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- Jerzy Kaliski, President IVSI
- Dieter Bubeck, President IAESS
- Dave Shulling, OC Vail 2027

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL***18th of December 2024, 2 pm CET***

Dear friends of Interski,
please find attached the minutes of the Extra Ordinary General Assembly of Interski International.

With sporting regards

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1. Welcome

The President of Interski International, Eric Sheckleton, opened the General Assembly at 2 PM CET. He welcomed all members present as well as representatives of the pillar associations. The President thanked all associations in various time zones for participating in this important meeting at different hours of the day and night.

He noted that the General Assembly will already take place in spring 2025 in Vail. Preparations for the General Assembly and the 2027 Congress are in full swing. The President specifically thanked the pillar associations that are also using this opportunity to conduct their General Assemblies during the April 2025 meeting.

The President then referred to the agenda items and handed the floor to Secretary General Peter Mall.

2. Roll Call

It was established that 31 voting members were present, confirming a quorum for the assembly. (The attendance list is attached to the minutes.) Secretary General Peter Mall explained the voting procedures.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The General Assembly unanimously approved the agenda.

4. Approval of the Minutes of Extra Ordinary Online General Assembly 12th December 2023

The General Assembly unanimously approved the minutes from the 12th of December 2023 meeting.

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5. Mission Statement of Interski International

President Eric Sheckleton reported on the major challenges of the past year. He highlighted the effective and transparent collaboration within the presidium through regular online meetings.

Interski International's mission is to provide platforms that bring together stakeholders interested in growing snowsports sustainably, professionally, and responsibly. This mission is carried out by:

- Offering platforms for idea sharing and networking, such as Congresses, websites, social media, webinars, apps, and online forums.
- Creating, summarizing, and disseminating information.
- Promoting snowsports and member organizations.
- Managing resources effectively and exploring new funding opportunities.

6. Presentation of the Interski 2027 Host

Dave Shulling, a representative of the Vail 2027 Organizing Committee, presented the current status of preparations for the 2027 Congress. He emphasized Vail's organizational qualities and enthusiasm for snowsports. He also presented the theme for the Interski 2027 Congress which is, ALL IN-Innovate, Include, Inspire-Interski2027! The presentation is attached to the minutes.

7. Invitation to the General Assembly 2025

Laura Duff provided a detailed presentation on the logistics and schedule for the April 2025 General Assembly, followed by a Q&A session. There is a hotel room block being held for this event, so nations are asked to register by January 1. (Presentation is attached to the minutes)

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8. Vision 2025 and Beyond

➤ **Preserve Our History**

Vice President Petar Iankov outlined the "History of Interski International" project via a PowerPoint presentation. The project's goal is to document and analyse all past Interski Congresses, highlighting key developments, milestones, and resolutions chronologically. The complete work will be presented at the 2027 Congress. Special thanks were given to those who provided historical documents.

➤ **Utilize Technology to Stay Connected**

The president reports about achieved projects and gives a big thank to our Project manager Vanessa Mann who has helped a lot to get Interski more visibility.

- **Launching a new Interski website, including a dedicated section for Interski 2027.**
- **Developing and implementing a communication plan encompassing social media channels (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram).**
- **Creating seasonal content plans and managing social media interactions.**
- **Establishing a Microsoft Teams channel for collaboration and document organization.**
- **Enhancing the Interski app for use in 2025 and 2027, ensuring its long-term utility for participants.**

➤ **Leverage the Power of Interski to Address Global Issues**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in June 2024 between Interski, ISIA, IAESS, and the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions. The partnership aims to address the impact of plastic waste in mountain communities through data collection, education, and outreach programs. A national pilot program and a plastic waste prevention certificate are underway.

Environmental Working Group member Dáire O'Connell of IASI outlined his participation and presentation at an UN-BRS event in Tajikistan. UN-BRS member Frank Moser summarised the work of this project and requested that nations share the survey and participate in an upcoming webinar.

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In collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), discussions are ongoing to incorporate winter sports into UNEP's Sports for Nature project. This partnership aims to use face-to-face interactions with guests to raise environmental awareness.

9. Financial Report

Vice President Stéphane Cattin presented the 2024 financial report, highlighting a solid financial foundation. He noted the significance of Congress-related income every four years and the importance of timely membership fee payments during interim years. The report will undergo auditor review before the 2025 General Assembly in Vail.

10. Expanding Our Reach and Protecting the Brand

IAESS President Dieter Bubeck worked on a vision to expand Interski's involvement with industry stakeholders outside traditional activities. Steps are being explored to include these stakeholders in Congress programming.

Secretary General Peter Mall reports about the efforts to protect the Interski brand include securing trademark protection for the logo. Our logo is now protected in Europe.

11. Interski Statutes

Updates to the Interski statutes, last revised in 2023, are planned to address technological advancements and new requirements. A working group led by Vice President Petar Iankov, Secretary General of Interski Germany Andreas Göhl and Secretary General Peter Mall is preparing proposals to be presented at the 2025 General Assembly

12. Adjournment

With no further remarks, President Eric Sheckleton thanked all members for their dedication to the global Snowsports community.

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