

International Rogaining Federation Inc.
Roles and Responsibilities – Executive

Updates as forwarded to Members monthly

January 2004

The IRF and ARA are working with Peg Davis (6WRC co-ordinator) on Rules and Guidelines for the World Rogaining Championships. The aim is to ensure consistency and predictability in the interpretation of the IRF Rules being used during 6WRC. If any specific changes are needed for the event to accommodate the Arizona site and/or safety issues, then such changes will be notified to all participants at an early stage.

The IRF President and Secretary met with Phil Holman, President of the Australian Rogaining Association in late January to discuss ways to enhance the future relationships between IRF and ARA. It is anticipated that these discussions will be on-going.

Gordon Birch (WRC Manager) has circulated widely details of 6WRC for inclusion in rogaining association newsletter.

February to June 2004

This is a summary covering several months over the period of the 6th World Rogaining Championships. Much of the focus of the IRF has been towards those championships, and I mentioned in an earlier email that I was going to be overseas for three months and would not be updating these roles & responsibilities summaries during that time.

6WRC is behind us now with a comprehensive report from Peg Davis published in the recent IRF Newsletter, and results up on the web from a few days after the event. The total of 380 participants from 15 countries and 33 USA states is a pleasing attendance.

The IRF Meeting at 6WRC was postponed from the Friday evening when the bus was very late to immediately after the rogaie finished and before the results were read out. Draft minutes from this meeting have been circulated for comment from those present and will be forwarded more widely shortly.

In the meantime, progress is being made towards 7WRC in Sydney, and I hope to meet with organisers in Sydney this month.

IRF Newsletter #94 forwarded in February 2004

IRF Newsletter #95 forwarded in April 2004

IRF Newsletter #96 forwarded in June 2004

July 2004

The Rules of Rogaining are on the rogaining website (www.rogaining.com) and available for all rogaining communities. (RP)

The Annual Return required by Consumers Affairs as part of being an incorporated association has been lodged for the IRF for the year concluding 31 December 2003. (NP)

Neil Phillips visited the National Outdoor Leadership School in USA. This is a major outdoor training organization based in Wyoming that shares considerable outdoor-related values and interests with rogaining organizations. Discussions focussed on NOLS courses, leadership in outdoor activities, and potential interest in rogaining activities both within NOLS, and by NOLS graduates on an individual basis.

Meeting with Phil Holman (Australian Rogaining Association President), Alan Mansfield and Mike Hotchkis of the 7WRC organizing team and NSWRA. (NP)

On-going discussions with Brad Hunt regarding rogaines and co-ordination in North America.

Minutes of the IRF General Meeting held on 9th May 2004 at 6WRC in Arizona have been finalized and distributed.

To rogaining association editors:
IRF News #10 to associations in July
IRF News #11 to associations in August

Onto website:
IRF Newsletters to #96

August to October 2004

Completion and dissemination of major survey of participants at 6WRC. Over half of all those surveyed responded, and the comments were overall highly favourable regarding 6WRC. There were some useful suggestions on how to improve future WRCs. Results of the survey available at www.rogaining.com.

Preparation of tributes and articles relating to the death of Nigel Aylott during an adventure race in USA. This primarily involved communication of information to international rogainers, and close liaison with the Victorian Rogaining Association and Australian Rogaining Association. A special magazine is due for publication in late 2004 led by the VRA.

Distribution to Members and Observers:

IRF Newsletter to #97

November 2004

Held discussions relating to the award of the 2005 Second European Rogaining Championships, followed by a decision after voting. These Championships have been confirmed as being in Estonia in 2005.

Initiation of discussions with potential rogaine organizers in Israel and Brazil.

Communication with organizers in Ukraine.

Preparations for forthcoming IRF election process including review of Executive roles and responsibilities.

Distribution to Members and Observers:

IRF Newsletter to #98

Posting of #97 and #98 to website

December 2004

Revision of roles and responsibilities for IRF Executive team. New draft has been based on contents of current Constitution, Roles and Responsibilities plan developed at the start of 2003, and experience monitoring IRF Executive activities during 2003 and 2004. Draft R&R have been forwarded to ARA President and IRF Members for comment.

Appointment of Gordon Birch to liaise with organizers in Estonia of the 2005 European Rogaining Championships.

Distribution to Members and Observers:

IRF Newsletters #99 and #100