

MEETING MINUTES

IARA Steering Committee 2026

Date : Thursday, 19 March 2026 @ 19h00 GMT held on Zoom

Attendance

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| 1. Ross Philips, Chairperson (UK) | 4. Mike Garrison - General (USA) |
| 2. Lisa de Speville, Admin (South Africa) | 5. Pascal Bahuaud (France) |
| 3. Alen Pujol, General-Membership (Uruguay) | 6. Wayne Leek, Media & PR (Canada) |

Apologies:

Jose Rivas - General (Spain) and Cormac Mac Donnell, General - Projects (Ireland)

1. Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflict of interest reported.

2. Minutes last meeting / review and adopt

- Minutes from February have been adopted.

3. General

- Lisa to follow-up on finalisation of Raid In France support letter.

4. Junior AR World Champs

- Liaison with event organisers continues.
- Event has emailed letters to pre-registered teams to confirm their places.
- Uruguay says only one of their two teams has received a letter. IARA to check up on this.

5. World Pentathlon-World Obstacle saga

- A lot of communication went out with letters to World Obstacle and World Pentathlon members ahead of the FISO dissolution vote on 15 March.
- Also comms with AR Countries.
- And a media release stating our continued position to oppose adventure racing being dragged into Pentathlon by Obstacle.
- And a response has been sent to Pentathlon Secretary-General Shiny Fang.

6. Tasks

- We met on 5 March and Cormac took us through his excellent task document. Four projects were selected to focus on for the next few months:
 - i. Fundraising
 - ii. Event Calendar
 - iii. Resource Hub
 - iv. Safety

- These are ready to share with countries and on socials to recruit people for working groups.
- The Development Guidance document still needs to be formatted for publication in April. (Lisa & Wayne)
- Note to follow up with countries on Race Categorisation badges.

7. General

- Admin group needs to coordinate on which policies to work on next.
- Admin group to start a discussion around endorsements and recognition of races.
- Lisa attended an International Rogaining Federation meeting on 18/3 (as the South African Observer member). Adventure racing came up. IRF acknowledges that many highly competitive rogainers are adventure racers. World Rogaining Champs happens every second year. Next one is in Australia in Sept 2027. This clashes with AR World Champs in Croatia in Sept 2027. Our two organisations will liaise to look at preventing a calendar clash in 2029 and beyond.

- **NEXT MEETING:** Thurs, 16 April 2026 at 19h00 GMT