

Minutes of Athletes' Commission - SkiO meeting 4/2013

DATE	7 th December 2013	
PLACE	Äkäslompola, Finland	
PRESENT	Hans Jørgen Kvåle (HK)	NOR, coordinator, note taker of minutes
	Klaus Csucs (KC)	ROU
	Tatiana Rvacheca (TR)	RUS
	Christian Spoerry (CR)	SUI
	Staffan Tunis (ST)	FIN
ABSENT	Alison Crocker (ALC)	USA
	Olga Novikova (ON)	KAZ

1. Opening

HK opened the meeting and thanked the event organisers for help with the meeting preparations.

2. Visit SOC

After a wish from the SOC, the AC joined the SOC meeting for 20 minutes and was introduced to their work. Some of the ideas from the open information meeting held by the SOC 6th December were discussed.

3. New AC members and IOF working structure

HK thanked Eduard Khrennikov for his work in the AC and for the sport through many years when he now has given his seat in the commission to younger athletes. TR and KC were welcomed to the commission. HK gave a brief introduction of the IOF working structure and AC role:

“The role of the Athletes' Commission (AC) is advisory. The commission liaises with and provides advice to the IOF Council and the Chairperson of the Discipline Commission on such matters as rules, event programmes, fairness and other matters relevant to the elite athlete and elite international orienteering.”

4. Information of Rule Changes and work done over the summer

HK gave a short summary of work done through the summer and the rule changes approved by the council.

Work done

- Evaluation 2012-2013
 - Sent to all organisers and EA
- New evaluation method for 2013-2014
 - Online
 - Faster and more detailed
 - Need to be promoted for the athletes
- ISSkiOM proposal
 - Nothing happened – HK sent email to organisers with important information
- FISU
 - FISU Student World Champs – Russia 2016
 - FISU – Winter Universiade – Russia 2019
 - Universiade 2017 – Kazakhstan???
- SPORTident Air+
 - Provisional approval – can be used in WRE

Rule changes

- Changes in Competition rules
- 3 World Cup Categories
 - Men, Women, Nation
- Start allocation
 - 1-10 + 11-20 on WRE are red groups
 - After this normal start groups
 - Reigning champion in group 2 (11-20) if not top 10
 - SOC can give 1 wild card to group 2
 - Randomly drawn groups
- No changes in Special rules for World Ranking
 - Major changes before next season (?)
- Prizes
 - No World Cup stage medal
 - Trophy for World Cup winner
- New strict protocol for Award Ceremony
 - Only top 3 at prize giving podium, top 6 at flower ceremony
 - Diploma and prizes in team leaders box for 4-6
 - All discipline ACs made a joint proposal to have top 6 on podium – IOF Council did not support

5. Goals and work tasks

To be a more efficient commission we should have some goals. After some discussion the following goals were set for further work in AC:

- **Be included in the Winter Olympics!**
 - At IOC Congress spring 2015 for 2022 Olympic Games
- Raise number of active SkiO Countries/Athletes
 - WSOC 2015: 35 Nations, >100 men and >60 women
- Raise the quality of major SkiO events
 - Average rating of the overall quality of the events «very good»

To reach these goals the following work tasks and responsibility areas were set for the members:

- Hans Jørgen Kvåle
 - Communication with IOF, SOC, EA and Organisers of WSOC, WCup and ESOC
 - Develop event quality and ensure fairness - Event evaluation
 - Rules and guidelines
 - Support SOC and EA to create checklist for organisers of major SkiO events
 - Invite and prepare meetings, write minutes and proposals.
 - Update Facebook page
 - Look at the possibilities of a “Development program”
 - SkiO Academy - For new athletes/coaches/nations
 - Responsibility countries: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Great Britain, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, Sweden
 - Have a dialogue with key persons in the countries and see what is the possibility for developing SkiO there.
 - Support them to increase activity in the country, make them take more part at international events and listen to their suggestions for development of the sport.

- Alison Crocker
 - Contact with organisers of North American Championships
 - Make sure this event continues
 - Responsibility region/countries: America - Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Jamaica, Panama, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, United States of America, Venezuela
 - Have a dialogue with key persons in the countries and see what is the possibility for developing SkiO there.
 - Support them to increase activity in the country, make them take more part at international events and listen to their suggestions for development of the sport.

- Klaus Csucs
 - Low cost possibilities at events
 - Have a dialogue with organisers and help them offer low cost possibilities
 - Responsibility region/countries: Eastern Europe - Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Montenegro, Moldova, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey
 - Have a dialogue with key persons in the countries and see what is the possibility for developing SkiO there.
 - Support them to increase activity in the country, make them take more part at international events and listen to their suggestions for development of the sport.
 - Start a team/training camp/WC travel with athletes from all Eastern European countries

- Olga Novikova
 - Contact with organisers of Asian Winter Games, Winter Universiade 2017 and Asian Championships
 - Support the organisers and make them include SkiO on the programme.
 - Responsibility region/countries: Asia - China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, Iran, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, People’s Democratic Republic of Korea, Thailand, Chinese Taipei

- Have a dialogue with key persons in the countries and see what is the possibility for developing SkiO there.
- Support them to increase activity in the country, make them take more part at international events and listen to their suggestions for development of the sport.
- Tatiana Rvacheva
 - Russia; Connect the thoughts from all the Russian athletes/regions
 - Responsibility countries: Belarus, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine and support Olgas work with Asian countries
 - Have a dialogue with key persons in the countries and see what is the possibility for developing SkiO there.
 - Support them to increase activity in the country, make them take more part at international events and listen to their suggestions for development of the sport.
- Christian Spoerry
 - Contact with organisers of SkiO Tour
 - Make sure this event continues
 - Responsibility region/countries: Middle Europe - Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Switzerland
 - Have a dialogue with key persons in the countries and see what is the possibility for developing SkiO there.
 - Support them to increase activity in the country, make them take more part at international events and listen to their suggestions for development of the sport.
 - Organise training camps/WC travels(?) and invite potential athletes
- Staffan Tunis
 - Anti Doping
 - Responsibility countries: Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania
 - Have a dialogue with key persons in the countries and see what are the possibilities for developing SkiO there.
 - Support them to increase activity in the country, make them take more part at international events and listen to their suggestions for development of the sport.
 - Invite athletes to training camps

6. Future AC meetings

23rd February 2014, WCup 2, Mora, Sweden
 9th March, WCup 3 and ESOC, Tjumen, Russia

Agenda:

- Progress in Work Tasks
- Rule change proposals
 - Competition rules
 - Start allocation special rules
 - WSOC, ESOC and WCup special rules
 - World Ranking special rules
 - JWSOC and WMSOC special rules
 - Mapping specifications