

MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, 23 October 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

- **Welcome / Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Minutes last meeting / review and adopt

These minutes will be uploaded to the IARA website.

Working group Updates

1. Organisation Development & Admin

- Adventure racing has been included in the definition of UIPM sports in their Congress Working Document in Motion EB3. We need to reach out to UIPM members as they vote on the Motions at the Congress in mid-November.
- Focus on preparations for the AGM in January 2025.
 - i. Establish a timeline
 - ii. Create an agenda
 - iii. Revise the constitution
 - iv. Create nomination forms and a motion template. Consider a discussion item template.
 - v. Circulate documents: constitution, statutes, committee report, annual report
 - vi. Priorities for 2025
- Finalise IARA organisation registration plan.

2. Comms & Media WG

- Issue a statement about our position on the World Obstacle - World Pentathlon merger.
- Create an #ARsaysNo Petition that the AR community can sign.
- Write a letter to UIPM members requesting their support to have AR excluded from UIPM Sports definition.
- Issue a media release about new members approved through our validation process.

- Schedule 'Meet the country posts'

3. Membership WG

- 8 Full members have been approved by the committee. Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands, Paraguay, Spain and Uruguay.
- Two non-voting Associate Members have been approved: Dirty Events and Adventure Racing World Series.
- Membership focus is still on Full Members with four countries currently in the validation process.
- Next focus will be on Observer members.
- Letter, certificates and badges to be sent to approved members.
- Refer to Alen's membership report included below.

Other Items Discussed

- Crowdfunding initiatives discussed for IARA for 2025.
- Consider McDonalds / Cup of Coffee scale for memberships when this does come into play to accommodate for currency strengths.
- Consider IARA-hosted online workshops for sharing of information in 2025.

Meeting Summary/ Actions

Action	Who	When
Upload minutes from September to website	Lisa	After meeting
Save-the-date whatsapp for committee meetings with next few months	Cormac	After meeting
Continue with membership process	Alen & team	Through Oct-Nov.
Membership approval letter Membership Certificate & badge	Alen	To approved members
Various media releases and letters	Lisa	
Create pages on website for approved members	Lisa	As approved
Move website to another hosting provider	Lisa & John	By mid-December
Revision of Constitution	Cormac & Ross	By November meeting
Prepare for AGM	Cormac & Ross	
Revamp of one-minute friendly IARA video	Samuel	

- **NEXT MEETINGS:** **3rd Wednesday of the month**

Wednesday, 20 Nov 2024 @ 19h00 GMT

AGM: 22 January 2025

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

OCT-24th 2024

Prior to our work, we had identified 14 countries with governing bodies of AR.

In June 2023 we made a chat group with representatives from 5 countries (Denmark, Netherlands, UK, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil) to learn about different structures to establish a Membership Working Mission and Group.

After the first voting of the IARA's Committee on December 7th 2023, the group started working and tested a process based on the information collected in 2023. That test form was sent to AR structures in Ireland, Czech Republic, Brazil, Spain and Paraguay.

After proper testing, in May 2024 an invitation was made to the whole AR community to fill the form and apply for 3 types of membership based on a model of statutes.

- Full membership (with a previous step of Provisional membership)
- Observer for representatives that cannot be yet full members
- Associate members for private or public organizations that could help grow IARA

We had 19 answers to our form and some 10 additional requests from different organizations.

We have learned so much and had to adapt and analyze many different situations.

Our goal was to achieve 10 governing bodies approved by October.

FIRST APPROVAL

In IARA's meeting in September the Committee voted the approval of the first 3 governing bodies as Full Members and 2 Organizations as Associate Members, according to the report by the Membership Group.

- Denmark
- Brazil
- Uruguay

IARA's Provisional members (reviewed and for voting)

By today, we have 4 additional countries that completed our validation process. Here are our notes on each of them

- SPAIN: FEDO is an orienteering federation with a big solid and very professional structure. They have regional federations, a huge membership base and a big reach.

In their website is all the information in documents we needed except for one that was requested and sent: The recognition of the Secretary of Sports saying Adventure Racing is part of FEDO.

- PARAGUAY: CCAP it's a club that represents Adv Racing in the country. They were recognized by the Tourism Secretary before a new Sports Secretary has been established. Now they are becoming an association and they have shown documents proving the application to do so.
- IRELAND: ARI is the representative structure of Adv Racing in the country. They were initially established as an unincorporated association. Though it remains as not registered by the companies' office in the country they are and have been the only structure representing Adv Racing since 2020. A letter by their chairperson was sent to IARA Membership Group with a clear explanation.

Note by group: This analysis example could produce a small change in the membership Statutes.

- NETHERLANDS: ARBN has completed the process sending all documents that were reviewed
- CZECH REPUBLIC: CAES has completed the process sending all documents that were reviewed.

COUNTRIES IN PROCESS

According to our Membership Statutes there are many countries still in process:

Countries that have filled the form, did the video call and were asked to send documents on their way for full Membership

- FINLAND
- USA
- CANADA

OTHER COUNTRIES WHO APPLIED AND WERE INTERVIEWED

- COLOMBIA: they have no structure but all RDs and representatives are willing to sign a joint document explaining the sport in their country and picking 2 representatives to be part of IARA and have Observer status
- AUSTRALIA: they have 2 organizations claiming to represent the sport. We were contacted by the ARA which is in the process of formation. Until further analyzing, they will be in the process for Observer Status

- INDIA: They have 2 organizations claiming to represent the sport. We were contacted by IARF which have proven to be organizing and hosting AR events for some time now. Until further analysis, they are in the process for Observer Status

OTHER COUNTRIES CONTACTED TO CREATE SOME REPRESENTATION

- UK, SOUTH AFRICA, COSTA RICA, NORWAY

AR STRUCTURES STILL NOT APPLYING

- FRANCE: Their sport falls under the umbrella of Triathlon. We have contacts with Romuald who is currently contacting the Federation to start the process.

ORGANIZATIONS IN PROCESS FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

- FEAR SOCIETY: Based in New Zealand, they are an organization supporting youth development in Adv Racing. They still have to send a motivation letter.

SUMMARY:

After processing all the information and to speed the process of validation, IARA's Membership Working Group request the approval of 5 FULL MEMBERS

FULL MEMBERS:

- SPAIN
- PARAGUAY
- IRELAND
- NETHERLANDS
- CZECH REPUBLIC

Yours,

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