

MEETING MINUTES

IARA Steering Committee 2025

Date : Thursday, 8 January 2026 @ 19h30 GMT held on Zoom

Attendance

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| 1. Cormac Mac Donnell, Chair (Ireland) | 4. Alen Pujol, General (Uruguay) |
| 2. Ross Philips, Organisation (UK) | 5. Nils Filius, General (Netherlands) |
| 3. Lisa de Speville, Admin (South Africa) | 6. Wayne Leek, Media (Canada) |

Apologies:

None

1. Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflict of interest reported.

2. Minutes last meeting / review and adopt

- Minutes from December will be uploaded to the IARA website.

3. Finances

- Membership fee proposal was sent out to members on 16 December with the AGM invitation.
- We ideally need a fundraising person with experience on the IARA committee or a task group for 2026.

4. Task Groups

- Race Categorisation project
 - Wayne has designed excellent badges for this project.
 - Lisa to add usage directions to the document
 - Document to be formatted (Wayne)
 - All to be put on website with badges for download.
 - To be circulated to all countries.
- Alen, Nils and Cormac to complete the Development Guidelines Document (for countries and members) . To add summary of country experiences. Lisa to edit.

5. Junior Adventure Racing World Championship

- MOU with parties (ARWS and Raid) to be finalised and signed. Cormac to contact Heidi and Jean-Thomas.
- Need to check in with race organisers on pre-registrations received (Wayne)

6. AGM 2026

- Save the date was sent on 28 November 2025.
- Invitation was sent on 16 December 2025 with membership fee proposal and request for nominations.
- Meeting reminder (and nominations) was sent on 4 January 2026. Next on 9 Jan. Remind people about attendance.
- Committee members to write portfolio reports by 12 Jan 2026.
- Chat to some people about possible positions to be filled.
- See whether Marijn is available to run the voting as in 2025.
- Cormac is coordinating with Brian Gatens to do a The Dark Zone podcast at the start of the meeting (about 35 mins).
- Lisa to create a presentation template that we can add to.

7. Other

- IARA reply to Ian Adamson's email from 25 November was sent on 8 Jan. In our letter we confirmed knowledge of WO's dissolution and integration with UIPM, requested that Ian relinquish ongoing claims on adventure racing, declined his offer to join, and wished him well with the integration.
- Letter to go out to UIPM before the AGM; this to be followed with a media release.

Meeting Summary/ Actions

Action	Who	When
Upload previous minutes to website	Lisa	After meeting
Committee meeting reminders	Cormac / Lisa	Before next meeting
Guidelines doc to be completed	Alen, Nils, Cormac, Lisa	Before 16th January (Friday week)
Letter to UIPM	Cormac, Lisa	Before AGM
Brian Gatens podcast for AGM	Cormac	
JARWC MOU	Cormac	Before 12th January
AGM reminder (nominations & attendance)	Lisa	10 January
Check in on JARWC registrations	Wayne	
Race categorisation doc needs formatting	Wayne	Early Jan once finalised.
Committee members to do reports	All	By 12 Jan
Voting method for AGM?	Lisa	ASAP

- **NEXT MEETING:** Thurs, 15 January 2026 at 19h00 GMT