

Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, 14 April 2024, 14:00-16:00 CET

Virtual Meeting

Attending virtually		Unable to attend
Katrina Galas	<i>Ex officio:</i>	Sari Jormanainen
Gunhild Kvistad	Tim Farcnik	Fabien Saguez
Marlen Marconi	Riikka Rakic	Martin Ohlsson
Klaus Rambach	Barbara Rettenbacher	Jan Skřička
	Theresa Heinsinger	

Minutes	
1	Welcome and approval of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda is approved
2	Season Report - Season experiences from everyone Tim Farčnik – Slovenia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficulties with rain, courses and stadium were flooded For the first time a battery pack was rented for TV technical power back up, initially a lot of scepticism about that but it worked out really well More expensive than a generator, but worth it In December many venues struggle with snow scarcity Pokljuka biathlon stadium is located in a national park: between 1 March and 1 May no major events are allowed in the park because of pairing season of rooster → however switching Pokljuka with another venue was not possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compromised with park to limit spectators to 3.000/day and no accompanied events like music (moved to the city Bled), all public transported by buses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upcoming years, the pairing season won't be an issue, because races are earlier in the season <p>Klaus Rambach – DSV Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate crisis was not so much in the focus any more, instead rather positive story telling from the media side • DSV calculates their carbon footprint, plans to use 2022/2023 as baseline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fleet of 196 cars and buses that have the highest impacts • Oberhof and Ruhpolding will start a project about energy efficiency • In Feb, a new sustainability manager started work in the DSV office • Snow production: doing their best to store enough snow to start the season in the fall and train in Germany to limit travel of teams <p>Marlen Marconi – Switzerland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media requests were easier, climate was not the main media focus • Winter and snow were good • World Championships in Lenzerheide went well, also due to solid sustainability concept • Swiss Ski will hire a new person to focus on WC and WCH sustainability topics • Adaptation Strategy called "Snow Sport 2025" which is a masterplan for training and competitions is being implemented and has sustainability at the core • Ongoing window of opportunity/momentum to raise the topic of sustainability <p>Katrina Galas – Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability remains a low priority due to budget/other priorities, so funding on hold • Funding that is currently allocated to other topics like gender equality • COC offered a chance for pro bono work for 3 sports with Racing to Zero to build sustainability strategy, unfortunately CAN Biathlon didn't apply because it did not feel that it had the resources for the implementation of strategy <p>Gunhild Kvistad - Norway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually, snow is not an issue – this season struggled more than the previous seasons • Discussion on board level on where the national championships will take place • NOR worked on the impact of transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everyone at the Norwegian Cup were asked to track transport to the competitions – results are not ready yet • Next year: Athletes U16 will have a limit of 2 pairs of race skis
3	<p>IBU Update</p> <p>SAF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IBU checked the possibility of reducing CO2 Emissions via Sustainable aviation fuel purchase • Received offer from three companies • Different companies use different emission factors, hence somewhat different offers • Investment would be retroactive for 2 Charter flights in the 2024/2025 season • Sweden has invested already • Feedback from Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expensive and other ways of reducing that are more effective <p>Reimbursement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCs using HVO receive reimbursement for difference in price between normal diesel and HVO from IBU

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also valid for other sustainable fuel use e.g. pellets instead of diesel for heating or battery pack instead of generator for TV back-up • Currently claims from 3 WC, with approx. 40.000€ in total • Valid for invoices dated no later than 30 April, 2025 • TV Production technical power can also be compensated but needs a comparison between generator vs. battery packs <p>Reminder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Development department is collecting applications for development projects ◦ New topics like Para Biathlon, lead under sustainable business development ◦ IBU can support 50% of project costs up to a certain amount (based on project; POW Workshops as a new project) • NF can request POW education workshops for Athletes • Applications open for IBU Awards in Sustainability for OCs and NFs, deadline 30 June <p>Future Reporting Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Omnibus – IBU is not obligated to report • This changed with the new proposal
4	<p>Loop One Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Season Opening in Munich October • Planned to become an annual event • IBU is the owner of the event – aims to showcase the sustainability minimum at the level asked of the OCs • Sustainability Department has created a checklist for sustainability for agency WWP • Long term, potential idea to partner with the Olympic Park to increase the biodiversity of the park to help leave a legacy for the event • ACTION ITEM: Share information about Olympic Park sustainability possibilities once received • IBU is partner of International Masters Game Associations (IMGA) but collab for Loop One is not currently planned, focus on Biathlon4All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Possibility to include Sustainability Commission members into the planning • ACTION ITEM: Send out monthly invites to whole commission 1h
5	<p>Lead Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Commission has issued first draft of a directive to restrict lead in sport shooting outdoors • Biathlon will likely not be affected by this, because of a derogation (exception) • However, the exception is likely valid for 10 years, then the ECHA will review • Members states will meet 29th April to discuss • IBU still must improve their lead management practices • NFs enhancement of Lead Management as a new project under the development project funding

6	Roundtables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task was to do one after the season and one before • ACTION ITEM: Invite NFs to a Roundtable
7	Sustainable Snow Summit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Snow Summit 2025 - Sustainable Snow Management Project • ACTION ITEM: Double check if recording will be available
8	Any other business
9	Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loop One in about four weeks • Next formal meeting will be discussed possibly at Loop One → possibility to plan Commission meetings monthly rather than bigger meetings every so often

	Action Items	Responsibility	Date
1	Send out information about Munich Olympic Park sustainability possibilities once we receive them	Riikka	
2	Send out monthly and invite the whole commission	Barbara	Done
3	Check that recording of Sustainable Snow Summit will be available	Barbara	Done
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