

# MEETING MINUTES

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

**Wednesday, 20 November 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. Ross Philips, Organisation (UK)
6. John Harris, Media (USA)
7. Kim Beckinsale, Youth (Australia)
8. Warley Costa, Membership (Brazil)
9. Adrian Crane, Finance (USA)
10. Thomas Guldmann, DARU (Denmark) - visitor

## Apologies

- **Welcome / Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Welcome to Thomas Guldmann from DARU to sit in on our meeting today.

## Minutes last meeting / review and adopt

Proposed: Alen, Seconded: Ross

These minutes will be uploaded to the IARA website.

## Working group Updates

### 1. Organisation Development & Admin

- The Constitution has been re-written by Cormac and Ross. Their objective was to radically simplify it. It has been distributed to the committee for comment within the next week.
- 'Adventure racing' was successfully excluded from Motion EB3 at the UIPM Congress on Sat 16 November 2024. We are not free yet, as we still need to get World Obstacle to release their claim on adventure racing.
- During the month, Ross circulated his document of research into company registration for IARA. The committee approved Ross' findings and registration of IARA will happen in the UK. This is approved to go ahead.
- GBP 223 is required for registration. Start-up funding has been pledged by Cormac and Marijn. This loan will be repaid from IARA's crowdfunding initiatives in early 2025.
- Plans continue for the AGM on 22 January 2024. A save-the-date will be issued now. Documents will be circulated to countries in 2nd week of Dec. Nominations to be received by 10 January 2025 ahead of 22 Jan AGM.

### 2. Comms & Media WG

- Oct and November were busy months with letters going out around World Obstacle and World Pentathlon merger and the motion for the UIPM Congress. With thanks to

the people involved with the database of contacts. Letters and releases on our website and social media.

- The #ARsaysNo petition received signatures from 1297 adventure racers from 48 countries. This was a good way to engage our community. Results announced on our website and social media.
- Thank you letter was sent to UIPM members for their support. Letter sent to UIPM to request their confirmation that they will never make any claim on adventure racing. 19Nov24
- Schedule 'Meet the country posts'

### 3. Membership WG

- Full membership for Canada has been approved by the committee.
- Membership group is awaiting documents from Finland and USARA.
- Focus will turn to Observer members.
- Letter, certificates and badges to be sent to approved members.

### Other Items Discussed

- Marijn to look at online voting option for AGM
- Consider IARA Priorities for 2025

### Meeting Summary/ Actions

| Action  | Who           | When                |
|---|---------------|---------------------|
| Upload minutes from October to website                    | Lisa          | After meeting       |
| Committee meeting reminders                               | Cormac        | Before next meeting |
| Continue with membership process                          | Alen & team   | Through Nov- Dec.   |
| Membership approval letter, Certificate & badge to Canada | Alen          | To approved members |
| Review new constitution doc                               | ALL           | By Wed, 27 Nov.     |
| Whatsapp group for IARA members                           | Lisa          |                     |
| AGM save-the-date   | Lisa          | After meeting       |
| Move website to another hosting provider                  | Lisa & John   | By mid-December     |
| Prepare for AGM   | Cormac & Ross |                     |
| Revamp of one-minute friendly IARA video                  | Samuel        |                     |

- **NEXT MEETINGS:** Usually, **3rd Wednesday of the month**  
 Wednesday, 11 Dec 2024 @ 19h30 GMT (last meeting for the year)  
 AGM: Wednesday, 22 January 2025 @ 19h30