



IFMGA Board Meeting

Minutes 29th June 2022, 19.30 to 21.45 CET and additional Budget Meeting on 11th of July 2022, 20.00 to 22.00 CET, both per Zoom

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

Report: Christoph Schaub, secretary

Excused: -

1. Minutes of Board Meeting 26th April 2022

The Board accepted the record of the minutes of the meeting of 26th April 2022 as accurate.

2. Secretary's Report

- IFMGA merchandise articles: After consultation with Hampi it was decided to postpone the order of merchandise articles into the new financial year (starting in August). The board approved this decision.
- Legal Protection Insurance: Information for the board what is covered in the current insurance from Protekta. Short discussion if an addition is needed. → Urs and Christoph will further discuss the topic and come up with a recommendation.

3. Reports of Board Members

Urs:

Rope Access Subcommittee:

- Switzerland: Strongest year with rope access courses last year (01.07.2021 – 30.06.2022)
- Austria: No courses in 2022, they will start again in autumn 2022. Martin Gstrein is the new rope access course leader. Train the trainer course is planned in July with Swiss expert for the new Austria Team.
- Germany: No news.

TC Spring Meeting: Urs took part in the TC Meeting in St. Kassian and also met our President Peter. It was a great meeting in a wonderful place, Urs was impressed by the risk management of most of the associations. Big thank to Reiner, Hervé and Kurt

Juliana:

- Information about collaboration with member associations to create joint content. Up to now 7 member associations replied.
- General metrics: Social Media follower numbers are still rising.
- Newsletter: Preparation of newsletter about Mountain Waste Survey.
- Sponsors: Together with Angela working on a PDF to present to potential sponsors.

Reiner:

- The TC spring meeting took place from 28.04.-30.04.2022 in St. Kassian in the Dolomites. In total, numerous representatives from a total of 15 member associations participated at this meeting. Topic of the meeting was decision making in rock, ice and mixed terrain. → A detailed protocol is pending.
- Rescue course EEMGA: Reiner was invited as an instructor for the mountain rescue course with EEMGA in the Dolomites. This course could be held in a great terrain. 6 new applicants start the training in the EEMGA in the 3rd cycle of this association.

Walter:

- Subcommittee Expeditions and Trekking: Update on the manual is almost finished, big thanks to all contributors.
- CPD application together with ESAC for Svalbard → to be discussed at next meeting.
- Database project: Exchange with some more associations and Christoph on the database project. Most MA have already signed the contract, now we have to put them all online. Integration with the new website is in progress (Kurt), presentation at the GA.

Angela:

Sponsorship:

- Negotiations for Title Sponsorship of the IFMGA with Lenz Body Heat Products have progressed to working on a draft contract.
- Meetings and email correspondence with MDV Sports with the IFMGA EASC regarding sponsorship. They represent Voelkl, Marker and Dalbello and are interested in our work on sustainability.
- Meetings with a company in the U.S., Mountain Flow who manufactures plant based ski wax products that is interested in working with the IFMGA and specifically the EASC.
- Worked with Communications on a functioning "Sponsor Deck" that can be used to seek additional partnership.
- Continuing to seek solutions to the challenge with IFMGA sponsorship of how to benefit Member Associations and if so, how is this practical and sustainable.

Climate Change:

- Worked with graduate students at the Western Colorado University to build a curriculum on Environmental Best Practices for MG's that includes content on Climate Change. This education project was initiated by the EASC which I presented to the GA in Bariloche 2020.
- Working with two members of the ESAC to develop an IFMGA Climate Action Plan, identifying all potential the stakeholders in addition to the IFMGA Association itself and how we can build a model that can be replicated and sustainable potentially for Member Associations, MG's, clients, etc.
- Working with two members of the ESAC to develop the next series of "IFMGA Mountain Talks" addressing Climate Education and Action for Mountain Guides.
- Developing next steps to replicate the Carbon Calculation of our Zurich Board meeting to a model for the 2022 IFMGA General Assembly.

Peter:

- Mobility: Planned meeting in May in Milan with EU Commission was canceled. Unfortunately currently no replies from the EU Commission.
- Poland: Letter in support of Polish association was sent.
- Russia: The board endorsed Peter's reply to Alexey Shustrov (RMGA).
- Italy: The lawyer advising us on working in Italy has sent us a 10 page report, which has resulted in having a fairly lengthy email exchange with Hanno and Alexis. Further questions have been

sent by Peter to the lawyer for clarification on some points; and once we hear back from him the intention is to send a Summary out to all Member Associations.

Kurt:

Talks with insurance companies are ongoing.

4. Budgets 2021/2 and 2022/3

An additional Zoom meeting to discuss the budgets was scheduled for 11th of July.

The Meeting on 11th July took place. The Budget 2021/2 is potentially showing a small surplus for the year ending 31st July 2022; the Budget 2022/3 was modified slightly and the Budget 2023/4 was agreed.

5. Development Fund

The board agreed to Slovenia's application for EUR 4500.- from the Development Fund.

6. New website

The agency started the work on the new IFMGA website.

7. General Assembly 2022: Planning

The board agreed to send the first information about the GA to the member association. Mail sent on 30.06.2022.

First ideas for Workshops:

- Urs: Rope Access
- Urs: Future of Mountain Guiding
- Angela: Climate Change
- Angela: Sponsor Lenz

8. Date of Next Meetings:

16.08.2022, 19.30 CET, per Zoom: Next regular Board Meeting

9. AOB

Nepal had announced that they would like to apply for an instructor exchange. Application is pending.