



IFMGA Board Meeting

February 1st 2023, 19.30 - 21.30 CET by Zoom

Participants: Urs Wellauer (President), Angela Hawse, Hervé Qualizza, Hampi Schoop, Juliana Garcia, Kurt Walde, Walter Zörer, Javier Garrido

Report: Christoph Schaub, secretary

Excused: -

1. Minutes of Board Meetings on 25th November 2022

The Board accepted the record of the minutes of the meeting of 25th November 2022 as accurate.

2. Secretary's Report

- Informed that the new process for ordering guide's license is in place and that the January order worked out well. It generates more work for the Secretary.
- New email signatures are ready, board members need to proof read them and to use them as soon as possible.

3. Reports of Board Members

Hampi:

Ski- and Climbing Championships: Update on current status. The website that was created for the competitions need to be connected to the main IFMGA website.

➔ Urs will connect developer with Gerold Ritter

Kurt:

New IFMGA webpage: In order to start the website now in January, some preliminary work would be done: survey and feedback to and from all board members on the web navigation items, decision on one of the graphic proposals together with the communication team, selection of over 100 photos for the launch of the site, summary in one document of all existing texts of the current site, which now urgently need to be confirmed or revised by the respective resorts and commissions. Angela has offered to proofread.

Kurt is convinced that the coordination with the Board and Commissions for the development of the texts should be done by Maria Elisa, who is responsible for communication.

Kurt estimated that the pages could possibly be ready in 6 months, but this is a personal estimate. Kurt also reports that after a clarifying discussion with the web designer, they decided to go with the Joomla4 platform, as it was offered.

Insurances: Still work in progress.

Walter:

Subcommittee Expeditions and Trekking: TC/CPD together with ESAC for Svalbard in May 2023. Meeting with Hervé, Urs and Christoph for preparing content.

Database: Ongoing project. Some associations got in touch after the presentation at General Assembly and connected with Gerold Ritter.

Javier:

Mobility: Update Mobility Regulations for new IFMGA website. Maybe in different format than currently. First contacts with Hanno and Alexis.

Social: Javier will work on a survey similar to the one the AEGM did.

Juliana:

Communications: Some questions about how to work on website and newsletter topics.

Angela:

Sponsorship: Update on work regarding Lenz.

Climate: Correspondence with Hervé and Kurt on Svalbard and TC meeting agenda. Outreach to potential speakers for Mountain Talks.

Hervé:

TC :

- Update on various requests from interested countries to join the IFMGA (Kazakhstan, Singapore, Lebanon etc.)
- Chile: strategic and important topic for South America: we have to plan on next budget an important visit.
- No Ski guides: The board has to have a clear position. Next step will be a meeting with the Alpine countries.
- Other "mountain" professions: Also here the board needs a clearer vision.

Urs:

Rope Access Sub-commission:

- Peru will start with 5 experts.
- Germany and Austria need to organize more courses → Promotion of expert exchange.
- South America: Urs and Res Furrer will visit Ecuador (level 1), Peru (level 2) and Bolivia (level 3) in September.

4. Update SIM case

The hearing at the court in Lyon has been postponed to 07.02.2023 because the judge was not available on the initial date.

We agreed on a very short reply to SIM's offer for dialogue.

5. Update Svalbard CPD, TC Spring Meeting

Meeting with Urs, Walter and Christoph. Decision to go forward with it and to include the CPD and the important meeting with the Governor. Hervé prepared an explanation why we decided to go there. → Invitation has to be sent as soon as possible

The IFMGA board agreed on the budget for this. Total approximately CHF 20'000.-.

6. Objectives 2023

President Elect: At General Assembly 2023 in Kyrgyzstan MA information that at the following GA a new President elect has to be voted for.

IFMGA Board: Juliana will step down at GA 2023. Will Germany be back in board?

7. Next Meeting: 06.03.2023, 19.30 – 21.30 CET, per Zoom

8. AOB:

- IFMGA Ski championship in Grindelwald/Lauterbrunnen 2023: The full board plans to attend. Board meeting beforehand, starting on 26.04.2023, 13h in Grindelwald.
- Collaboration with MSi: ➔ Angela and Juliana will prepare presentation for Board meeting in Grindelwald. What is the impact on resources (human and financial)?
- General Assembly 2025 New Zealand: ➔ Board will discuss pros and contras during next board meeting.
- Kurt informed that Ski Mountaineering will be introduced in 2026 as new Olympic discipline. What are the opportunities, dangers, impact on our profession? ➔ Topic for Board Meeting end of April in Grindelwald. Board members should prepare themselves for it.
- Invoice for Fees and Expenses: ➔ to be sent to Christoph by 13.02.2023

