

# **MINUTES**

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

Date: 6-9 May 2008

Place: IPC HQ, Bonn, Germany

Participants	Name Sylvana Mestre Nick Dean Markus Walser	Position Chairperson Vice Chairperson Head of Technical Control & Officiating Head Competition Asia	(Initials) SM ND MW
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Management	Eric Angstadt	IPC Winter Sports Manager	EA
	Michael Knaus	IPC Race Director	MK
Purpose of the Meeting	STC Yearly Meeting. Competitions Calendar Review Rules and Reg Factor System. Working Groups.		

Executive Summary/ Main Outcomes

Vancouver 2010 PWG



# **AGENDA**

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Date: 6-9 May 2008

Place: IPC HQ, Bonn, Germany

7/5/2008

9:30 AM Eric Angstadt and Sylvana Mestre welcome the committee

members.

Report of the Management Department.

Report of the Chairperson.

Approval of the minutes Bonn 07

1. Structure of the IPC Alpine Technical Committee

- a. Problems members season 07/08
- b. New members
- c. Athletes Representative
- d. Committee rules
- e. Strategic planning
- f. Status Race Director
- g. General discussion

# 2. Finances

- a. Year 2007, Final Balance
- b. Financial Planning
- c. Budget 2008/2009
  - i. IPC Financial support
  - ii. Sponsoring & Other Revenues for IPCAS activities
  - iii. Incomes
  - iv. Expenses
- d. Competition fee regulations
  - i. Competition sanction fee
  - ii. Race fee
  - iii. License fee
  - iv. Accommodation fee

#### 15:00 3. Classification/Anti-Doping/Medical

- a. Report from Head Classification
- b. Classification of Visually Impaired Athletes
- c. Classification Strategic planning
- d. Budget for Classification activities
- e. Dwarfism in IPC Alpine Skiing



- f. Code implementation
- g. Vancouver/WCH
- h. Anti-Doping Control Topics

# 8/5/2008

#### MA 00:80 Michael Knaus joins the STC meeting as IPC Race Director

- 4. Report from the Race Director
  - a. Report season 2007/2008
  - b. Race calendar 2008/2009
  - c. Race calendar 2009/2010
  - d. Application form and Organizer contract
  - e. Strategic Plan for races level 3-4
  - f. World Championships
- 5. Report Working Group
  - a. Equipment
  - b. Factor System

# 6. Handicap System Alpine Skiing, Factor restoration

- a. Selection of the races for the restoration
  - b. Restoration process, control correction decision

# 9/5/2008

15:00

### 8:00 AM

- 7. Rules and regulations
  - a. Review and setting of the rule book
  - b. IPCAS Point System
    - i. Maximum point limit for World Cup
    - ii. Maximum point limit for European Cup
    - iii. Wild Card regulation
    - iv. New point system
  - c. Visually Impaired
    - v. Guide situation
  - d. New Competitions
    - vi. Team-Competition
  - e. Regulations Children/Youth
- 8. Vancouver update
- 9. Relation to FIS
  - i) Strategic planning
  - ii) Time line
  - iii) Presentation AC
- 10. Various



### **SUMMARY**

#### **OPENING**

#### Welcome

Sylvana Mestre and Eric Angstadt welcome the committee members. SM explained the current status of the STC and of IPC Alpine Skiing.

# Roll Call

Sylvana Mestre (ESP) Chairperson Nick Dean (AUS) Vice Chairperson

Markus Walser (CAN) Head of Technical

Control&Officiating

Erik Petersen (USA) Head Competition North

America

Gillian Hall (NZL) Head of Classification

(ESP) Eric Angstadt **IPC Winter Sports** 

Manager

Invited Guest:

Kinghom Kim (KOR)

## Adoption of Agenda

Discussion

Report of the Chairperson and adoption of the agenda.

Decision(s)

Agenda was adopted although some items were added as the meeting took place.

Action(s)

# ADOPTION MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### Discussion

Minutes from last year's meeting were reviewed and discussed. EP asked for clarification on how exactly the process for voting about recommendations for rule changes will occur. The STC is responsible for Regulations updates and changes.

Motion to approve 2007 Minutes

Moved SM Seconded MW

Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against

Motion passed

## Decision(s)

All Rule changes proposals will be motioned, seconded and voted for, during this meeting. A document for review that will contain all these recommendations will be submitted to the GB.

Action(s)

EA and SM to work on these documents.



#### 1. STRUCTURE OF THE IPC ALPINE SKIING STC

#### Discussion

#### SM

a) Problems with members of the STC in 2007/08 The resignation of two members (Heads of Competition

Europe and Asia&Southern Hemisphere) harmed the overall capability of the STC to maximize its efforts this past season, especially in Europe.

b) New members: KPC proposed and nominated a substitute for Seungmo Kan, who is present at this meeting as a guest with no voting rights, Mr. Kihong Kim from KOR. The ratification of this new member is pending GB approval.

Head of Competition Europe position will be open for nomination by IPC in the next week.

### c) Athlete's Representative

SM proposes to co-opt an Athlete's representative: Gerd Schoenfelder is the proposed person for his knowledge and past experience. The teams already gave feedback about their support to GS. How his role would fit in to the STC structure is not clear, and is still to be decided by the IPC Governing Board.

Motion To co-opt Athletes Representative Moved SM

Seconded GH

Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against.

Motion passed

# d) STC Bylaws

EA reviewed the main responsibilities of the STC according to the STC Bylaws published in the IPC Handbook - Section 1, chapter 2.7

#### e) Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning was reviewed and updated until 2014.

Number of expected races was reviewed, as well as the main activities regarding Classification Seminars, Athlete Classification and Education for coaches, etc.

Coaches Seminars the STC agreed that there need to be seminars for coaches.

Only certified coaches will be able to set.

# f) Status Race Director.

The race director will not be the referee on the IPCAS



### competitions.

The Race Director is a member of the Jury with voting rights only in the below situations

- Safety issues
- Rules confirmation regarding: course setting, slope equipment from start to finish including warm up area and finish area.
- Race cancellations or postponements due to weather, safety, force majeure.

# g) General Discussion

Discussion on how Entries for IPCAS events will be dealt with from NPCs and NSFs.

The NPC or authorized NSF or National Organization or association must submit ALL entries. IPC needs to see a copy of the existing agreement between these parties or receive direct communication regarding acknowledgment of authorisation.

EP mentioned that at NORAMS it is more difficult because of the number of existing clubs that are affiliated to the NSFs and that submit entries.

In this case, NPC allows NSF, who allows Clubs to submit the entries for NORAM races. Some of these athletes might not have IPC license, therefore they do NOT score for IPC points, but can still race at these races.

EA asked the STC where do athletes without IPC license stand in these races:

Response from the STC: They do not score IPCAS points, but are allowed to race as they are insured through their clubs and NSF, which is authorized body by the NPC.

# BID PROCESS FOR IPCAS races

The STC proposed to have a basic form for interest Organizers for races level 2, 3, 4.

This should be an INTEREST FORM for Organizers that is not a binding contract, simply a form to compile with basic preliminary information.

NPC or NSF Official Stamps should not be required for

For Continental Cups or lower, the STC is requesting from IPC Management specifications on the Legal status for these contracts, and a formal review to evaluate if it is the most adequate form or if something else should be implemented for these level of races and their contracts.

The process should be clearly defined and made as simple as possible. Regarding WCH bids, situations like what happened in 2006 and 2009 should be avoided regarding lack of Interest Hosts.



ND suggests that at a certain point of the negotiations, the relevant STC member gets involved with the regional area to facilitate Technical aspects of the agreement.

# Decision(s)

IPC will open the nomination process for H. of Competition Europe next week. EA to send out forms to NPCs. Appointment should be no later than end of July. STC proposal: Head of Competition Europe to come to Zurich meetings (MW suggested)

The Head of Competition in each region should be in charge of these coaches' seminars. In 2008/09 the first seminars should take place in NA and Europe.

To create a database with the certified coaches.

To change on the regulation book the Race Director status

# Action(s)

MK to send to EA and SM the data base and copy of the coaches' certifications.

SM and EA review of status race Director on the regulations book.

Updated IPCAS Strategic Planning.

Interest Form was created from the existing form and updated on the website. Also re-sent to Organizers that have already expressed interest.

#### 2. **FINANCES**

# Discussion

a) Year 2007 - Final Budget

Corinne Resch from IPC Finance Department made a small presentation about the overall balance for IPCAS after 2006, the entire 2007-year and bookings up to 30 April 2008. How the IPC Grant is applied and how the expenses/incomes are shared amongst the general IPC and the IPCAS account was explained. Also the provision that is currently carried and how this operation will occur from year to year.

b) Financial Planning

Based on these figures, the overall plan should be put together

c) Budget 2008/2009

IPC Financial support: the grant for the sport of IPC Alpine Skiing will be 21.000€



Incomes: Licenses Fees and Race Capitation Fees. The WCH Competition Fee will be collected by the IPC to then assist the LOC in charge of the 2009 IPC Alpine Skiing WCH.

SM reiterates that these Race Fees should be paid by the LOC to the IPC according to the IPCAS Regulations. The delay we have to date is not acceptable. IPC Management should ensure on site this is complied with.

Expenses: STC expenses, Trophies, IPC Management related costs, Seminars, etc

# Decision(s) Action(s)

EA to collect all these figures to fit them into the generic budget template so that the overall strategic planning (Business Plan) can be adjusted accordingly EA to propose a process to ensure the payments are made in a timely way.

#### 3. **CLASSIFICATION**

## Discussion

Report from Head Classification GH reviewed the main topics around IPCAS Classification

# **Budget** - Classification Issues

Financing the Seminars and Recycling courses will have to be scoped by the STC and IPC Management in the overall budget

GH and EP will work together to determine the logistics around setting the Classification Seminar in Breckenridge and build a budget for these activities from here to

STC regulation proposal:

IPCAS Classification Seminar costs for 2008/09 season:

Trainee or Level 1 -> 150€

Level 2 -> 200€

**Motion** Classification pathway

Moved GH

Seconded MW

Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against.

Motion passed

#### **Dwarfism**

Discussion: The STC believes in the principle of inclusion. After review of the past season's correspondence and requests for dwarves to be considered in IPCAS races the



# STC has made the following observations:

- The course specifications for IPCAS races are specified for adult competitions (equivalent to able body FIS Women's Criteria). These course specifications are designed to allow for safe competition.
- Due to limb segment lengths, the competition equipment dwarfs use, differs significantly from the FIS Women's Alpine Skiing Equipment/Homologation regulations (used in the IPCAS circuit).

Based on the IPCAS technical regulations, the STC concludes that it is unsafe for dwarves to compete in IPCAS competitions. Furthermore, as there is not a critical mass or pool of athletes to create a sustainable competition, the STC cannot consider dwarves to compete at ICPAS competitions.

Peter van de Vliet - PV - (IPC Medical and Scientific Director) attended the meeting.

# Classification Code implementation

PV encourages GH to start/initiate the code implementation before PWG in Vancouver.

# Classification of Visually Impaired Athletes

There is an agreement for which currently IPC sports for VI are run under IBSA rules. However, IPC is the IF for IPCAS so it has the opportunity to set the rules and regulations for this sport. IPCAS must implement a process to reassess all the VI athletes that have been to date classified according to IBSA regulations.

STC and PV will work together on how this classification process will be implemented in the IPCAS Business Plan. One of the major concerns is to obtain a clear definition of eligibility for the B3 borderline athletes.

The spread of the B2 seems not to be clear in terms of the range from end to end, especially the breaking line with B3s.

PV stated that a similar process may be required for the standing and sitting classes.

PV: IBSA acknowledges that at minimum contrast sensitivity and dynamics in motion should be assessed. Currently we only evaluate visual acuity and visual field. How do all these parameters lead to final sport allocation in classes? The main goal is to have evidence-based study providing a reliable set of measurements. The tools to do this exist. These tools that allow a more accurate evaluation are available and the STC needs to study how



the use of these resources can be arranged to evaluate the VI athletes.

STC resolves to start the implementation of the new evaluation of the VI athletes as defined in the code at the first Classification in the 2008/09 season (Breckenridge) as this has direct implication on our current ranking system.

**Motion** To start re evaluating alpine skiing athletes Moved ND Seconded SM Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against Motion passed

Motion: For an athlete to be licensed and entered into the DB, the status of the athlete's classification needs to be verified by the H. of Classification. Only athletes who are internationally classified may obtain an IPCAS license to compete at IPCAS races.

Moved SM Seconded MW Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against Motion passed

# Composition of Classification Panels

PWG Panel: Chief Classifier + 2 Physical (LW) and 2 VI Classifiers.

PV explained how this aspect of the code should be implemented, as no new athletes (PNS) will be allowed to compete at the PWG.

IPCAS STC will receive assistance from the IPC Classification Committee. In March 2010 a review for IPCAS will be done to see to what degree IPCAS is code compliant. The system that IPCAS STC will put in place should be sport specific.

PV suggested to make sure the following points are implemented:

- 1) In the Rules or Regulations, Classifiers should be considered as Games Officials.
- 2) Classification should always be considered to start BEFORE competition begins.
- 3) A Panel comprises at least 2 LW Classifiers.
- 4) One member of the panel should be a medical physician/paramedical.

In the future it might be mandatory that one person is a medical practitioner. Or it could be that this person is complementary to the two existing certified classifiers. The availability of doctors may be necessary to cover the legal aspects that are of



concern regarding this topic.

5) To limit Protest Panel to two people (senior classifiers). Trainees can not be on the Protest Panel.

### **IPCAS Classifier Definitions**

Trainee: a qualified person (as determined by the H. of Classification) who has not yet completed the Level 1 course.

Level 1: has successfully completed the Level 1 course. They are a certified IPCAS classifier and can be a member of the Classification Panel, but not the Protest Panel.

Level 2: Has successfully completed the L2 course. A level 2 can be a member of all classification panels. IPCAS Classifiers need maintain certification.

# Classification at Vancouver/WCH

PV said that classification will take place at venues Classification Manager from VANOC will be appointed by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

For Vancouver 2010 PWG

SM: has suggested Chief Classifier: GH

Classifier VI: Axel Bolsinger

Another two people, one being another VI Classifier plus a 5<sup>th</sup> person

### Antidoping Control:

LOCs should have a minimum standard to comply with WADA code.

In many cases, the government reimburses LOCs as this cost comes through the NADO as well as the costs of the national laboratory. LOCs should investigate on how to in advance check government support.

LOCs need to check on this way in advance and be advised by the IPC on what implementation needs to be in place.

Who is tested, 1/3 medal winners, 1/3 from medal tallies, and 1/3 random.

The STC can give recommendations on athletes random testing to the IPC.

STC and IPC Management to overview how the rest of IPCAS (races non WC) are treated and specifications defined.

Current estimation of 250 - 400€ cost per test IPC costs per rule violation up to 15.000€ STC concerns:

If the doping test required for Level 2 races or higher is



the same as for World Cups in example, IPCAS will lose many LOCs and number of Continental races will drop.

One suggestion is to increase fees for these level races. spreading the cost amongst all LOCs, not putting the burden on one specific LOC, and targeting one or two of the events.

STC to review with IPC Management how the current Race levels of IPCAS fit into the defined categories for IPC events during this meeting.

STC explained how the budget would be impacted for all EC, CC Cups is they are imposed to pay at every event for doping control where the cost could represent an important percentage of the total budget.

STC agrees that there should be fixed tests at 0,1,2 and NCh but for all the other competitions it could be a random selection, and the cost.

PV suggests that any competition in which there is no registered anti-doping control testing pool verified by IPC, results should not count as it goes against the principle of fair play.

Definition of registered testing pool:

"The pool of top level athletes established separately by each International Federation (and NADO) who are subject to both in-competition and out-of-competition testing (...). Each IF (and NADO) will clearly define the criteria for inclusion of athletes in the registered testing pool"

Another proposal is for IPCAS STC to request a letter from NPCs and their NADOs certifying that all the IPCAS athletes are on an existing national registered testing pool.

STC: at October meeting scope the organizers and races in which Antidoping control should take place.

For EC and CC, proposal to chose an x amount of tests for this season based on the calendar that will be finalised in October, and put this progression model

# Anti Doping Education

It is suggested to have a generic information booth at major events where anyone can become familiar with main aspects of Anti-Doping Procedures.

PV suggests having this at the Solleftea PWWC and the STC to value to what extent there is a possibility of having an Antidoping Booth for general information, maybe seminar on TUEs etc and process for coaches.

During TE in Vancouver (Jeremy Luke- VANOC Antidoping Manager) they are willing to host this kind of education booth.



IPC should also check with the NADOs in case they are interested

This would be similar to WADA Coach's Tool Kit.

# **Equipment Adaptations**

Issues with adaptations to the equipment that allow athletes to compete at IPCAS races arise from time to time. The STC believes in the principle of inclusion. The STC discussed exceptions to the equipment regulations. The STC is not comfortable creating exceptions at this time. The STC will review and investigate this issue over the season to reach a decision.

Motion: An athlete must undergo re-classification if the equipment he/she is using has been modified outside the present equipment rules and regulations and/or which may create competitive advantage. The athlete must attend re-classification with the modified equipment.

Moved EP Seconded SM Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against Motion passed

# Adaptive Equipment

Discussion on Prosthetics

SM read Jean Francoise Rapatel's email

Recommendation is to treat each case individually. Conclusion is that there cannot be a generic regulation for all athletes.

Discussion: In order to ensure fair-play principle, the STC will review from time to time permanent classifications. Regarding adaptive equipment, in this case Prostheses should be anatomically proportionate.

Motion: An athlete must undergo re-classification if the prostheses he/she is using are not anatomically proportionate and which may create competitive advantage. The athlete must attend re-classification with any prostheses used in competition.

Moved GH Seconded MW Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against Motion passed

The STC directs the H. of Classification to implement this motion by applying a regulation that will be used to facilitate this re-classification process for the 2008/09 season.



### Decision(s)

STC Reminded PV the interest the STC has for him to be present at some IPCAS event.

The STC with recommendation of the H. of Classification recommends to always having the presence of at least one Level 2 person in the Classification Panel. As IPCAS classification evolves. The H. of Classification and the ICPAS STC will reassess this regulation.

Motion Regulation Panel Classification Moved SM Seconded MW Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against. Motion passed

### Action(s)

SM requested the STC to review the Code to be aware of the upcoming challenges on the road to Vancouver.

EA to ask the NPC's for the registered pool of athletes.

EA to collect the classification figures to fit them into the generic budget template so that the overall strategic planning (Business Plan) can be adjusted accordingly

#### 4. REPORT FROM RACE DIRECTOR

#### Discussion

# Report season 2007/2008

MK made a presentation with main figures of the 2007/08 season and overall budget review from the races and licenses.

## Race calendar 2008/2009

The STC and IPC Management worked on the current calendar. Most races level 0 and 1 are defined, 1 potential WC in Garmisch is still under negotiation

## Race calendar 2009/2010

Initial draft of the WC plan for this season includes having the WC Finals in NA, before the PWG. Another set of 2-3WCs could be in Europe but yet tbd.

#### Application form and Organizer contract

A new Interest Form was placed on the IPC website http://www.paralympic.org/release/Winter\_Sports/Alpine\_Skiing/News/ for any organizer who has interest in hosting an IPCAS race.

## Strategic Plan for races level 3-4

Discussions on how to implement a strategy that will help increase the lower level races (3, 4) in the IPCAS circuit in a consistent way across all regions.

The STC, lead by each Head of Competition for each region should



develop a local working group which will define a list of actions and elements to achieve this goal. The STC needs to develop this basic preliminary plan by October 1st.

## World Championships

EA informs the STC about the WCH in Korea, where negotiations are taking place during this meeting.

The STC discussed the proposal for the dates of the event.

Decision(s) Action(s)

EA to inform the nations as soon as there is an Organizer.

#### 5. REPORT WORKING GROUP

### Discussion

#### Mono-skis

Discussion on report from Tessier regarding the mono-ski Working Group: MW proposed to collect all feedback (Information gathering) and structure it until end July in order to give the complete feedback to the STC for immediate actions regarding potential rule and regulation changes.

SM agreed that regarding the mono-skis more information needs to be recorded and not to implement major changes until after PWG.

The STC recommend the main focus should be on monoskis until the PWG.

The foot on mono skis for IPCAS competitions is recommended to be 325mm.

For IPCAS competitions is recommended to have cover legs.

## Discussion LW2 Class:

There is evidence that in able-bodied skiers, increased standing height increases knee injuries.

Feedback from Steve Graham contradicts this for IPCAS races, related to results over the last season for LW2 in GS.

Steve Graham's report does not provide data or statistical evidence that proves that with higher standing height injuries will not happen.

The increased standing height may represent a competitive advantage.

Rule to undergo a period of evaluation, collecting data to determine if this limitation is causing direct disadvantage to one class.

The IPCAS STC acknowledges that the processes for



implementing the rule change was incorrect. The IPCAS STC based their decision on FIS safety recommendations only.

The IPCAS STC decided not to reverse the rule change. This rule will stand until PWG.

Rule to undergo a period of evaluation, During this time, due to insufficient data GH and MW will collect data from sports biomechanists and IPC sports injury researchers. The factors for LW2 atheltes will be closely monitored to ensure that this rule has not adversely affected the present factors. If there is evidence that the factor has been affected changes may be made during the intervening time.

# Decision(s) Action(s)

LW2 Height rule to undergo a period of evaluation

MW to collect data on monoskis MW and GH to collect data from sports biomechanists and IPC sports injury researchers

#### 6. HANDICAP SYSTEM AS - FACTOR RESTORATION

# Discussion

The factor Working Group report was tabled along with a Discussion Paper prepared by Hugh Daniel, who was coopted by the Working Group to assist at the events in Korea and Japan, and the ppt presentation entitled "Study on a new IPCAS Point Penalty Calculation System", concerning a single point system. The PPT presentation will be posted on the website for general interest.

Representations from individuals and organisations in relation to specific factor matters were tabled. These included the LW9 and LW2 classes.

## Decision(s)

The STC wishes to continue with the study of the single point system. This will involve calculating points using the existing system and calculating points using the proposed single points system. The data will be used to test the veracity of the proposed system. No changes will occur before the 2010 Paralympics.

The STC wishes to further develop the work of the Factor working group to comprise external experts to assist with factor issues. The STC wishes to invite Hugh Daniel to participate in the Factor Working Group.

The Current Factor Working group comprises:

- -Michael Knaus (AUT) (Coordinator)
- -Sebastian Michel (CAN)
- -Hugh Daniel (AUS)



 -Kevin Jardine (USA) to reconfirm availability -Jean Luc Jiguet (FRA) to reconfirm availability

The Factor Working group shall review all existing factors and data from previous seasons with respect to the factors in order to produce a proposal for changes in the existing factors from now until the October Meeting.

## Action(s)

SM to send invitation to Hugh Daniel.

MK to immediately send the necessary information to the members in the group to find a solution for restoration for the 2008/09 season. Members to respond by 1 September.

To restore the factors in the Zurich October meeting

MK to prepare the software for the study on the point calculation.

EA to post PP presentation on IPC web site

#### 7. **RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW**

#### Discussion

# Review of the IPCAS Regulations&Rule Book

## Regulation proposal:

New athletes, who have never held an IPCAS license, are allowed to compete in IPCAS races by paying a 50€ fee at any time during their first season and must submit the Athlete's Declaration Form.

# Motion

Moved EP Seconded ND V: 4 in favour, 0 against Motion passed

Motion Section 400 in the existing IPCAS Rulebook is defined in more detail in a separate document, which will become the Classification Manual (Regulations for Classification).

Moved GH Seconded ND Voting: 3 in favour, 1 absent, Motion passed.



Motion To award Guides with a Guide trophy in WC (discipline and overall standings winners) and EC (overall standings winners).

Moved MW

Seconded EP

Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against.

Motion passed.

# Decision(s) Action(s)

GH to prepare the classification regulations book

SM, EA to finish the IPCAS regulations and rule book

#### 8. VANCOUVER 2010 PWG REVIEW

Discussion Decision(s) Action(s)

IPC Project Review next week	

#### 9. **RELATION TO FIS**

Discussion

EA explained the current status of the relation with FIS. A time for presentation has been given to the IPC at the Alpine Committee Meeting during the FIS Congress in Cape Town, on 28 May 2008. This will be a very good chance to present to the FIS Alpine community our sport. Co-operation regarding FIS TD pool continues.

Decision(s) Action(s)

#### 10. VARIOUS

#### Discussion

SM suggests trying again to get some sponsorship agreement with Joska as we have had their supply for several years and the trophies represent an image for the IPCAS. IPCAS should stick to this supplier and check in to the logistics for shipping the order to NA.

Bid Process Remarks:

Branding-Marketing: what applies to PWG does not apply to all other IPCAS Champs.



#### FEEDBACK CANADA

Review and comments:

Guide Bib Production: insert specs. STC will budget and produce the guide bibs. The Guides will have the option to purchase these bibs at a cost tbd.

# DH STATUS and POINTS LISTS - START LISTS

Discussion on opening the period for calculation of results from 13 to 18 months if required. The differences of DH held in example in the past season represents a constraint, however, the STC agrees that IPC needs to explore more races for speed events, but this responsibility falls on each NPC as well, in order to find organizers.xxxxxxxxx

Due to the current status of lack of existing DH in the last months the STC is surveying how to implement a fair process to produce Starting Lists for the DH in WC: What process will apply?

STC to come up with the plan for next season. MK to present proposal to the STC by July 31st and the STC to publish a precision at the October meeting.

## PUBLISHING OF POINST LISTS

STC to review the possibility of creating a separate WC Points List and STC to determine the dates on which Points Lists will be published after closing the calendar at each October Meeting. This regulation to be taken out of the IPCAS Rulebook.

STC to implement through the precisions how athletes will qualify for WC races. An provisional process will be applied from here to the PWG for the upcoming two seasons, with the goal being to operate like FIS, where an athlete meeting the WC Qualification Criteria at the beginning of the season is qualified for all World Cups that entire season

### Motion

Moved MW Seconded SM Voting: 4 in favour, 0 against. Motion passed.

### WORLD CUP POINTS

The STC will review every year the Qualification Criteria for World Cups. For the 2008/09 season it remains as it was for the past season.

# Criteria for EC races:

The STC discussed the possibility of having a limit for EC regarding entries.



Decision tabled till October meting.

1581. Tabled decision from the STC to be reviewed till FIS Congress.

Motion For changing 1582 Moved EP Seconded MW Voting 4 in favour, 0 against

Review complaint by FRA STC to draft response

Review complaint by BEL

STC to keep information, communication with LOC to notify.

Chief of Race should be notified on site in order to take immediate action.

Decision(s)

TD, Course Setters for next season will be appointed in the October Meeting by the IPCAS STC. STC Head of Tech. Control should contact the FIS TD Commission Coordinator for this purpose

Action(s)

EA to talk with Joska for sponsoring and check about the logistics for shipment.

SM to present the STC budget for bibs

# 11. NEXT MEETING

Zurich 28 September to 5 October (Not all STC members) tbd.

12.	ADJOURNMENT		