

**MINUTES**

**Event: IPC Alpine Skiing Technical Committee Meeting**

**Date: 30 September 2010**

**Place: Hotel Hilton, Zurich**

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<b>Participants</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>(Initials)</b>
	Sylvana Mestre	Chairperson	SM
	Nick Dean	Vice chair	ND
	Markus Walser	Head of Technical Control & Officiating	MW
	Erik Petersen	Head of Competition USA	EP
	Jordi Carbonell	Head of Competition EU	JC
<b>IPC Management</b>	Eric Angstadt	IPC Winter Sports Manager	EA
	Adrian Bellwald	IPC Race Coordinator	AB

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<b>Purpose of the Meeting</b>	October Meeting. Competitions Calendar. Precisions Rules and Regulations. WCH 2011 Sochi 2014
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<b>Executive Summary/ Main Outcomes</b>
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**AGENDA**

**Event: IPC Alpine Skiing Technical Committee Meeting**

**Date: Thursday 30/10/2010**

**Place: Hotel Hilton, Zurich**

14:00 AM	<p>1. IPC Alpine Technical Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. HC Asia</li> <li>b. Classification</li> <li>c. Review documents MW</li> <li>d. WC Trophy's</li> <li>e. Snowboard</li> <li>f. General discussion</li> </ul> <p>2. Races</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Closing of Calendar Season 2010/2011</li> <li>b. Planning of the Calendar Season 2011/2012</li> <li>c. TDs' Races 2010/2011</li> <li>d. Setters Races 2010/2011</li> <li>e. Rule Book</li> <li>f. Injury status</li> <li>g. Precision on single pole</li> </ul> <p>3. WCH 2011 (Sestriere)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update</li> <li>b. Sport Forum</li> </ul> <p>4. Software</p> <p>5. Various</p> <p>6. Minutes of the meeting</p>	<p>EA/ALL</p> <p>HC/RD</p> <p>MW</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>SM</p> <p>ALL</p>
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## SUMMARY

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### OPENING

#### Welcome

Sylvana Mestre welcomed the committee members present and excused the committee members not present.

#### Roll Call

Sylvana Mestre (ESP) Chairperson  
Nick Dean (AUS) Vice Chairperson  
Markus Walser (CAN) Head of Technical Con& Off.  
Jordi Carbonell (ESP) Head of Competition Europe  
Erik Petersen (USA) Head Competition North America

**Not Present:**

Nick Cuttcliffe (SWE) Head of Classification

#### Adoption of Agenda

*Discussion*

*Decision(s)*

*Action(s)*

Agenda was adopted.

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### ADOPTION MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

*Discussion*

*Decision(s)*

*Action(s)*

Action items from the previous minutes are covered in the agenda

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### 1. IPC ALPINE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

*Discussion*

Ki-Hong Kim letter was tabled and his work was acknowledged with thanks.

**a. Head Competition Asia**

The STC acknowledges the need for a HC in the Asian and Southern Hemisphere region. The Chair will act as HCA-SH until a replacement is found.

**b. Classification**

NC has presented his report which will be presented at the Sports Forum at Sestriere.

- Axel Bolsinger has resigned as VI classifier for alpine skiing and IPC has already identified VI Classifiers to



lead this area of action.

- Classification must occur always at the beginning of the season and other events may be potentially considered.
- There will be 2 classification opportunities in both North America (Breckenridge 11-12 Dec and Kimberly-dates tbd) and Europe (Landgraaf 23,24 Nov - Sestriere Dec 9,10), prior to the WCH. .

**Site visit Landgraaf** - SM identified a problem with the bathroom for the SCI. The OC is working on a solution. All other aspects are satisfactory.

### **c. Head of Technical Control & Officiating**

#### **Sit ski Homologation**

- MW tabled his proposal which was accepted unanimously.
- The project will proceed driven by MW and NC.

#### **Equipment**

- It was decided that equipment issues would be handled internally. Any feedback from the racing community is welcomed at any time but the EWG is no longer a formal advisory group.
- Testing – MW wishes to establish the protocols (written and video) for the upcoming season so that officials have the capacity to perform tests. AB is to assist in determining who will be available to conduct testing. Priority for testing will be at WC and some EC events. Aspen was cited as a successfully run example of equipment testing.
- It was agreed that the testing protocols would be distributed to the racing community. Advantages in this information being publicly available.
- Boot testing device will be manufactured. Cost should be <C \$1000.

**IPCAS TD Handbook draft**



- Accepted by the STC with thanks from the Chair.
- The document will be formatted and forwarded to the FIS TD Commission.

**d. World Cup Trophies**

Japan and Korea advised they couldn't conduct the events for the coming season. This means there is only one WC event for the season 2010/2011 and trophies cannot reasonably be awarded. The STC is actively trying to secure WC events for all the seasons in the lead up to Sochi 2014 and in seeks the support of the IPCAS community. A Proposal was tabled by JC to award an overall WC trophy from a possible number of 7 or 8 races (including the WCH Speed events. This would allow the organiser of the WC to be an active participant of the WC circuit rankings. After considerable discussion it was decided that the integrity of the WCH must be protected. It is inappropriate to include this event in overall WC calculations to overcome a calendar issue. The fact that there is only one WC event should not compromise the WCH. Different options were discussed and it was decided to award one overall WC trophy for the one WC event (4 races).

**e. Para - Snowboard**

The press release from IPC announcing the MOU between the IPC and WSF was tabled. A draft business plan was tabled. The plan was prepared by IPC and WSF. A decision will be taken by the IPC next May as to whether the IPCAS will take on the WSF programme. The business plan is a template for progress. (The business plan requires that IPC survey its members to determine who might participate in snowboard events in the future. IPCAS knows members who would participate but further development is required). The IPCAS STC chairperson and IPC Management have done a lot of work with the chairperson of the snowboard technical committee. The chairperson is concerned that despite the approved business plan little progress has been made so far.

*Decision(s)*

Approval of the documents tabled by MW.

The testing protocols will be written up and distributed as soon as possible for the upcoming season.

*Action(s)*

SM to ask Japan to nominate a Head of Competition for Asia.



MW to send a letter to the EWG.

MW to draft the document

EA/SM to draft the agreement templates and Interest forms for future race organizers

*Discussion*

## **2. RACES**

### **CALENDAR PROTOCOL:**

The current documentation is leading to inefficiencies. The starting point is the "interest form" which is not sufficiently binding.

The following protocol is proposed for the future:

- The "Interest form" is completed by the NPC/NSF and delivered to IPCAS.
- Depending upon the level of competition the documentation may be in 2 parts, for example; an application ("interest" form) and, if necessary, a contract (binding agreement).
- The contract is negotiated with the LOC.
- 50% of the race sanctioning fees must be received by 31 July in the northern hemisphere and by 31 March in the southern hemisphere.
- When this payment is received then the event qualifies for posting on the calendar.
- The remaining amount is payable 15 days prior to the event. In the case where payment is not received penalties will apply.
- More lenient regulations will apply for low-level races in the interests of practicality.

### **a. Calendar 2010/2011.**

The Calendar was tabled and discussed.

There are still some FIS race codex missing; MW asks for a solution; the STC agrees that the HC of each region will be responsible for working with the OCs for this matter and following up.

The Winter Games event in NZ was approved (23-29 August 2011).

The members completed the assignment of the



administration personnel for the races; the principal is that IPCAS officials who have been trained in the use of the software attend new IPCAS events.

**b. Calendar 2011/2012.**

Venues were discussed for the following season. Ideally we are looking at 4 or 5 World Cup events. At this stage we have bids from USA, CAN, ESP. Need at least 4.

The strategy is to contract with each venue for multiple events in a 4 year plan, alternating years.

IPCAS continues to communicate with the Munich bid people for the opportunity for an event at Garmisch.

Also the contract with Landgraaf is meant to stand for future seasons.

**c. ASSIGNEMENT TDs' Races 2010/2011**

WC Arta Terme (ITA) : Didier Couche (FRA)

Final EC La Molina (ESP): Elena Gaja (ITA)

WCH Sestriere (ITA): Reinhard Ebner (AUT)

**d. Setters Races 2010/2011**

**WC Arta Terme (ITA)**

1. GS: USA/ITA
2. GS: GER/JAP
3. SL: AUT/CAN
4. SL: KOR/SVK

**WCH Sestriere (ITA)**

1. DH: GER/JAP
2. SG: USA
3. SC: ESP/SWISS
4. GS: CAN/AUT
5. SL: FRA/AUS

**Final EC La Molina (ESP)**

1. SG: ESP
2. SC: AUT/GER
3. GS: CRO/RUS
4. SL: SWISS/ITA

**e. Rule Book**

Some changes were made to the wording and order of items for clarification.

ND will review the language of the rule book prior to the next meeting.

Precisions will be published.



	<p><b>f. Injury status</b> Clarification of regulation 1261.4 Injury Status (IS, PO, SB)</p> <p><b>g. Precision on single pole</b> Precision for races with single poles where an athlete misses a gate was determined</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	To review the documentation for sanctioning races (calendar protocol).
<i>Action(s)</i>	<p>EA to forward drafts of new documentation regarding calendar protocol by end Oct for review.</p> <p>SM EA to advise NPCs by letter of the course setters for the season. MW to send the FIS commissioner for IPCAS the names of TDs for next season. Precisions to be published for typo and wording corrections</p>

	<p><b>3. WCH 2011 (SESTRIERE)</b></p> <p><b>a. Update</b> EA gave a verbal update. The major issue appears to be the timing system. Some of these features might be used at La Molina as a test . Other issues from the organiser’s perspective are meeting the technological requirements of the TV provider and the “score board” at the finish. EA is considering IPC providing extra admin staff to assist. It was agreed that MW and AB be the assistant referee and referee for the event.</p> <p>As per all IPC sports World Championships, the IPC Governing Board has established the Competition fee for the participants. The NPCs are aware of this since the 2007 GA. A similar fee as in 2009 will apply in 2011.</p> <p>IPCAS will investigate venues for the 2015 World Championships. North American venues may be interested in bidding and IPCAS has initiated the first steps.</p> <p><b>b. Sport Forum</b> It was agreed that Niko Moll, the founder of the factor system concept, to be invited to attend the Sports Forum.</p>
<i>Discussion</i>	
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	SM to send invitation letter to Niko Moll.



**4. Software**

<i>Discussion</i>	Further tests for the automatic timing will be performed in October and November with different timing systems as well as connectivity with the client applications that will feed CIS and TV graphic systems.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	Software seminar in North America in conjunction with the Breckenridge event to be held on Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> . Potentially another seminar during the WCH in Sestriere for interested nations. Pending decision on this season's license fee for the use of the software.
<i>Action(s)</i>	EA to draft protocol plan by which other softwares may be considered for homologation process for IPCAS competitions starting season 2011-2012. EA to draft the programme for the software seminars

**5. VARIOUS**

<i>Discussion</i>	<p><b><u>SOCHI</u></b>          IPCAS awaiting the appointment of an Alpine Paralympic manager by the SOCHI OC.          IPCAS is pushing to have a Europa Cup event in Sochi in the 2012 season; February dates have been provisionally identified.          Unless there is a race in 2012 it will be difficult to have a WC Test event in 2013.</p> <p><b><u>FIS Sub Committee</u></b>          Noted that Michael Knaus, who is a member of the FIS subcommittee of Skiers with a Disability, is incorrectly listed as the IPC Race Director. The Chair of the committee Steve Podborsky has been notified and a request has been made to modify this on the FIS directory and website.</p>
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	

**6. MINUTES MEETING**

<i>Discussion</i>	Next meeting in spring dates to be confirmed.
<i>Decision(s)</i>	
<i>Action(s)</i>	