IFMGA Management Committee Meeting

Agenda September 29th 2020, 20.00 - 22.00 CET by Zoom

Participants: Peter Cliff (President), Cesare Cesa Bianchi, Mark Diggins, Juliana Garcia, Romain de Lambert, Reiner Taglinger, Diego Wellig

Report: Emanuel Wassermann, secretary

1 Apologies

Walter Zörer

2 Minutes of 25th August 2020

The Management Committee confirms that the minutes of the last meeting are correct.

3 Reports: Board + Sub Committees

Mobility

Peter and Hanno had a phone meeting with the EU Commission where they discussed:

- problem in Slovakia and Poland over Poland's definition of 'mountain guide'; EU law allows Host MS to check a qualification, but EU can't help directly
- when EPC expires, the Home Member State renews it and it is not necessary for the Host MS to check it again
- re Pole Montagne and other Competent Authorities: EU can only act if they get a complaint
- Hanno explained that in Austria, although all Regions have same standards for mountain guides, a visiting guide needs separate EPC for each. Hanno will follow this up with EU, maybe by way of a complaint

An email was received from a lawyer employed by the Slovakia Association about their ongoing problems with Poland, centred around the definition of 'mountain guide'. The EU followed this up with a helpful email which may lead to an improvement in the situation.

Survey on regulations: The Mobility Committee is currently conducting the survey. Many Member Associations have already given feedback. Mark thanks Hanno for this very good initiative. The Board unanimously agrees.

Election of new IFMGA Secretary:

All Member Associations were notified that any IFMGA Mountain Guide can apply provided they will be domiciled in (i.e. living in) Switzerland for the duration of the post. There is an Interview Panel of Rita Christen (President Elect CH), Kurt Walde (President S Tyrol), Christian Jacquier (President France) and Peter Cliff, President IFMGA. Rita is Chair of the Panel; Mani will be available to advise the Panel as well as people who are interested in the post. The Panel is meeting on 1st October by Zoom to look at applications (so far 3 have been received); interviews take place in Bern on 20th October; and the General Assembly makes the final election.

TC Report

Georgia: The original plan to have the last observation in Georgia during the alpine exam in October was cancelled by TC 2 weeks ago. Georgia was not happy about this decision, but the situation was unclear what's happen next (COVID). We postpone the observation to 2021.

RMGA: Russia started with the alpine course 2 days ago. It was planned that a member of the TC would take part in this course. Already in the run-up to the course the travel possibilities for all observers turned out to be difficult. Pavel Vorbiev from KMGA in Kyrgyzstan was also asked. We also cancelled this mission prematurely due to the unclear COVID-situation.

Financial Report

The annual closing ends on July 31th 2020. We`ll make a small profit of CHF 17`230.01.

As a reminder: this was exceptionally a long year, 19 months, because we postponed the annual financial statements until the end of July. Thanks to careful priority setting, the budget and membership fees for 2019 have been sufficient until July 2020.

The key figures on 31.07.2020 are as follows:

Current year net Income/Loss:	CHF 17'230.01	(58`118.17 / 2018)
Cash in bank:	CHF 248'083.79	(- CHF 35'336.08)
Equity capital (Eignkapital)	CHF 174`006.54	
Summe Balance Passiva:	CHF 330'999.53	(- CHF 35'394.50)
Investment & Cooperation Fund (total assets)	CHF 152'335.35	

Pierre Matthey (CH) audited the financial statements as internal auditor.

The report will be available at the GA. Pierre's term of office has expired and he asks the GA to vote for someone else. The GA must elect two new auditors for the 2020/21 closing.

Ski and Climbing Committee

Hampi Schoop (CH) and a working group wrote a concept paper as a basis for the organisation of future competitions. Cesare supports the concept and the Board decides to send it to all Member Associations. Cesare will support Hampi to establish a Competition Committee. The committee should support the M.A. in the organisation of the competitions (advisory capacity).

Communication

Social Media: The community has been more involved and we have better input from each association, but at the end of the year we need to improve in our strategy as we did one year ago.

Recommendations/to do:

- Uploading general board news on the web.
- News from each committee to publishing the work.
- Making the decision of the topics for the newsletter 2020/2021 (3 newsletters each
- year).

4 Expense Claims (PC)

The Board discusses expense reports of commissions. The Board is of the unanimous opinion that for sessions where expenses are charged, a report on the session content is always sent to the Board. Peter reported on the action he took regarding an expenses claim and the Board fully supported him

New Regulation about Fees and Expenses: The Board confirms the introduction of the new regulation with a small change in the preamble. The document will be stored on the Admin-Page.

Diego points out that changes in regulations should be made at the end of each term of office.

5 Planning of General Assembly

The Board discusses the form of the GA. It is to become a limited GA. During the two days before the GA, informal discussions can be held virtually. Decisions will then be made at the GA.

Everything that belongs to the annual closing should be decided at the GA: Activity Reports, Financial Report and Auditors Report. Also the Minutes from the last GA at Bariloche.

If possible, a decision should be made on the new bylaws. If it becomes difficult, the decision is postponed until spring.

Elections of board members are to be postponed to the next physically GA. To make this possible, the Board will submit a motion asking the GA to extend the term of Juliana, Reiner and Mark until the next physical meeting.

The new secretary should be eligible for election. For this purpose there is a comprehensive pre-selection from the specially composed election panel

The budget August 1st 2020 to July 31st 2021 must be approved, including the determination of membership fees for this period.

6 AOB

nothing

7 Date of Next Meeting

Monday November 9th 2020, 19.30 - 21.30