



IFMGA Board Meeting

March 6th 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 1th of February 2023 as accurate.

2. Secretary's Report

We tried to organize a meeting before the Ski Championship with the presidents of France, Italy (all 3), Austria and Switzerland to discuss and understand the topic with them. Unfortunately only CH and A would be able to come. → Meeting will be cancelled.

3. Reports of Board Members

Hampi:

Date of Climbing Championship in Cortina is confirmed: 30.11. – 03.12.2023

Kurt:

New IFMGA webpage: For this week of April 6 a Zoom meeting with the developer is scheduled, he will explain the programmed raw version of the site. A physical meeting is planned for Monday 3rd April in Bolzano, where Urs will participate.

Insurances: Ongoing process, discussions with broker.

Walter:

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

Database: Ongoing project. No further news from MAs.

Javier:

Mobility: Contact with European and Swiss Associations to have an update about regulation concerning No Ski Guides. Only few replies so far.

Social: First draft survey "Who are the IFGMA mountain guides"

Juliana:

Meeting with María Elisa, Urs, Christoph to show workflow of communication team, define newsletters, use of logos.

Angela:

Sponsorship: Update on work regarding Lenz. Details for Lenz discounts to all MA's, two social media posts, partnership logos on webpage, email signatures board, newsletter ect. Lenz has set out newsletter to their 80k followers.

Climate: First discussions with Hervé on ENSA's current work and how we may use it.

Hervé:

TC :

- Big thanks to all members of TC for the collaboration and work, especially for helping to organize Spring Meeting and CPR in Svalbard.
- Chile: Planning visit of their training in August/September
- Bolivia: Nicolas Palma from Chile will attend Snow & Avalanche training and submit a report to TC
- Lebanon: Requested resumes of alpinists.
- No Ski Guides: ENSA works on process for ski training for No Ski Guides .
- EEMGA needs support to run their courses.
- Exchanges/visits:
 - Return on the difference between exchanges and visits (see website)
 - Update of the visit request form and the report form
 - Drafting of a letter to members reminding them of the procedure

Urs:

Rope Access Sub-commission:

- New Level 1 course in Peru 08. – 15.05.2023.
- In 2023/24 New Rope Access Project in Georgia training for 6 train the trainer (Level 2 – 3) supported and financed via USAID

- Many courses in Switzerland

IFMGA Board:

- Ski Championship 2023 will be sponsored by the Kanton of Bern.

4. General Assembly 2025 in New Zealand

Discussion and vote: It was unanimously decided not to hold the General Assembly 2025 in New Zealand. The Board will work on a new process to decide where General Assemblies will be held in the future based on considerations discussed regarding responsible best practices for an international organization to conduct business.

5. Update Svalbard CPD, TC Spring Meeting

Christoph: Hotel in Svalbard is reserved for Board and participants.

Angela: Special considerations and dialogue with TC on Svalbard CPD/TC meeting. Outcomes of CPD/TC to share with MA's on remote expedition/polar guiding.

Hervé: Lot of work preparing content with Angela, Kurt and Walter. Contact with scientists.

Walter: Working with TC on CPD details.

6. Budget and Accounts

Short overview Budget 2022/23 from Hampi: Budget is on track.

Budget 2023/24: By next Board Meeting we need input from sub-commissions. → Hampi will reach out to them.

Development Fund: MA's should send propositions for projects that could be supported. → Christoph will send reminder.

7. Next Meeting: 26. + 27.04.2023

Start 13.00 h in Grindelwald

8. AOB:

- IFMGA Ski championship in Grindelwald/Lauterbrunnen 2023: Board Members need to subscribe themselves.