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**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL
LEVI / FINLAND, Summit Conference Center, 30 March 2023, 6 45 pm**

**Dear friends of Interski,
please find attached the minutes of the General Assembly of Interski
International held on the 30th of March 2023.**

With sporting regards

INTERSKI INTERNATIONAL

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1. Welcome

The President of Interski International, Eric Sheckleton, opens the ordinary General Assembly at the Levi Summit Conference Centre at 6.45 pm.

He welcomes all members present as well as the representatives of the pillar associations. A special welcome goes to the representatives of the Organising Committee of Interski 2023. On behalf of her entire team Satu Pesonen, Secretary-General of Interski 2023 in Levi, receives the President's thanks for the work done and the excellent preparations for the XXII Interski Congress. President Sheckleton especially acknowledges the great commitment and special spirit of all employees and volunteers from Visit Levi, the Levi Ski Resort and the Finnish National Association of Snowsports Instructors (FNASI).

The President remembers all the deceased friends of the Interski family. Especially Eduardo Roldan, the long-time delegation manager of Spain. Eric Sheckleton read a message from the Ukrainian Association of Ski Instructors about the death of three ski instructor comrades in the defensive war against Russia.

As a sign of respect and sympathy, the General Assembly rises for a minute silence.

2. Ascertainment of voting rights

Secretary-General Peter Mall determines the number of votes present and finds that 29 delegates with voting rights are present.

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3. **Approval of the agenda**

The agenda is approved unanimously.

4. **Approval of the minutes of the 2022 General Assembly in Pamporovo**

The minutes are approved unanimously.

5. **Report of President Eric Sheckleton**

President Sheckleton recognizes the support of Ziener for this Interski Congress. He then reports on the cooperation with the Organizing Committee and the new technologies and ideas that have now been implemented in the Interski Congress to improve communication and planning. This has led to a very positive attitude and a high bar to achieve and surpass in 2027. The plan for that search was outlined in a previous meeting and is available for any interested member nations.

Even as the Interski Presidium implements a search for a host in 2027 we plan to undertake other important activities. This includes a review and revision of the Interski statutes, updating and simplifying the bidding guidelines for Interski Congresses, analysing marketing and sponsorship opportunities, and creating processes to explore other strategic issues like diversity and inclusion, attracting young people to the organization, and addressing our impact on climate change.

President Sheckleton closes his remarks by asking all participants to share their opinions and ideas through the upcoming surveys that will be sent out after the Congress.



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6. Report on organisational and financial activities 2022

Organisation:

Secretary-General Peter Mall provides an overview of activities during the Year 2022.

The Year 2022 was driven by the General Assembly in Levi (24th of March) and the preparation work for the XXII Interski Congress 2023.

As a new Presidium was elected, we had to legalize the new board due to the Swiss law.

In close cooperation with the Organising committee of Levi 2023 we had a lot of online meetings in planning this congress.

The financial Report of the Year 2022 was handed out to every Nation. As usual in Year of a General Assembly there is a financial loss, this time of an amount of 7526 Euro.

Mr. Fritz Mares was in the Period from 2011 – 2021 in charge of the finances. Since 1. of January 2023 this Responsibility is now in the hands of Vice president Stéphane Cattin. For the future the accounted of Suisse Snowsports is in charge of the financial issues. Secretary General Peter Mall is taking the opportunity to thank Mr. Fritz Mares for his great and very precious and economical work concerning the finances of Interski International.



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7. Auditors 'report and approval of the financial conduct of the Presidium

Auditor Dr. Katalin Egri reports that the books of Interski International were examined in Vienna on 14 March 2022 by Pavel Krnac and herself. She underlines the careful bookkeeping and prudent financial conduct of Interski International and proposes that the General Assembly approve of the financial activities of the Presidium and the Secretary-General for the financial years 2022.

The General Assembly unanimously approves the financial conduct of the Presidium.

The audit report is enclosed with the minutes.

8. Report and vote on the budgets 2023, 2024, 2025

Secretary-General Mall explains the budgets for the year 2023.

It shows revenues of 110 000 Euros and expenditures of 30 000 Euros.

Peter Mall points out that the revenues is a result of the congress fees. Those revenues will safe the financial performance of Interski International till the next congress in the year 2027.

The expenses are the result of more expenses due to the Interski Congre2023.

The budgets are approved unanimously by the General Assembly as presented.

The working budgets for the years 2024 and 2025 are showing revenues and expenditures of 18 000 Euros. This are the so called working budgets if Interski International performances in the usual way.



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The budgets 2024 and 2025 are approved unanimously by the General Assembly as presented.

The Secretary General underlines if Interski International will be more seen, will be more active and will be more professional, then the budgets will look different.

So the Presidium of Interski International will work on a plan for the future and will present ideas in December 2023 which probably will lead us to a new budget for the year 2024. As the members will have to vote on a new candidate for the Interski Congress 2027, there would be the possibility to vote on a new budget 2024 at this occasion.

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9. Approval of the new statutes

The Presidium Interski International proposes to modify the following point of the Statutes (a 2/3 majority was required – 29 Nations were present):

§1/2: The Association is seated in Baar / Zug, Switzerland. However, it can be administrated from the place of residence of the General Secretary or from any other place chosen by the Presidium.

The general assembly approved unanimously to change § 1 / 2. as suggested.

IAESS proposes to modify the following point of the Statutes:

§15: The official language is English.

The general assembly approved to change § 15 as suggested with the following votes:

YES: 21

NO: 3

ABSTENTION: 3



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10. Decision on admission of members

IVSI proposes to modify the following points of the Statutes (a 2/3 majority was required – 29 Nations were present)

§ 4

Members (Nr. 3 is missing in the English version)

3. Other legal entities according to public or private law are eligible for extraordinary membership

The general assembly approved unanimously to change § 4 as suggested.

§ 13 /d

the representative, with a seat and a vote, of the ordinary member that has been awarded the organisation of the next Interski Congress.

Motion: without voting right

The general assembly disapproved to change § 13/d as suggested with the following votes:

YES: 13

NO: 11

ABSTENTION: 2

IVSI has withdrawn the motion to keep German as an official Interski International language.



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11. Decision on admission of member

The General Assembly unanimously decided on the admission of the following new members:

Bosnia – Herzegovina

North Macedonia

Estonia

Lithuania

In this context, the representative of Poland asked to take care that all criteria for membership are checked accordingly. Since it comes in countries again and again to undefined new foundations of associations.

12. Tributes

President Eric Sheckleton recognizes special guest Honorary President Erich Melmer and thanks him for his years of service and leadership of Interski International.

President Sheckleton then confers honorary membership on Mr Dave Renouf in recognition of his services to snow sports worldwide.

The General Assembly thanks Mr. Renouf after his speech with a big round of applause as a token of their gratitude and appreciation of the great work done.



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13. Any other business

BASI Secretary General Tom Cloke explains a two Proposal (the Proposal is attached to the minutes)to the General Assembly:

- a) Equality & Inclusion objectives**
- b) Increasing the number of delegates at Interski General Assemblies**

The President thanked BASI for these suggestions and promised to discuss the suggestions with the Presidium and to initiate appropriate measures.

The President then announces the first Interski Environmental Award. Both Sweden and Switzerland submitted applications with their activities to reduce their carbon footprint. This included the use of public transportation or bike/foot, regional trainings, and innovative ideas like cleaning ski slopes in Spring and the use of bamboo ski poles and using ski equipment for four years. In recognition of their efforts, and to motivate other nations to submit applications next Congress, both nations will receive one complimentary Congress place for the Interski Congress in 2027.

President Sheckleton then reported that Interski International will be considering the United Nations Sports for Climate Action Framework and considering if Interski can commit to adopting this framework in the future.

President Eric Sheckleton thanks the General Assembly for the confidence shown and again the responsible persons of the OC Levi 2023 for the great work and closes the Assembly at 7:10 pm.

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