

MEETING MINUTES

IARA Steering Committee 2025

Date : Wednesday, 26 June 2025 @ 19h30 GMT held on Zoom

Attendance

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| 1. Cormac Mac Donnell, Chair (Ireland) | 4. Wayne Leek, Media (Canada) |
| 2. Ross Philips, Organisation (UK) | 5. Nils Filius, General (Netherlands) |
| 3. Lisa de Speville, Admin (South Africa) | |

Apologies:

Alen Pujol, General (Uruguay)

1. Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflict of interest reported.

2. Minutes last meeting / review and adopt

- These minutes will be uploaded to the IARA website.

3. Membership

- To follow up with Poland and communities in Slovenia and Slovakia.

4. Projects and Task groups / Comms and Media

- Tasks were sent out to countries.
- Tasks were sent out on our FB and Insta.
- Media release on our website and also sent to AR Media.
- Inclusion in ARWS newsletter to assist in recruiting volunteers.
- Most groups are well populated by adventure racers from different countries with varying skills and experience.
- Lisa will connect task group volunteers with their project leads.
- Each project lead is to coordinate their group, meetings and work.

4. Other

- Wishes to Alen for a speedy recovery after recent injury.
- Cormac had a Zoom call with FISO-World Obstacle President Ian Adamson in mid-June primarily to see what was happening with World Obstacle's merger with World Pentathlon.
- World Obstacle is in the process of amalgamating with World Pentathlon and the new entity will be called World Pentathlon Multisport. Mr. Adamson indicated that 30 member countries of WO being involved with adventure racing and the organisation will continue to support these members in their activities.*

- Mr. Adamson indicated that WO would be willing to work with IARA if IARA wished to join World Pentathlon Multisport. This offer was discussed and the Steering Committee decided to continue its work to develop IARA as a strong, independent association.

** To give perspective, in France and in Spain, adventure racing is under the national Triathlon and Orienteering associations respectively. But, neither World Triathlon nor the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) make claims on adventure racing, yet they still support their national members. There is no need for Adventure Racing to be a discipline under World Obstacle. All national Adventure Racing associations are members of IARA.*

Meeting Summary/ Actions

Action	Who	When
Upload minutes from May to website	Lisa	After meeting
Committee meeting reminders	Cormac	Before next meeting
Connect task group members	Lisa	Within week after meeting
Create Google Folder and tasks folders for groups	Lisa	To send out with group connection emails.

- **NEXT MEETINGS:** Next meeting, Thurs, 17 July 2025 at 19h30 GMT