

MEETING NOTES

Meeting of representatives from Adventure Racing countries to discuss the proposals for the Vision, Mission, Definition and Membership Validation for the new International Adventure Racing Association.

Wednesday, 12 July 2023 @ 20h00 GMT

held on Zoom

Attendance

1. Brazil - Samuel Eloy
2. Brazil - Warley Costa
3. Canada - Alex Provost
4. Colombia - Ricky Velez
5. Denmark - Lars Bukkehave
6. Ireland - Cormac Mac Donnell
7. Mexico - Melissa Lambert
8. Netherlands - Ruurd Noordhuis
9. New Zealand - Andy Magness
10. New Zealand - Michael Mitchell
11. South Africa - Lisa De Speville
12. UK - Ross Philips
13. Uruguay - Alen Pujol
14. Uruguay - Nicholas Davyt
15. USA - Adrian Crane

Apologies

Canada - Alex Provost

SUMMARY

The work from Task Group 1 and Task Group 2 was presented and opened for discussion.

The slides used in this meeting, summarising the content, can be [viewed in this PDF document](#).

Comments regarding the [Definition of Adventure Racing](#)

- Recognition is given to keeping descriptions open and inclusive (like of solo entrants and the marked courses of multisport events) but being too inclusive can limit the path forward for Adventure Racing.
- Care should be given about tightly defining map-and-compass navigation as this may evolve in time
- Regarding multisport considered as feeder events for AR; not necessarily as the disciplines of AR and even triathlon can be seen in the same light.

- We should define the minimum requirements for an event to be considered an adventure race.
- AR is a team sport and there is a dynamic there. In solo events, this fundamental element is missing. There are big multisport communities in countries like New Zealand and Ireland with events that have solo entrants and marked courses. AR International can allow for a connection between AR and multisport but they are distinctly different.

Comments regarding the [Vision and Mission](#) for the new Association

- The suggested **Mission statement** seems to hit the right spot. It will be open for comment to see whether it sticks or can be improved.
- The suggested **Vision statement** is a good start. It could be made more bold and a bit shorter. It will be open for comment.
- A suggestion for the word 'community' to feature.

[Validation / membership determination document](#)

- The document describes the steps to be taken and the information required from a national Adventure Racing association for their application to be a member of the International Adventure Racing Association.
- Applications would be reviewed by a 'Membership Committee'. This would be an appointed sub-committee under the Association's committee.
- After review, the applicant would be awarded full membership status, part membership / observer status, or rejected.

Next Step

A small Task Group with Lisa, Alen, Samuel and Ross will create a draft constitution. Content from the new material created by the first two task groups will be incorporated into this base document. This draft will be presented at the next meeting (Tuesday, 25 July 2023). The document will then be made available to country representatives for review and comment, with responses required within 10-days of publication.

Next Meeting

Topic: AR International - Draft Constitution

Time: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 20h00 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84300718703?pwd=T0Y2U2pZSkU0aXlhTWWh4UzA5TGg1QT09>

Meeting ID: 843 0071 8703

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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
- An AGM 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: constitution
- After meeting: send out draft constitution to country reps for their contributions
- Monday, 31 July: Notice of Establishment AGM date. Countries are asked to have representatives at the AGM, to submit nominations (need a deadline) and for people to prepare to stand.
- Monday, 7 August: Responses from countries to draft Constitution must be submitted
- Friday, 11 August: circulate edited constitution to countries
- Sunday, 13 August – send out content related to Wed meeting, including the constitution that will grow with the association
- Wed, 16 August: Pre-AGM meeting of member country representatives and agreement on constitution, mission, values, membership criteria
- AGM: Wed, 23 AUGUST – elect a 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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ENDS