

International Rogaining Federation Inc.
Roles and Responsibilities – Executive

Updates as forwarded to Members monthly

January 2006

Two proposals for future European Rogaining Championships were received by the IRF. Pete Squires co-ordinated the process for the IRF to gauge support for these proposals. The following have been approved, and will be recognized by the IRF:

3rd ERC in Ukraine in 2006

4th ERC in Latvia in 2007.

Pete has recommended that the issue of European Rogaining Championships after 2008 be discussed further to decide whether these should be held every year, every second year, or only when there is a worthy proposal. In the meantime, congratulations to both Ukraine and Latvia, and thank you to Pete Squires for co-ordinating this process.

Strategic plan: mission and higher level components placed on forum 28012006, and circulated to Members 31012006. Feedback already being received.

The IRF is continuing discussions relating to optimal membership structures for the IRF (national associations voting only, or a mix that includes individual members as at the moment). Opinions are being sought (17/1) from European and North American rogainers to supplement the meetings with the Australian Rogaining Association.

A third meeting was held on 26 January with leaders from the Australian Rogaining Association relating to potential ARA membership of the IRF.

7WRC Sydney 2006: details of the event have been released. Peter Taylor is co-ordinating with 7WRC Sydney organizers to ensure the return of all the perpetual WRC trophies.

Brad Hunt is leading discussions for the IRF to review the structure of rogaining within USA. Current plans are to work closely with the US Orienteering Federation to support and develop both sports.

After discussions with the Australian Rogaining Association, it was decided not to circulate the changes made to the ARA rules during 2005 given the late time and large number of other IRF matters under discussion over coming weeks.

IRF President's Report for 2005 has been prepared and circulated in draft form to Members (17/1) and Observers (27/1) for comment: no comments have been received at this stage that require change to the report. The Financial Report should follow once audited.

February 2006

Strategic plan: mission and higher level components placed on forum (28012006), and circulated to Members (31012006), and Observers (02022006). There have been a number of responses including requests for more details. This extra detail from the Strategic plan was forwarded to Members (12/2) and Observers (18/2).

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7WRC Sydney 2006: details of the event were released by the 7WRC organizing team in early February, with entries open shortly thereafter.

8WRC: Peter Taylor is developing a process to address plans for future World Rogaining Championships, initially focussing on 8WRC in 2008.

Rogaining contacts are being followed up in Germany, via Rod Costigan; and Brazil subsequent to their first rogaine.

Annual General (electronic) Meeting of the IRF is underway to consider the audited 2005 Financial Statement, and 2005 President's report.

IRF Newsletter #112 to Members and Observers
IRF Newsletter #112 to website.

March 2006

Annual General Meeting of the International Rogaining Federation Inc.:
The IRF Audited Financial Statement for 2005 and the IRF President's Report for 2005 were both accepted unanimously (8-0).

The Annual Statement to Corporate Affairs to maintain our incorporated status was submitted and acknowledged: this includes the President's Report and Financial statement for 2005.

World Rogaining Championships trophies. Peg Davis has asked that we open a discussion on the future needs of trophies for World Rogaining Championships. Peter Taylor will lead this process, and will first hear thoughts on the current 'metal-boots-on-wood-block' trophies, and then ask for ideas on what the IRF should adopt as a long term trophy policy for WRC. No change is planned until after 7WRC. The providers of the current trophies, the Western Australian Rogaining Association, have been advised by the ARA that this discussion is occurring.

8th World Rogaining Championships: At the IRF meeting at Arizona, an indicative plan was developed to hold 8WRC in Europe during 2008. Peter Taylor is opening discussions with European countries regarding the location and organization of 8WRC.

The draft Strategic Plan for Rogaining has been distributed via IRF Newsletter #114. Questions about the layout and design of the plan came back from the ARA, and have been addressed in detail (attached for broader interest).

Discussions are continuing regarding a rogaine in Germany, details will be provided in the IRF Newsletter. Assistance with desk vetting or rogaine organization might be useful.

Jose Nilton Silva Vargas has offered to become the IRF Observer for Brazil.

IRF Newsletter #113 to Members and Observers

IRF Newsletter #114 to Members and Observers (draft Strategic Plan for Rogaining)

Both newsletters to website, and forwarded to Australian Rogaining Association.

April 2006

Peter Taylor, IRF World Rogaining Championships Manager, reports on forthcoming championship rogaines:

- 7WRC: he is in regular contact with 7WRC Co-ordinator Alan Mansfield and all is progressing well. Entries are strong and Alan expects the event to reach its limit of 500 before September.
- 8WRC suggested for Europe in 2008. A decision is likely towards the end of 2006, and discussions will take place at 7WRC and possibly 3ERC.
- 3ERC in Ukraine is well underway for 26-27 August 2006. It will be held 500 km from Kiev in the west of the country near Chernivtsi.
- 4ERC in Latvia is planned. Both 3ERC and 4ERC are already sanctioned by the IRF (see IRF Newsletter #112).
- Trophies for future World Rogaining Championships are being discussed. Consideration is being given to trophies that can be held permanently by winners, with the benefit of less transport of perpetual trophies before events.
- There have been discussions with Peter Squires, developer of the Navlight system, regarding its introduction into rogaining championships to prevent teams from separating.

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The IRF has \$1670 (Australian dollars) in its bank account currently, equivalent to approximately US\$1250.

The questionnaire on the Strategic Plan has been returned by a majority of those questioned, with favourable comments. One or two further replies are expected with people who have been away, and results will be published in the next IRF Newsletter.

Phil Holman, Australian Rogaining Association President, has reported that the ARA will not be ready to vote on its potential membership of the IRF at its annual general meeting next week. The IRF will continue to work with international members to reach a consensus on the optimal IRF structure. Several national groups have met the criteria for IRF membership but their membership has been put on hold for the past six months during the ARA discussions. It is important that as many international rogaining groups as possible are involved with voting on any future changes. The IRF executive is endeavouring to sort out these membership issues as quickly as possible so that any vote on constitutional changes will not be delayed. The Executive is also advancing the Strategic Plan for Rogaining.

May 2006

Update of Rogaining website

- Summary of monthly IRF Executive Roles and Responsibilities posted to website – 2003, 2004, 2005.
- Update Executive team
- President's reports 2003, 2004 added.

Rod Phillips represented the IRF and Victorian Rogaining Association at the recent 27th Australian Rogaining Championships including escorting and briefing the local Member of Parliament at the site.

Neil Phillips spoke at the recent annual general meeting of the Victorian Rogaining Association talking about the thirty years of rogaining, progress of rogaining at the international level, and the new strategic plan for rogaining. Neil thanked local rogainers for their input to the strategic plan. There was some discussion following the talk particularly about the land access issues and how we need to monitor our access to land very closely.

Contact has been made with a potential rogaining group in Mongolia.

IRF Newsletter #115 to Members and Observers

IRF Newsletter #116 to Members and Observers

Both newsletters to website, and forwarded to Australian Rogaining Association.

June 2006

7th World Rogaining Championships: entries have closed at the original limit of 500 participants six months before the Championships. A higher limit of 700 participants has been successfully negotiated with landowners, and that limit is now full with a waiting list of further participants wanting to enter. There are no plans to raise the limit further.

Discussions with the Australian Rogaining Association regarding a future structure for the IRF, and ARA membership, have not progressed over the last three months whilst the ARA executive prepared for the annual general meeting in May, and subsequently has been actioning proposals arising from that meeting.

Strategic Plan for Rogaining: there has been a small amount of further input to the Plan as distributed in IRF Newsletter #114, but no significant issues have arisen. The next stage is to finalise the three higher levels of the Plan (A, B and C) as distributed, and then ask for specific national input to shorter term plans (Part D – not provided yet).

Membership of IRF: this has been on hold for some time whilst discussions have progressed but needs to be reopened shortly to address several proposals from countries about their membership status.

IRF Constitution including structure of membership: broad agreement has been reached in recent discussions as to what suggestions might be put to IRF Members for their consideration. However, this has not been finalised by the IRF Executive, and when it has been will come to Members from the IRF Secretary.

July 2006

Membership of IRF has been on hold for some time, but is now being addressed as a matter of some urgency. The IRF has separately contacted USA and Canadian rogainers to discuss and establish their on-going representations on the IRF. It is necessary to establish membership in advance of voting on important changes within the IRF later this year.

Founders' Representative on the IRF. The IRF Executive is supporting a motion, moved by Rod Phillips and seconded by Peter Taylor, to end the position of Founders Representative on the IRF Council. Voting on this motion is underway. This motion is the first of several changes that the IRF will be working through over the next months.

The Strategic Plan for Rogaining has been completed, and will be placed on the forum site shortly. The amended draft was distributed to Members and Observers representing seventeen different countries without any suggestions for additional changes. It is planned to distribute the Strategic Plan containing parts A, B and C (the longer-term component). Each country is being asked to prepare a specific shorter term plan for rogaining in its own country (Part D): Part D would be updated on an annual basis, whereas Parts A, B and C are revised less regularly.

IRF Newsletter #117 to Members and Observers

IRF Newsletter #118 to Members and Observers

Both newsletters are sent to the website, and forwarded to the Australian Rogaining Association.

August 2006

Membership of IRF: Rod Phillips is currently determining membership status for different countries working with broad groups of representatives in those countries.

Visa applications for visitors to 7WRC are being supported by letters from the IRF to relevant consulates. This is supporting similar letters being prepared by organisers of 7WRC to assist visa applications to visit Australia.

WRC future plans: Peter Taylor is in contact with Estonia with respect to 8WRC in 2008.

Strategic Plan for Rogaining: This will be distributed in a few days to all Members, Observers, interested parties, and contributors. The Plan has taken some time to complete, but by allowing this time we have given everyone who wants to contribute a chance to do so. It has also allowed time to read a vast amount of literature (such as newsletters) from various groups to determine their priorities and challenges, and include all this in the Strategic Plan. There has been consultation and reference outside the sport to include longer term trends in society that influence rogaining. The Strategic Plan will be a valuable document to guide the sport in coming years.

IRF Newsletter #119 to Members and Observers
Newsletter is sent to the website, and forwarded to the Australian Rogaining Association.

September 2006

7WRC is less than one week away and rogainers from 14 different countries will meet and compete in the Warrumbungle Ranges north of Sydney, Australia. An IRF meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening before the event which starts on Friday 13 October.

WRC future plans: Peter Taylor is continuing discussions with Estonia with respect to 8WRC in 2008.

Membership of IRF: Discussions with several countries are continuing so as to establish the appropriate representation for each on the IRF.

Strategic Plan for Rogaining: This has been distributed to all Members and Observers. More copies are available.

IRF Newsletter #120 to Members and Observers
Newsletter is sent to the website, and forwarded to the Australian Rogaining Association.

October 2006

WRC: nearly 700 participants from 14 countries attended the 7th World Rogaining Championships in the Warrumbungle National Park, north of Sydney, Australia. The IRF held a semi-formal meeting of its Executive, Members, Observers and interested parties before the event, provided a welcome at the start, engaged in numerous informal discussions, and ran the closing award ceremony.

WRC future plans: under discussion.

North American Rogaining Championships 2007: Bob Reddick made some preliminary comments about 10NARC to everyone at 7WRC. We need a process to agree upon an organising team, ratify this within the IRF, set date, and promulgate the information.

European Rogaining Championships: 4ERC in 2007 is in Latvia and details were publicized at 7WRC. A decision on 5ERC is likely to be facilitated by the IRF, decided by European rogainers, and put for ratification to the IRF Members.

Membership of IRF: representation for both USA and for Canada have been finalized recently through exhaustive processes involving those who organize and lead the sport in the respective countries.

USA: Bob Reddick, Eric Smith

Canada: Murray Foubister.

The IRF bank account has \$1643.59 with a cheque written for \$400 leaving \$1243.59.

Strategic Plan for Rogaining: This has been distributed to all Members and Observers. More copies are available. Feedback has been positive regarding this new plan for 2010.

November 2006

North American Rogaining Championships 2007: Discussions are progressing towards a date and site for the 2007 NARC. Bob Reddick is co-ordinating this process amongst rogaining leaders of Canada and USA initially, before bringing a proposal to the IRF Members and Observers for their ratification and support.

European Rogaining Championships: message to European rogaining leaders (7/11) inviting expressions of interest in holding the European Rogaining Championships in 2008, 2009 and beyond. 4ERC will be in Latvia 28-29 July 2007. Guidelines as to the nature of European Championships and their selection have been circulated. It is not necessary to hold ERC every year, although this has proved valuable recently. However, it is critical that if there is a European Championships in 2008, it is scheduled to avoid 8WRC in that year (by at least one month and ideally more). Neil Phillips is facilitating the ERC process, but the initial decision(s) need to come from European rogaining leaders, before bringing a proposal to the IRF Members and Observers for their ratification and support.

Feedback to the IRF is that major rogaining championships should be scheduled on a weekend, or days, as close as possible to a full moon. Major championships need to follow the rules at www.rogaining.com, and must be a rogaine of 24-hours duration (ideally not with accompanying shorter events).

Membership of IRF: to be summarized in next month report.

8WRC: to be summarized in next month report.

IRF Newsletter #121 to Members and Observers (5/11)

IRF Newsletter #122 to Members and Observers (12/11)

IRF Newsletter #123 to Members and Observers (19/11)

Newsletters #120-122 have been sent to the website, and forwarded to the Australian Rogaining Association.

December 2006

Monthly summaries of the roles and responsibilities of the IRF Executive team have been sent to IRF Members for the last four years, and later compiled on www.rogaining.com site. From the start of 2007 (this edition), the summary is being sent to IRF Members and Observers to keep each person aware of current issues and decisions.

Annual reporting: The IRF needs to report annually on its constitution, public officer, financial accounts and annual general meeting, in order to retain its incorporated status. The IRF financial year ends on 31 December 2006, and the AGM must be held by the end of May (i.e. an electronic meeting). The reporting needs to be complete before July.

World Rogaining Championships trophies: a motion from Peter Taylor is about to be circulated recommending a change from the perpetual trophies, to a set of trophies particular to each WRC and to be kept by winners.

8WRC (2008): A recommendation to hold this in Estonia is to be circulated soon.

9WRC proposed for 2010: Peter Taylor is developing a proposal with NZRA as organizers, including Pete Squires. The proposed North Island site is held by the military.

North American Rogaining Championships 2007: Bob Reddick is co-ordinating this process. The proposal for 10th NARC in Quebec 25-26 August 2007, Sainte-Adele, QC, Canada, Laurentian Rogaine, co-ordinator Francis Falardeau has been widely circulated, and has received support. On this basis, the IRF sanctions this major rogaining championship for 2007, and offers its support.

Under consideration is 11th NARC: 16-17 August 2008 NARC, the Sasquatch Rogaine, Washington state, USA; other expressions of interest have been called for 11NARC.

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4ERC 2007 Latvia 28-29 July 2007, sanctioned by IRF and organization underway.

5ERC 2008 Russia St Petersburg, proposal in preparation; alternative proposals welcome.

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