



IFMGA Board Meeting Minutes

April 26th to 28th 2023, Grindelwald, Switzerland

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 06th March 2022

The Board accepted the record of the Minutes for the 6th of March 2023 meeting as accurate.

2. Secretary's Report

Future reports should be sent as PDF at least 3 days before Board Meeting to secretary. Secretary puts them on Dropbox and sends them to all Board Members.

Information about several IFMGA logo infringements.

3. Reports of Board Members

Angela:

Sponsoring: Discussion on "Expert Voice" and shipping limited for guides only in North and South America. Value for guides is beneficial, especially in SA and we should pursue it.

Climate Change: Zero Water Day Partnership: ➔ Angela will ask for a two year budget. It's important that there's a value for the IFMGA and for our guides.

Kurt:

New website: Update about meeting with designer and Urs. Juliana takes care of text input from committees etc. and then check English with Angela.

Insurance: No further development from broker. It's very hard to get to an international solution.
➔ Kurt will prepare an update for MA.

Hervé:

Hervé showed Doc exchange folders on TC Dropbox.

Two new potential candidate countries: Lebanon and Kazakhstan. Both need time to get on this level.

Big problems in France at Pôle Montagne (for mobility access to Italy).

EEMGA: Instructors exchange with ENSA

Javier:

Mountain Guide Survey: Almost finished, some translations are still required.

Work access in Europe for No Ski Guides: Feedback from most countries. ➔ Javier will prepare survey to be sent to presidents for final check.

Walter:

Database: Board agrees that it should be integrated in new website. Pierre Mathey (SBV) is available to assist in the implementation ➔ Walter should get in touch

Hampi:

Update championships

Juliana:

➔ Will work on social media guidelines.

Juliana would be available to continue on Communication topics even after she steps down from the board.

Urs:

Rope Access: Update on courses and visit South America in September.

Meeting developer new IFMGA website in Bolzano.

Participation on memorial ceremony in Chamonix for Mattias Erlandsson.

4. Svalbard

Update on program. As soon as it's finalized it will be sent out.

5. Collaboration with MSI

Presentation from Angela. Discussion on how to continue. It won't stay for free as it was the last years.

→ Angela will ask Manuel Genswein to prepare a contract and clarify some questions (governance etc.). On board meeting of 26.06.2023 the board will decide on future of the cooperation.

Internal workflow at IFMGA needs to be adapted.

6. IFMGA Journal

Juliana is responsible in cooperation with TC. → Hervé will speak with Cosmin. The idea is to take existing content and rework it. Budget in 2023/2024.

7. Vice President and Vice President TC:

At next GA both should be elected. Board motion for GA assembly 2024: Javier Vice President, Angela and Kurt Vice President TC.

8. Sub-committees:

Canyoning: No update yet. → Kurt will contact Marco Heltai

Trekking and Expedition: Update manual is finalized. Work with TC on Svalbard.

Mobility: Work access in Europe for No Ski Guides: Feedback from most countries. → Javier will prepare survey to be sent to presidents for final check.

→ Javier will set up meeting with sub-committee.

ESAC: no updates

Rope access: As in Urs's report.

9. Applications Development Found:

Nepal: Asked for CHF 25'000.- support for aspirant courses because the support from government was cut. → Schedule Zoom meeting to fully understand the problem in week of 5.6.

Kyrgyzstan: Asked for CHF 17400.- for developing courses for PMGA (Iran). → TC will get in

touch with KMGa to explain process for developing a new candidate country.

Ecuador: Asked for CHF 6000.- for bolting multipitch routes needed for the guide formation. Would be in Peru and also used by AGMP. → Juliana will ask for more details

France: C.Trommsdorff presented project for better communication between guides about regulations and conditions in relation of climate change. Establishing communication channels, make them accessible. Budget for meeting in Chamonix end of 30th/31st May. CHF 5000.-. Christian will send formal application. CHF 3000.- will be paid out of RRP budget (TC).

10. SIM case:

The court in Lyon ruled that it has jurisdiction on the merits of the case in France. The IFMGA has the possibility to appeal against this verdict.

Online meeting with Xavier to discuss the appeal. The board unanimously decided to appeal.

11. No Ski Guides

No discussion due to lack of time. → needs to be discussed at coming board meeting

12. Ski Mountaineering as Olympic discipline

No discussion due to lack of time. → needs to be discussed at coming board meeting

13. Next meeting

26.06.2023, 19.30 – 21.30 CET, per Zoom

14. AOB

Text on mountain guide cards: → Christoph will Exceet Card ask for templates to have them unified.

In the future there should be an international CPD just before the ski championship to increase attractiveness. → Hampi in the lead with TC

Meeting counts for 2.5 days plus 1 day for traveling for all but Hampi and Urs.