

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Adventure Racing Association.

Wednesday, 18 September 2024 @ 19h00 GMT held on Zoom

Attendance

1. Cormac MacDonnell, Chair (Ireland)
2. Marijn Edelenbosch, Organisation (Netherlands)
3. Lisa de Speville, Admin (South Africa)
4. Alen Pujol, Comms (Uruguay)
5. Adrian Crane, Membership (USA)
6. Ross Philips, Organisation (UK)
7. Kim Beckinsale, Youth (Australia)
8. Romy Viale (France)

Apologies

John Harris, Damon de Boor

- **Welcome / Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Minutes last meeting / review and adopt

Proposed by Alen, Seconded by Adrian and adopted.
These minutes will be uploaded to the IARA website.

Working group Updates

1. Organisation Development & Admin

- Membership takes priority.
- We met with Heidi Muller from AR World Series just to chat about the building of IARA, our membership validation process, and to learn more about her company.
- We did reach out to Adventure 1. Trevor Mullens responded to say that he was busy until December.
- Organisation registration research is ongoing. We have reached out to AIMS and Sport Accord, with no response received as yet.
- Budget projection for 2025/2026 is required.
- GoFundMe is an option to raise initial funds for organisation registration etc.
- International, online bank option is Wise.

2. Comms & Media WG

- For some reason, updates to IARA website are not being publicly shown. Decision made to move website to Lisa's hosting provider in South Africa (our current hosting expires at the end of December 2024). This re-install should correct the problem.
- Media release to be written announcing first members approved by the committee.
- Design needed for the letters, certificate and badge to be sent to approved members.
- Posts on each member will need to go out on IARA social media.
- Pages will be created on IARA website for each country.

3. Membership WG

- 6 structures are on the way to membership approval as full or associate members
- **Brazil, Uruguay, Denmark, Paraguay and Spain** are endorsed by the committee for Full Membership.
- AR World Series and Durty Events (UK) are endorsed by committee for Associate Membership.
- Membership approval process:
 - i. Members approved by Membership Group are presented to Committee for endorsement.
 - ii. Approved members receive an official letter, Certificate of Membership and badge (for their website, letterhead etc)
 - iii. Media release is sent out to announce the member, as well as social media posts introducing the member.
- Interviews and validation process are ongoing.

Other Items Discussed

- With the year galloping towards its end, we are concerned that our timing for the AGM in November/December is ill-timed. Our membership validation process is underway and it is crucial to have this mostly complete with approved voting members prior to the AGM. With year-end being what it is, we propose moving the AGM to 20 January 2025. Prior to this, the updated constitution, motions for discussion as well as a call for nominations must go out (early December 2024).

● Meeting Summary/ Actions

Action	Who	When
Upload minutes from August to website	Lisa	After meeting
Save-the-date whatsapp for committee meetings with next few months	Cormac	After meeting
Email about Membership applications open to be sent out to countries and representatives	Alen	Last week of June
Membership approval letter Membership Certificate Member badge	Lisa	Once approvals are finalised
Release about approved members	Lisa	Two weeks after meeting
Move website to another hosting provider	Lisa & John	By end October
Edits and additions to Constitution	Lisa & Cormac	By October meeting

Continue with Membership interview scheduling. Dates to be sent to committee for other people to join in to assist	Alen & Membership group	Ongoing
Revamp of one-minute friendly IARA video	Samuel	

- **NEXT MEETINGS:** **3rd Wednesday of the month**
Wednesday, 16 Oct 2024 @ 19h00 GMT
Wednesday, 20 Nov 2024 @ 19h00 GMT