers. We agree we need more speed events, but we also depend on the nations to make them available. Regarding the issue of points the STC is seeking more feedback and proposals. Kevin Jardine has made a proposal and is asked to distribute it to all the delegates.

**AUT:** There is a problem with points when there are not many races. National Championships and IPCAS races should include a speed event.

**MW:** We need the nations to work together. Speed events are hard to get, and if the nations can work together to make sure this happens they will help a great deal. He thanked AUT for the suggestion.

Recommendation 14 amendment:

Russian Paralympic Committee recommends that the IPCAS STC pursue more Speed races for the calendar in the future.

Proposed: RUS

Supported: SLO

Voting carried.

**Recommendation 15.** Russian Paralympic Committee recommends to take out from the Paralympic program such discipline as Downhill

This recommendation was withdrawn.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STC

SM: there are no formal recommendations from the STC.

## 8. CLOSING

SM does final remarks:

- The STC represents its members who are the NPCs.
- We need more races and more participation in the races from the nations.
- Please advise your NPC's to send in your interest forms.
- The Factor Working group needs some more members with some mathematical skills and willingness to spend some time working on the issues and consulting with others. If you have some candidates, please contact Hugh Daniel so he can explain the process.

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The SF was declared closed at 12:44.

