



IFMGA Board Meeting

Minutes 29th September 2022, 19.30 to 21.30 CET, per Zoom

Participants: Peter Cliff (President), Urs Wellauer, Angela Hawse, Hampi Schoop, Juliana Garcia, Kurt Walde, Walter Zörer

Report: Christoph Schaub, secretary

Excused: Reiner Taglinger, Hervé Qualizza

1. Minutes of Board Meeting 16th August 2022

The Board accepted the record of the minutes of the meeting of 16th August 2022 as accurate.

2. Secretary's Report

- End of financial year/annual report: All documents have been sent to the external auditor for their preparation for the meeting with the internal auditors, Hampi and me. I'm working on the annual report, some contributions are still missing.
- CPD Spitsbergen: I supported the ESAC sub-committee with the invitation for the CPD in Spitsbergen.
- GA Slovakia: Preparations are ongoing and getting more and more.
- IFMGA Merchandize articles: I asked for quotes for the stickers (6cm and 20 cm) and different versions of the iron-badges (check if we want 4 cm and black). As soon as I receive the quotes I'll report back.

3. Reports of Board Members

Angela:

Climate Change:

- Attended UN Mountain Partnership Meeting. Presentation and Panel "Keeping our Mountains Waste-Free".

Sponsoring:

- Sponsorship Agreement with Lenz is complete and a request is made for the Board's approval.

Walter:

Subcommittee Expeditions and Trekking :

- Update of the manual is finished and PDF distributed
- Preparation for CPD together with ESAC for Svalbard: 28.11. – 2.12.2022, sign up till October 15th

Database:

- Still have to put more associations all online <https://guides.ifmga.info/> -
- Integration with the new website is in progress (Kurt)
- Presentation at the GA

Kurt:

Insurances:

- Kurt has been trying to find an insurance policy for all IFMGA guides; this is time consuming work which is ongoing; and a further report will be made at the next Board meeting. He is also looking into updating the existing policy for the IFMGA itself.

New website:

- The contract to create a new website has been given to PixelFactory in Bolzano and the first working meeting took place on 8th September.

Urs:

Rope Access Subcommittee:

- Meeting with the Georgian rope access team with the outcome for a next course: 24. - 28.10.22 Level 1 Course in Tbilisi with support from Switzerland, Res Fuhrer

IFMGA Board:

- Visit of final Mountain Guide Course Rock climbing exam in Georgia, Kaspegi
- I attended the ceremony for the 27 new Swiss mountain guides (1 woman, 26 men) and welcomed them to the international mountain guide family. Of course, I promoted the IFMGA climbing and skiing championships.

Reiner:

- Changes in Reference Handbook and Platform: I did some changes in the Reference Handbook. Some changes in the Platform about No Ski need to be done. This will take place now after the season.
- Instructor Exchanges: Application from South Tyrol, Austria and Germany for an instructor exchange / visit. The three countries applied in July 2022 for an exchange in 2023 between the instructors. Each country applied for CHF 1000.-. The exchange will happen in 2023 at the 22nd till 24th of May. → The board agrees on supporting all three countries with CHF 1000.- for expenses.
- New Zealand: I contacted Andy Cole (President NZMGA) to ask him in which way we can help in New Zealand. Andy told me he will be interested to have more exchange with some other countries.
- Peru: Information from Angel Morales (TD AGMTP) that some people from other countries (Chile and Ecuador) applied for the training in Peru. AGMTP already had a conversation with them, but they will run the training there. From my position as President TC is this OK.

Juliana:

- Social Media Work: On my part this month I have sent 3 proposals for the Board to review about other people/agencies that can help us with communications/social media/up date web/ newsletter. After 2 months of searching and receiving and filtering various proposals 3 have been chosen for our observation.
- Complete report of what has been done with Maria Elisa since 4-5 years ago when we started the "communications/social media" work.

Peter:

- Mobility: On 6th September there was a Zoom meeting, which was poorly attended. The meeting on 7th/8th November in Rome, with the Competent Authorities of Italy and France, is still planned to take place. Mobility is a workshop item for the GA.

4. Budgets

External auditor (Cristan Haldi T&R Oberland) gave feedback on first version. Some changes needed to be done, especially currency corrections which will affect the result (strong CHF vs weak EUR). Meeting on October 4th with external and internal auditors.

5. General Assembly 2022 Update

- Most associations have given feedback as to whether they will attend to the GA. Aosta and Germany are unable to attend, Argentina via Zoom).
- Juliana will summarize the workshops (Wednesday and Thursday) for GA
- Motions: Up to now one Motion arrived from Norway/EEMGA concerning the implementation of a Journal. Some additional information is needed (e.g. budget).
- Slovakian association sent programme for partners of delegates. This will be shared in the next days.

6. Sponsoring

- Although there are some minor amendments to be made to the text, the Board agreed the Contract with Lenz and thanked Angela for the successful outcome to this important work. Lenz will be present at the General Assembly, so delegates will have the opportunity to meet Lenz and see their products.

7. Board Motions at GA

There was a discussion on some Motions to be proposed by the Board at the GA, which will be distributed in due course along with other GA documents.

8. Communication

The Board took note of Germany's motion at the 2021 GA to compare the Social Media Work done by María Elisa Laso with other providers. Juliana did a great job to find three potential suitable candidates and ask for quotations for the work, many thanks to her! The quotations of the three chosen agencies are similar (or more expensive) compared to María Elisa's.

Given that the board is very satisfied with María Elisa's work and that she works at a competitive rate, the board agreed to continue with her. It was decided to extend the work for another year.

9. Date of next meeting 19th November 2022, 19.30 CET via Zoom

10. AOB

none
