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Good Morning Directors,

I Hope this update finds you all enjoying the fall weather and looking forward to another ski season. I have included the following items; World Masters meetings Klosters, Switzerland, Vuokatti, Finland masters World Cup 2024, Canadian Masters Championships, Labrador City, March 2024, membership update from out west.

World Masters AGM, Klosters Switzerland.

October, 2023 - Directors from eighteen countries were present as well as the MWA executive for the three days of meetings.

Election of officers - John Downing elected to four year term. Great news as JD has been great support to Canada and also continues as USA WMA president. Elizabeth Heckman - secretary, Klaus Pleyer - Vice President.

1. Klosters MWC 2025 Organizing committee hosted the three days with tours of facilities and race courses, stadium start and finish venues and accommodations. Planning is well underway and more information for accommodations should be finalized later in November.

Note: Stadium start/ finish and race courses have been adjusted to ensure less direct sun exposure for the event. (Basically the new location for start and finish areas are aprox 800 meters up the valley from the previous stadium). Courses are the same as past WMC 2017 with small changes to loops on the courses to keep them on the shaded side of the valley.

Engadin Ski Marathon - Race Director gave a short presentation on the World Loppet and invited all Competitors registered in The Klosters World Cup to join in their event. Registration and bib pick up will be coordinated through Klosters OC and registration.

Note: FYI - The Engadin Ski marathon is schedule for the weekend of March 10th before the start of the World Masters. Lots of time to make plans for Klosters and the Engadine Ski Marathon.

2. Vuokatti, Finland WMC 2024 - February 9th - 16th, 2024 J.D. WMA President updated Directors on the events. Already skiing in Vuokatti with tracks being expanded from huge snow farm snow of 70,000 cubic meters. OC is confident skiing will be great for this event.
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3. Registration is now open and a link to register for their newsletter updates is on their site. [Mwc2024.com](http://Mwc2024.com)

Note: There are add ons being finalize for the Vuokatti MWC -

- a) JD USA President is coordinating transportation for three days of skiing at three different areas in Finland with daily bus transportation from Vuokatti and drop off at airport after MWC events. We book the recommended hotels in three different towns and JD organizing all the transportation for skiers and their gear (ski a lot of maybe not. More info later in November.
- b) Possible trip to Tartu World Loppet in Estonia immediately after Vuokatti MWC.
- c) Finlandia World Loppet - one week after Voukatti MWC

Note: Deadlines for 30% accommodation deposits is 30.11.2023

Registration fee = 220 Euro by 31.12.2023 or 1.1.2024 = 250 Euro

Vuokatti Airport transfers - The OC will coordinate all transfers from the airports that are within 2 - 4 hours of Vuokatti - Mike to coordinate with all Canadian team members traveling to event with payments by 8.1.2024

WMA points calculation for 2024 - Best races of last three years - calculated by Data sport and should appear on data sports new registration page.

New Data sport registration has improved and reports from Canadians already registering it is working much better!!!

Please direct any interested skiers to Mike - [canadianmastersxcski@gmail.com](mailto:canadianmastersxcski@gmail.com) so can ensure they are included in accommodations, airport transfers and event details.

4. Fluro wax updates - Discussion with Directors regarding lack of Direction from FIS as to what the ban will entail and how the ban will be enforced was presented by John Downing (JD). There is currently no reliable or cost effective testing available for MWC Organizing Committees through our WMA. Directors agreed with 100% show of hands to hold off with fluro ban until practical testing or support on ban from FIS for MWC events.
5. Next WMC 2026 - Presentation by Sappada & Forni, Italy OC representatives - January 29 - February 6, 2026 - Planning add on to Cortina & Trento Winter Olympics. What a beautiful area in the Italian Alps with great snow and strong nordic history with multiple olympic medal winners living in the valley. This is serious bucket list stuff!  
More information next year!

Norway, 2027 - Norwegian Director, E, Vikingstad reported that Tromso, Norway is eagerly preparing a bid for MWC 2027. A beautiful coastal city in Northern Norway with average temps around -10 and lots of snow. More information next year.

Canadian Masters Championships - March 20 - 23rd 2024 - registration open on zone4 and possibility of charter flight from Montreal to Lab city is a possibility. Come and join us for a fun maritime east coast party and great skiing. See the details on our website [canadian-masters-xc-ski.ca](http://canadian-masters-xc-ski.ca)

National membership update - BC?Yukon and Alberta working hard to have passed members register for 2023-24 season but numbers are down. Hoping snow will get more skiers to register for all Provinces and Territories.

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Have a great fall everyone and think snow!

Mike

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