

**International Rogaining Federation Inc.**  
**Roles and Responsibilities – Executive**

**Summary from updates as provided monthly**

**January 2009**

Constitution changes relating to 2/3 voting: Members advised of rejection 31/1.

Annual General Meeting: this will follow auditor's report. Accounts sent to auditor 1/2.

President's Report to Members and Observers for comment on 9/1; finalized.

Budget for 2009: The IRF aligns its budgeting with its Strategic Plan. The IRF Executive expects to discuss budget ideas in February 2009.

WRC Entry Criteria: Entry criteria are being established for future World Rogaining Championships (LL).

10 WRC selection process for 2012: this will take place during the first half of 2009 with plans for a decision by June 2009 (AM). 11WRC selection will commence in mid 2009.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010ERC: Lauri Leppik and Sergey Yaschencko are calling for expressions of interest in this event from European rogaining nations. This will be finalized after 10WRC is decided.

Website: major update of website including news on WRCs (Lisa De Speville).

9<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships: 9WRC New Zealand 2010. A press release went to forty separate media outlets throughout New Zealand, and a smaller number elsewhere.

North American Rogaining Championships 2009: proposed for Arizona, details to follow.

**February 2009**

Constitution changes re-submitted for registration 6/2, and effective from 11/2/2009.

Annual General Meeting: this is underway and votes are requested as soon as possible.

IRF Budget for 2009: The IRF aligns its budgeting with its Strategic Plan. A draft budget will go to members shortly.

WRC Entry Criteria: Entry criteria are being established for future World Rogaining Championships (LL).

10 WRC selection process for 2012: this is underway and bids must be submitted to Alan Mansfield by 28 March 2009. Three bids have already been received.

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9<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships in New Zealand are on 20-21 November 2010.

11<sup>th</sup> North American Rogaining Championships are on 16-17 May 2009, Arizona, USA.

## **March 2009**

Annual General Meeting: financials approved, and annual reporting in progress.

IRF Budget for 2009: The IRF aligns its budgeting with its Strategic Plan. A draft budget will go to members shortly. Proposals are welcome for other promotional and development activities from the members and observers, and will be asking for suggestions as to how some allocated areas of funds might be used.

WRC Entry Criteria: Draft entry criteria have been circulated for comment (LL 7/4).

10 WRC selection process for 2012: three bids were received by the close of 28 March 2009 – Russia, Czech, Ukraine. Comments are invited on these bids prior to members making a recommendation to the IRF Executive (AM).

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010ERC: Lauri Leppik and Sergey Yaschenko will be calling for expressions of interest in this event from European rogaining nations. This will not be finalized until 10WRC is decided.

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## **April 2009**

WRC Entry Criteria: Draft entry criteria have been circulated for comment (LL 7/4). Further comments can be received until 12/5. Lauri will take all the comments into consideration and make a final version of the entry criteria. This will be sent to members and observers for a vote. If passed, it will be used for the WRC in 2010 in New Zealand.

10WRC selection process for 2012: three bids were received by 28 March 2009 – Czech, Russia and Ukraine. Comments have been invited on these bids. Recommendations from members and observers to the IRF Executive opened on 23/4, close is on 14/5 (AM).

Constitution: the IRF membership structure has been discussed in past years and it was agreed to postpone any decision. This topic is now open for discussion again, and the IRF Executive will prepare a short framework paper with some alternative possibilities.

Membership: the IRF Executive will be commencing a review of its current membership; countries are asked to consider their representatives on the IRF for 2009-2010.

IRF Strategy: Members and observers are urged to review the Strategic Plan for Rogaining 'Rogaining: 2010 & beyond' including Part D relevant to their own country.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010ERC: Lauri Leppik and Sergey Yaschenko will be calling for expressions of interest in organizing this event from European rogaining nations. This process will not be finalized until after 10WRC is decided.

IRF Budget for 2009: A draft 2009 budget was sent to Members (19/4).

A DVD from the 8<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships is being forwarded to IRF Members and Observers, and this can be used to promote the sport and our major events.

## **May 2009**

WRC Entry Criteria: Comments on the draft entry criteria were received up to 12/5. Lauri is taking all the comments into consideration and making a final version of the entry criteria for IRF Executive input (by start June), and for members and observers to vote on. If passed, these criteria will be used for the 9WRC in 2010 in New Zealand, and would require establishment of individual eligibility during mid-late 2009: the Executive is already discussing options for establishing eligibility.

10WRC selection process for 2012: voting on the bids from Czech, Russia and Ukraine opened on 23/4, and closed on 14/5. Award of 10WRC to the Czech Republic was announced in IRF Newsletter #149 (25/5).

IRF Membership Structure: this has been discussed in past years and it was agreed to postpone any decision. This topic is now open for discussion again. The IRF Executive has prepared a short framework paper with some ideas: distributed 25/5 (RP).

Membership: the Executive has commenced a review of IRF membership for 2009-10.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010ERC: Lauri Leppik and Sergey Yaschenko will be calling for expressions of interest in organizing this event.

IRF membership capitation fees for 2008 have been received from the New Zealand Rogaining Association with thanks for their continued support.

An outstanding DVD from the 8<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships has been forwarded to IRF Members and Observers, and been very well received. The cost of 15 EUR includes delivery by international maxi-letter.

## **June 2009**

WRC Entry Criteria: Comments on the draft entry criteria were received up to, and well after, the 12/5 deadline. Lauri is preparing a revised version for members and observers to vote on, and this should be ready mid-July.

Establishment of WRC eligibility: taking account of the possibility of a positive IRF vote on the entry criteria proposal, LL is working with the IRF Executive to determine how eligibility can be determined efficiently during August-September 2009, well in advance of 9WRC entries opening.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010: Expressions of interest have been called for 7ERC (25/5) with an assumption it will be held at least three months ahead of 9WRC which is in November 2010 (LL). Russia and Ukraine have applied. Voting closes 10 July, and LL will announce the outcome shortly thereafter.

9WRC: Alan Mansfield is the point of contact between the IRF Executive and the NZRA organisers of 9WRC 2010 in Cheviot, New Zealand.

10WRC: discussions are underway between the successful Czech bidders and the IRF Executive regarding details for this event, with Alan Mansfield the contact point.

IRF Membership Structure: The IRF Executive circulated a short framework paper on 25/5 (RP).

Membership: the Executive has commenced a review of IRF membership for 2009-10. Members have approved a second Member position for New Zealand.

Rules of Rogaining: updating of the rules of rogaining will commence in October 2009 under the leadership of LL.

## **July 2009**

WRC Entry Criteria: Lauri is preparing a revised version for Members and Observers to vote on.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010: Ukraine has been awarded 7ERC after a vote of the European members of the IRF.

9WRC: Alan Mansfield is the point of contact between the IRF Executive and the NZRA organisers of 9WRC 2010 in Cheviot, New Zealand. He is discussing entry criteria for 9WRC with the organisers.

10WRC: discussions are underway between the successful Czech bidders and the IRF Executive regarding details for this event, with Alan Mansfield the contact point.

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Membership: the Executive has commenced a review of IRF membership for 2009-10 (RP). Members have approved a second Member position for New Zealand.

Rules of Rogaining: updating of the rules of rogaining will commence in October 2009 under the leadership of LL.

Finances: the IRF bank account will have a little over AUD\$11,000 once transfers are cleared relating to the recent payment of the ERC levy by 6ERC Finland organisers. Some costs are expected in the near future.

## **August 2009**

WRC Entry Criteria: this is being treated in two parts: one for 9WRC in 2010, and one for future WRCs including 10WRC in 2012.

Lauri has prepared a revised version of WRC entry criteria for Members and Observers to vote on. This entry criteria process was raised before 8WRC in Estonia. At 8WRC entry criteria were mentioned at the IRF meeting, and outlined to all participants at the finish. The criteria have been regularly mentioned in monthly R&R summaries since.

9WRC: Alan Mansfield is continuing discussions with Grant Hunter and other NZRA organisers of 9WRC 2010 in Cheviot, New Zealand. This includes discussions of entry criteria for this particular event.

10WRC: discussions are underway between the successful Czech bidders and the IRF Executive regarding details for this event, with Alan Mansfield the contact point.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010: Ukraine has started preparations for this event and the IRF is assisting with local authority engagement.

IRF Membership Structure: IRF Executive circulated a framework paper on 25/5 (RP).

Membership: Nick Collins is the second IRF member for New Zealand Rogaining Assn.

Rules of Rogaining: updating of the rules of rogaining will commence in October 2009 under the leadership of LL.

Communication and rogaining publicity: a feature hard copy IRF Newsletter #150 is in preparation and Members and Observers are asked to prepare a brief summary of

rogaining in their country. This edition will be designed to help all countries promote rogaining to government authorities and land owners (NP). An electronic postcard of upcoming major rogaines is also being considered.

## **September 2009**

WRC Entry Criteria: this is being treated in two parts: one for 9WRC in 2010, and one for future WRCs including 10WRC in 2012.

9WRC: Nick Collins and Organizers of 9WRC have proposed entry criteria for 2010; entries to be taken from the start of November 2009 (AM).

10WRC: Lauri has prepared a revised version of general WRC entry criteria for Members and Observers (due for distribution).

10WRC: discussions are underway between the successful Czech bidders and the IRF Executive regarding the planning for this event, with Alan Mansfield as the contact point.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010: Ukraine has started preparations for this event, and the IRF is assisting with the engagement of local authorities in Ukraine.

European Rogaining Championships guidelines: Sergey Yaschenko has undertaken to review and update the 2003 Guidelines for the European Rogaining Championships in consultation with European rogaining leaders.

IRF Membership Structure: IRF Executive circulated a framework paper on 25/5 (RP), and more recently a proposed definition for national rogaining associations on 3/9 (RP). IRF Executive is discussing principles that should guide any discussion and motion.

Rules of Rogaining: updating of the rules of rogaining has been separated into two parts. An initial stage will involve an updating of the electronic punching. A second stage will involve more detailed discussions including unfair practices and what equipment is advisory and/or compulsory (under the leadership of LL).

Communication, branding and publicity: IRF Newsletter #150 is in progress (NP). Commemorative rogaining shirts are being made to develop branding of the sport (NP).

## **October 2009**

WRC Entry Criteria: this is being treated in two parts: one for 9WRC in 2010, and one for future WRCs including 10WRC in 2012.

9WRC: these are published, entries have been taken since 1<sup>st</sup> November.

10WRC: Lauri has prepared a revised version of general WRC entry criteria for Members and Observers (due for distribution now that 9WRC is open).

10WRC: discussions are underway between the successful Czech bidders and the IRF Executive regarding the planning for this event, with Alan Mansfield as the contact point.

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European Rogaining Championships guidelines: Sergey Yaschenko has undertaken to review and update the 2003 Guidelines for the European Rogaining Championships in consultation with European rogaining leaders.

IRF Membership Structure: IRF Executive circulated a framework paper on 25/5 (RP), and more recently a proposed definition for national rogaining associations on 3/9 (RP). Outline of next steps is due for release now 9WRC is open (RP).

Rules of Rogaining: updating of the rules of rogaining has been separated into two parts. An initial stage will involve an updating of the electronic punching. A second stage will involve more detailed discussions including unfair practices and what equipment is advisory and/or compulsory (under the leadership of LL).

Communication, branding and publicity: IRF Newsletter #150 is in progress (NP). Commemorative rogaining shirts have been sent to Members and Observers (NP).

## **November 2009**

9WRC New Zealand: entries have opened with over 500 entries in the first month.

IRF Membership Structure: IRF Executive circulated a framework paper on 25/5 (RP), and a proposed definition for national rogaining associations on 3/9 (RP). A message prompting some discussion (on why we should change our structure (RP 5/11), and what might constitute a national rogaining association (RP 12/11). There was a summary posted too (NP 28/11). Comments have been invited and received from Members and Observers.

WRC Entry Criteria for 10WRC and beyond: Lauri has prepared a revised version of general WRC entry criteria for Members and Observers (due for distribution early 2010).

10WRC: discussions are underway between the successful Czech bidders and the IRF Executive regarding the planning for this event, with Alan Mansfield as the contact point.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010 in Ukraine.

European Rogaining Championships guidelines: Sergey Yaschenko has undertaken to review and update the 2003 Guidelines for the European Rogaining Championships in consultation with European rogaining leaders.

Rules of Rogaining: updating of the rules of rogaining has been separated into two parts. An initial stage will involve an updating of the electronic punching. A second stage will involve more detailed discussions including unfair practices and what equipment is advisory and/or compulsory (under the leadership of LL).

Communication, branding and publicity: IRF Newsletter #150 is in progress (NP). Commemorative rogaining shirts have been sent to Members and Observers and all comments so far have been positive (NP).

## **December 2009**

IRF Membership Structure: A revised preliminary motion has been prepared by Rod Phillips and Lauri Leppik based on feedback, and circulated to Members and Observers (1/1) for comment and possible modification.

Communication, branding and publicity: a preliminary draft of IRF Newsletter #150 has been assembled by Kim Ely and will be distributed to members and observers for comment before printing (NP). The Newsletter is designed to assist all organizers leading major rogaines and/or seeking land access permission. It should also assist with granting agencies and sponsorships.

WRC Entry Criteria for 10WRC and beyond: Lauri has prepared a revised version of general WRC entry criteria for Members and Observers (due for distribution early 2010).

IRF Annual Incorporation Reporting: this comprises the 2010 budget, 2009 financial statement, 2009 President's report, Auditor's report, and annual statement. These are being prepared for the annual general meeting.

Budget for 2010: The IRF aligns its budgeting with its Strategic Plan. The IRF Executive expects to discuss budget ideas in February 2010. Input welcome.

Rules of Rogaining: An initial stage will involve an updating of the electronic punching (under the leadership of LL, due for distribution early 2010).