

MEETING MINUTES

IARA Steering Committee 2025

Date : Thursday, 21 August 2025 @ 19h00 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. Alen Pujol, General (Uruguay) |
| 3. Lisa de Speville, Admin (South Africa) | 6. Nils Filius, General (Netherlands) |

Apologies:

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. Proposed and seconded by Ross and Wayne respectively.

3. IARA Projects 2026

- Project groups continue to progress. Groups consult both members and non-members for input according to the information required.
- The Funding group is looking at a crowdfunding platform with the aim to announce this at the International AR Conference.
- More updates expected in September

4. Membership

- Membership focus to turn to those countries that can become Observer Members.

5. Junior Adventure Racing World Championship

- We met with Heidi on 19 August on Zoom and she filled us in on the conceptual plans for a Junior Adventure Racing World Championship for July 2026 in Canada.
- This is a wonderful opportunity for IARA to add value to member countries and to bring them together.
- This event is an opportunity for countries to focus on youth participation with qualification and selection considerations for this aspirational event for young adventure racers.
- IARA would be the liaison between the event and national associations.
- A meeting with IARA members to be scheduled to brief them on the event.
- An MOU to be drawn up with AR World Series regarding roles and responsibilities.

6. International Adventure Racing Conference

- The conference is on 4 October at the end of the AR World Championship in Canada.
- Wayne will be present in person to present. IARA will be the first presentation of the conference. Alen will do a video recording, which will be slotted into the presentation.
- The focus of the presentation is on the three pillars of our sport: Strong Organisation, Strong Membership, Strong Sport.

7. Other

- World Obstacle has their annual Congress in early September at their Obstacle World Champs event in Sweden. They have been very quiet about this. We feel that it is important to reaffirm our position regarding World Obstacle. We will distribute a media release in this regard.
- Note regarding the importance of race directors and a union of sorts.

Action	Who	When
Upload minutes from July to website	Lisa	After meeting
Committee meeting reminders	Cormac / Lisa	Before next meeting
Task groups to continue their work	ALL	Through September
Media release re: our position regarding WO	Wayne & Lisa	
Conference presentation	Wayne & Alen	

Meeting Summary/ Actions

- **NEXT MEETING:** Thurs, 18 September 2025 at 19h00 GMT