



IFMGA Board Meeting

Minutes 16th August 2022, 19.30 to 21.30 CET, per Zoom

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

Report: Christoph Schaub, secretary

Excused: Kurt Walde

1. Minutes of Board Meeting 29th June 2022

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

Matters arising:

- Date of TC Spring Meeting had a typo: Correct would be 28.05. – 30.05.2022
- Discussion about legal Protection Insurance (Urs and Christoph) still has to happen.

Short discussion on how detailed the Minutes of Board Meeting should be: The board agreed that the current form is working and they shouldn't be more detailed.

2. Secretary's Report

- End of financial year: Most invoices concerning the financial year 2021/2022 could be gathered. Meeting with Hampi on 15.8. to prepare the closure of the books.
- 2023 stamps: Most MA gave feedback on their current number of guides within their association. For these the membership fee invoices 2022/2023 are out and the 2023 stamps are on the way.
- Female guides: María Elisa and Juliana asked if we had the current numbers of female guides within the MA. Information was requested, 21 associations gave feedback.
- Transfer problems: Some MA have problems with bank transfers due to state regulations. The setup for credit card payment would be CHF 200.- initial costs plus 2.45% commission on every payment. → Peter offered to check with TransferWise to give MA more options.

3. Reports of Board Members

Walter:

Nothing new to report

Kurt:

- Webpage: As the company Pixelfactory was not yet able to issue a down payment invoice in July, work on our new website will start on 1 September after the down payment has been made.
- Insurance: For the insurance it is similar, everything is going very slowly, on one hand because of all the summer holidays and on the other of the complexity of the matter.

Comment Christoph: Payment was done the same day the invoice arrived. The agreement with Pixelfactory was that they would start to work beforehand.

Urs:

Rope Access Subcommittee:

- No news

IFMGA Board :

- Zoom Meeting with Pete about IFMGA future (all planned flights were canceled)
- Meeting with Hervé in Martigny about first ideas vision 2030-2040, second meeting in Chamonix to work on concept.
- Mobility Conference: I took part in the Mobility Zoom Conference
- Planned to attend at final exam of Georgian final course (privately). No one from TC is going.

Angela:

Sponsorship

- Negotiations with LENZ regarding a 3-year Title Sponsor Agreement to the IFMGA are nearly complete.
- Discussing participation in the GA as our first meeting with LENZ representatives at a Happy Hour event following workshops.

Climate Change

- Impacts to our profession, exposure to risk and increasing hazards in the workplace (mountains) are the center of attention for mountain guides this summer season
- Work impacts due to unusual conditions in the Alps, North America, world-wide (full-scale unknown). Many guides have changed plans and shifted to non-classic, less desirable objectives with clients due to Climate Change
- Widespread media attention on changing conditions in the mountains has included mentions on the impacts to our profession
- Next steps will be to prioritize potential projects:

IFMGA Climate Action Plan (CAP)

Develop archive system to document MG's experiences with Climate Change

Develop CPD's on Climate Change → check cooperation with CH, F and MSi. Check inclusion in Spitzbergen CPD

Carbon Calculator for IFMGA, model that is useful for Member Associations

Developing curriculum on Climate Change for MG's on the MSi platform

Juliana:

- A newsletter 2-3 weeks before GA should be planned
- Second quotation for Social Media and Communication work is request from different providers.
- General metrics: Social Media follower numbers are still rising.

Peter:

Mobility:

- The Italian lawyer replied with clarification on some points, from which it appears that the Italian Competent Authority's interpretation of the law is at variance with the law itself. At a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 10th (Hanno, Alexis, Urs and Peter) we decided to (i) invite the Competent Authorities of Italy and France to a meeting in Rome on 7th or 8th November, and (ii) to hold a Zoom meeting of the full Mobility Committee on 6th September.
- The summary of the lawyer will be sent out to the presidents of the MA.
- The board requested more transparency of the work of the Mobility sub-committee → Peter will inform Hanno

No Ski:

- Following the Swiss suggestion of ski training for No Ski guides, a wider discussion evolved on the objectives of No Ski. I think it would be useful to discuss this at the GA, to maybe restate the IFMGA's objectives, which in turn could lead to discussions with the Competent Authorities of the Alps countries.

4. Budgets 2021/2 and 2022/3

First version of 2021/2022 closure show a success of CHF 46000.- .

5. General Assembly 2022

Workshops:

- Peter will finalize the schedule but the board agreed on all topics.

Guests:

- No special guests from IFMGA side. Christoph will check with Slovakian association if they intend to invite local people.

Applications funds towards travel:

- 6 MA applied for support. The board decided to support as following: Kyrgyzstan CHF 1500.-, Japan CHF 2000.- , Ecuador CHF 2000.- , Peru CHF 2000.- , New Zealand CHF 2500.- , Canada no support.

Board travel arrangement

- Most board members intent to travel by train.

6. Date of next meeting

29.09.2022, 19.30 CET, per Zoom: Next regular Board Meeting

7. AOB

Italy has offered to host the Climbing Competition in Cortina in November 2023

