

MEETING MINUTES

IARA Steering Committee 2025

Date : Thursday, 18 September 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.

3. IARA Projects 2026

- The Fundraising group has made excellent progress in setting up a crowdfunding platform. With thanks to Andy Horn for his work on this. This will be announced at the International Adventure Racing Conference. A media release will follow the conference to announce this.

4. Junior Adventure Racing World Championship

- We invited countries to join a Zoom on Tuesday, 16 September 2025 for Heidi, CEO of AR World Series, to present the concept of the Junior Adventure Racing World Championship to country representatives.
- We will follow with communication to countries, outlining the proposed concept for the event, entries, categories etc.
- Countries will need to look at their qualification and selection process. Wayne has drawn up a document that we can share with countries to suggest and stimulate ideas.
- We will draw up an MOU between ARWS and IARA regarding roles and responsibilities.
- This is a staged race over three days. The daily duration for the younger age group is limited by country regulations on age-appropriate max duration. Race difficulty, worthy of a World Championship, can come through from course planning through challenging navigation and technicality of terrain.
- It would be nice to see this younger age group doing a night-navigation element. This can be separate to the morning's 6-hour event.

- We must keep in mind that the proposed concept for this first year draws from the host's experience and it gets this event off the ground. Also, countries do not need excessive qualifying structures. The concept can be expanded and improved for year two, giving countries - and junior teams - the opportunity to prepare and be selected for a more intense event structure.

5. International Adventure Racing Conference

- Conference presentation has been checked and submitted. Job well done.
- Wayne will present at the conference on 4 October.
- Lisa to email Michelle about promoting the conference to our members to join online (streaming on YouTube). www.internationalarconference.com/

6. Other

- Lisa is away and offline in mid-October. Back in contact from 15-28 October. (two days of course workshop and 9 days of environmental survey 'expedition')

Meeting Summary/ Actions

Action	Who	When
Upload minutes from August to website	Lisa	After meeting
Committee meeting reminders	Cormac / Lisa	Before next meeting
Task groups to continue their work	ALL	Through September
Document about team qualification and selection processes	Wayne	
Conference presentation on 4 October	Wayne	
Comms to countries about Junior champs	Lisa	Week of 22 Sept.
Contact Michelle about promoting conference	Lisa	After meeting
MOU and feedback to Heidi		Week of 6 October

- **NEXT MEETING:** Thurs, mid-October 2025 at 19h00 GMT