

# **IRF Council — Meeting summary**

Date: 6-7 October 2025

Platform: Zoom

Chair & IRF Vice President: Julie Quinn

#### **Attendance**

Countries represented: Australia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, New Zealand, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, USA.

IRF Executive represented by acting Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, WRC Manager, Technical Manager and European Coordinator.

### **IRF** Executive

- A call for replacement President and Vice President nominations yielded no candidates.
- Interim arrangements: Julie Quinn (Australia) will act as VP/President, Rod Phillips as Secretary. WRC Manager, Technical Manager and European Coordinator remain as is.

# **Strategic Priorities**

- 1. **WRC 2029**: Issue a Call for Bids in 2026; provide hands-on support to interested countries to develop bids. Noting that running the world rogaining championships is the core business of the IRF.
- 2. **Website & Communications**: The IRF website to be improved with enabling of regular country-originated content.
- 3. **Global Development**: Promote rogaining growth in new/like-minded countries while preserving traditional aspects of our map-and-compass sport.

## Item: Governance, Executive Composition & Processes

The IRF Council discussed ongoing regular meeting arrangements and practicalities of a new executive.

The IRF is legally registered in Australia and requires an Australian representative to complete paperwork. However, representation on the executive from other countries is essential.

Additional attendees will be welcomed to IRF Council deliberations as a pathway for new country representatives to have visibility of how the IRF Council operates.

The IRF Council acknowledged the large, significant contribution that Bud Laird, USA, has made to the IRF and rogaining more broadly. Bud is stepping down from the Council on 1 January 2026.

### **Item: Website, Content & Communications**

The website (<u>www.rogaining.org</u>) is a crucial "front door" for the IRF.

IRF Council members have agreed to appoint content contributors from all countries for news and events.

The IRF Council will start an email newsletter for information exchange.