

MEETING NOTES

Meeting of representatives from Adventure Racing countries
to discuss the Draft Constitution.

Tuesday, 25 July 2023 @ 20h00 GMT

held on Zoom

Attendance

1. Brazil - Samuel Eloy
2. Canada - Nathalie Long
3. Denmark - Lars Bukkehave
4. Ireland - Cormac Mac Donnell
5. New Zealand - Andy Magness
6. New Zealand - Michael Mitchell
7. South Africa - Lisa De Speville
8. USA - John Harris

Apologies

Netherlands - Ruurd Noordhuis

SUMMARY

A Draft Constitution document has been in progress and this document was shown at the meeting.

The Draft Constitution has been compiled by the group of Lisa, Alen, Samuel and Ross, keeping an eye on the constitutions of organisations like the international associations for Trail Running, Fell Running, and World Mountain Running.

In this meeting, Cormac took everyone through the components of the Draft Constitution. This is a working document that is meant to be a foundation now and that will be added to over the next year as the tasks and services of the new international Association are defined.

The group agreed that the Draft Constitution should be circulated to countries with established National organisations and also wider to participating adventure racing countries for their input.

The timeline is as follows:

Friday, 28 July 2023 - distribution of the Draft Constitution for comment. The draft constitution will be circulated with an accompanying letter/ email setting out work to date and process to be followed for establishing the new Association. A note will also be included on how to comment and provide edits, amendments and additional content for inclusion.

Monday, 7 August 2023 - deadline for comments to be received.

Feedback will be reviewed and incorporated and a final draft will be completed and circulated.

Wednesday, 9 August 2023 - next meeting.

We will soon call for nominations (self-nominations are very welcome) of people to stand for positions on the interim committee of the new International Adventure Racing Association. These people will be voted in at an inaugural meeting and will be tasked with validating members and taking the new organisation through its first year to bring it to the first AGM within 12 months. Note that the elected committee will be 'interim' as their positions will be valid for no more than one year and their tasks will focus on establishing the Association. Thereafter committee positions may be valid for two years or as voted by Members at the first AGM.

Next Step

The Draft Constitution will be circulated for comment. Content will be incorporated ahead of the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Topic: AR International - Draft Constitution additions and contributions
Time: Wednesday, 9 August, 2023 20h00 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)
Zoom Meeting details will be circulated

With thanks to Adventure Racing Ireland for use of their Zoom account for these meetings.

GENERAL PLAN

To create the international body we need:

- Name for the Association (suggestions are welcomed)
- Constitution (draft in progress)
- Membership criteria (Validation) (Task Group 1 - out for comment)
- Mission (Task Group 2 - out for comment)
- Vision (Task Group 2- out for comment)
- Definition of AR (Task Group 2 - out for comment)
- Values (to be included in Draft Constitution)
- An inaugural meeting to elect a committee (founding committee can be 4 people – like an AR team). Secondments can be incorporated in the first year and other committee positions can be defined then too as the roles and activities of the Body are established.

SUGGESTED TIMELINE – July and August are AR Federation months. 7-8 weeks of action

(these are suggested dates that may change as we progress)

- Friday, 7 July 2023 – send out the date for the next meeting with notes from the previous meeting. DONE
- Monday, 10 July 2023: Task Group 1 and 2 documents sent out to AR Countries. DONE
- MEETING: Wednesday, 12 July 2023: Task Group content presentation DONE
- MEETING: Tuesday, 25 July 2023 – topic: draft constitution DONE
- Friday, 28 July 2023: distribute draft constitution for comment DONE
- Monday, 7 August 2023: deadline for comments on draft constitution
- Wednesday, 9 August 2023: Meeting about draft constitution additions and amendments, interim committee nomination process as well as setting an inaugural meeting date
- Friday, 11 August: circulate edited constitution to countries
- Inaugural meeting: DATE TBC – elect an interim committee
- Work in the association to establish other policies and services will continue with task groups.
- October: presentation of the Association at the AR Conference at ARWC.

If you are not on the Messenger group, please let us know so that you can be added.

Enquiries, comments & suggestions can be sent to to **arcountries@gmail.com**

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