

# Minutes of Meeting of Organizing Committees of International Children Races

**Skofja Loka, October 15th 2011**

## **Present:**

### **Members:**

Chairman of the Association	Mauro Detassis, ITA
Trofeo Topolino Sci, Trento ITA	Marissa Ruatti, Cinzia Gennari, Fabrizio Gennari
Pinocchio sugli Sci, Abetone ITA	Franco Giachini, Sergio Tadei, Danielle Vantaggioli
Ingemartrofen, Tärnaby SWE	Hans-Peter Carlson
Whistler Cup, Whistler CAN	Nigel Loring, Christiane Loring
Skiinterkriterium, Řicky CZE	Karel Kořta, Luboř Bauchel
La Scara, Val d'Isère FRA	Emmanuel Couder
Pokal Loka, Škofja Loka SLO	Janez Poljanec, Matjaž Hafner, Jaro Kalan, Gašper Zakotnik

### **Guests:**

Mayor of Skofja Loka	Miha Ješe
Slovenian Ski Federation	Vlado Makuc, Boštjan Božič, Tugo Marinček

### **Absent:**

Trofeu Borrufa, Andorra AND

## **Agenda**

1. Welcome by the Mayor of Skofja Loka Miha Jese
2. Welcome by the president of OC Pokal Loka, Janez Poljanec
3. Welcome by the chairman Mauro Detassis
4. Approval of the last meeting minutes
5. Report concerning the winter season 2010-2011
6. Report of the meeting of the FIS sub-committee for alpine youth and children, Portoroz 2011
7. Report of the meeting of the FIS sub-committee for alpine youth and children, Zűrich 2011
8. Budget 2011
9. Calendars for the seasons 2011-12 and 2012-13
10. Next meeting

## **1-2. Welcomes by the mayor of Skofja Loka and president of OC Pokal Loka**

The mayor of Skofja Loka Miha Jese and the president of OC Pokal Loka Janez Poljanec greeted all the participants and wished them a nice staying in one of the oldest towns of Slovenia.

## **3. Welcome by the chairman**

Mauro Detassis thanked the organiser Pokal Loka for the invitation and the preparation of the meeting.

## **4. Approval of the last meeting minutes**

**M.Detassis:** The last meeting was held in Montecatini by the OC Pinocchio sugli Sci in October 2010. As the financial crisis stroke the sport rather strong, the main theme were the budgets for organizing our races. The unanimous conclusion was the reduction of the costs what was reported to the FIS. J. Flere suggested not to change the rules. But the costs are autonomous matter of each OC. Anyway the presence of the nations and the competitors on this year events was great. The minutes was approved.

The statistical survey of this year international children competitions concerning the number of nations and competitors was presented.

## **5-6. Report of the meetings of the FIS sub-committee for alpine youth and children, Portoroz and Zúrich 2011**

**M.Detassis:** In Portoroz the reduction of the costs were accepted by the members of the committee. The general rules for our international competitions have to remain unchanged, the decision about the covered expenses (number of paid persons) is made by each organiser independently.

**E.Couder:** 1. Change of categories: in 2012-13 the new FIS categories will be applied what will cause big differencies in the youth race organisation. Our organisation will have to organise the events adapted to teens and in some cases to »adults«. The new U16 category will show athletes taller, bigger, stronger behaving more like small adult than a grand kid. We have to be aware of that and share our development strategy to keep our part of the game. The proposal of 160 m vertical drop for slalom for both categories is supported by all.

2. K1 or future U14: regarding this change of 1 year it is absolutely necessary to keep the international meetings-contests-competitions for this category before entering in U16. This is part of their education to become skillful skiers. We do have a certain responsibility in this educational stage to offer them our events.

3. Nevertheless the young skiers have to entertain and the »whistler« philosophy to develop a festival for them is interesting. Beside the quality of the race itself, the quality of the event and the entertainment programme are the priority.

4. Accommodation and quotas: some of us had to change the rules regarding the free of charge accommodation because of the economic reasons. Actually this change is an opportunity to give a signal to the nations and FIS about the heart of the event: a race. We do respect the invitation to all nations but our races would not be the vacation for some outsiders. Limited quota for such is not a problem but with full quota and nowadays start order, as it is today, it could be difficult to maintain a fair race. Val d'Isère will apply the same rule than 2011, 9 persons 3 nights free of charge.

**M.Detassis:** The discussion on the last FIS meeting was rather difficult, among others also the proposal that U14 could be without international races. But nevertheless till now nothing will change.

**H.P. Carlson:** It is important that the younger category has to be preserved. But with the new age group recommendations the demands for carrying out the races are increasing. In Sweden only K2 are competing on the international races now. The changes of the age groups opened a great discussion. Next week the Swedish alpine meeting will be called. Therefore he needs a wider opinion.

**M.Hafner:** The Slovenian representative who opened the attendance of U14 on the international races on the meeting in Zürich is present. He could explain what he meant.

**B. Bozic:** There is a misunderstanding. Concerning such wishes in SLO he wanted only to find out what was the opinion of the other countries. It is true that the opinion distinguished from nation to nation.

Then the discussion in which participated F. Gennari, H.P. Carlson, N.Loring, M.Detassis, M.Hafner opened the interpretation of the age group classification concerning art. 6.2. of the Portoroz meeting. At the end the paper of these recommendations was showed to clarify the matter.

The next theme, where B.Bozic, F.Gennari, E.Couder, V.Makuc discussed, was the training system. The Slovenians, bringing some ideas from recent WC seminar, stressed the alpine skiing is an expensive sport and therefore too early selection is not recommended for young skiers while badly influences on their development. E.Couder's opinion was that the summer time could be put under some regulations, but winter not to be affected.

Out of this discussion the question, what kind of the competition system and what kind of the selection for international races are involved:

**N.Loring CAN:** In CAN and USA the children skiing is focused on K2. The Whistler Cup invites K2, but K1 can also participate. The children compete on the regional races, each year 15 competitions in all disciplines. Ski cross is introducing in the training system and becomes the competition discipline next year.

**E.Couder FRA:** The races are every weekend.

**H.P. Carlson SWE:** The regional competitions 4SL + 4 GS + 1 DH + 1SG. The Ingemartrofen invites only K2, next year with the age group change K1 too. Each K2 can participate only on one international event. Also ski cross is introducing.

**F.Giachini and F.Gennari ITA:** Regional competitions. The qualifications for both competitions are carried out one week before the international ones.

Next, one of the most important matter was safety, equipment and training concerns junior and children (art. 7 on the Portoroz meeting). D.Vantagiolli, M.Detassis, N.Loring, F.Giachini, F.Gennari and B.Bozic were participated in the discussion. The following items were discussed: AUT and FIN made a lot of analysis, in CAN Safety summit took place, speed training not for younger athletes, the elimination of the width restriction on all skis, the use of safety equipment.

The proposal of OC's group: back protectors and mouth-guards are recommended for all disciplines in children categories.

## **8. Budget 2011**

M.Detassis and M.Ruatti presented the financial situation of our association and the uncovered contribution of the individual OCs. It was decided that Topolino has to send the invoices with its Bank No. to them.

## **9. Calendars for the season 2011-12 and 2012-13**

This year Pinocchio sugli Sci celebrates the 30th anniversary. Two members of the single OCs will be invited to their competition 23th-24th March 2012.

Also Skiinterkriterium celebrates even higher anniversary, the 40th one. They will invite also.

### **2011 – 2012 Calendar**

Ordino Arcalis, Trofeu Borrufa, AND	23 – 26th January
Řicky v Orlickih Horach, 40° Skiinterkriterium, CZE	27 – 28th January
Stari vrh, Skofja Loka 37° Pokal Loka, SLO	18 – 19th February
Folgaria (TN), 51° Trofeo Topolino Sci, ITA	02 – 03rd March
Abetone, 30° Pinocchio sugli Sci, ITA	23 – 24th March
Val d'Isère, La Scara, FRA	05 – 06th April
Whistler, 20° Whistler Cup, CAN	06 – 08th April
Tärnaby, Ingemartrofen, SWE	13 – 15th April

## **2012 – 2013 Calendar**

La Parva, Chile	End of July 2012
Řický v Orlickih Horach, 41° Skiinterkriterium, CZE	25 – 26th January 2013
Ordino Arcalis, Trofeu Borrufa, AND	26 – 27th January
Stari vrh, Skofja Loka, 38° Pokal Loka, SLO	16 – 17th February
Folgaria (TN), 52° Trofeo Topolino Sci, ITA	08 – 09th March
Abetone, 31° Pinocchio sugli Sci, ITA	22 – 23th March
Val d'Isère, La Scara, FRA	04 – 05th April
Whistler, 21° Whistler Cup, CAN	05 – 07th April
Tärnaby, Ingemartrofen, SWE	12 – 14th April

### **10. Next meeting**

Next meeting will be organised by Whistler Cup OC on 12 – 14th October 2012.

### **11. Miscellaneous**

At the end of the meeting Janez Ster, more than 30 years the president of Pokal Loka, greeted all the guests.