

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

**Summary from updates as provided monthly**

**January 2007**

Membership of the IRF: there has been substantial progress with this process including re-appointments and new representatives from New Zealand and Czech Republic finalized.

8<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships: after a lengthy process led by Peter Taylor, these Championships have been awarded to Estonia, and accepted; IRF members and observers have been notified (29/1).

WRC branding: during internal correspondence the event in Estonia will be referred to as **8WRC 2008 Estonia**, and the fuller version typical of external usage will be:

**8th World Rogaining Championships**  
**13-14th September 2008**  
**Estonia**

The IRF Financial Statement for 2006 has been prepared and forwarded to Shane Tanner for auditing prior to distribution to members.

The IRF President's Report for 2006 is being circulated to the IRF Executive prior to circulation amongst the membership for comment, correction and amendment.

The IRF budget for 2007 is being discussed by the Executive, and will be circulated to members after the 2006 financial statement has been audited.

**February 2007**

10<sup>th</sup> North American Rogaining Championships 2007 will be held in Laurentia, eastern Canada.

Details **2007 NARC Laurentia** will be held on 25-26 August 2007 (full moon 27 August). Members and Observers advised (14/2).

Representative membership of the IRF: progressing. Progress has been advised already.

Annual General Meeting of IRF: papers with motions to be distributed earliest March 2007 for prompt response please.

World Rogaining Championships: Peter Taylor is leading a process to determine the preferred form of trophy for future World Rogaining Championships. Issues -

- perpetual or keep, cost differential and transport
- where are we up to so far
- when is a decision expected?

Code of Conduct – discussions about what this should comprise.

The IRF Financial Statement for 2006 has been audited by Mr Shane Tanner, circulated to the executive (14/2) and to Members and Observers (15/2).

The IRF President's Report for 2006 has been circulated to Members and Observers for comment (3/2), correction and amendment, and is now finalized.

The draft IRF budget for 2007 has been circulated to members (18/2) for comment and correction, and is now finalized.

## **March 2007**

This message is being sent to all IRF Councillors, and to the Australian Rogaining Association.

President's report, financial statement and budget have been accepted. Everyone has already received the three motions in the first part of the AGM (1/3). All except two votes have been received. All votes were in favour of all three motions.

Papers for annual registration and incorporation status for the IRF have been submitted; these include the financial return and President's report for 2006.

Membership: Over the past five months, Rod has been working with rogainers in most rogaining countries to update their IRF membership. The representatives from the US, from Canada, from the Czech Republic and from New Zealand have been updated, and notified to everyone by email. The Australian Rogaining Association has an invitation to nominate representatives but at present has chosen not to. Rogainers in Estonia, Latvia, Ukraine and Russia have all been awaiting voting membership for some time, and their patience is appreciated. Proposals for new IRF memberships will be forwarded once the AGM is complete.

Elections: Elections for three IRF executive positions will be held when the membership review is finalised. These three positions are president, technical convenor and promotion/development officer.

Changes to structure: As soon as the membership is updated and the elections held, the IRF will consider changes to the structure of the IRF, as discussed previously.

WRC trophies: a message will be sent to members shortly with a proposed action that involves new trophies for each World Rogaining Championships. This would need to be planned within each WRC budget.

A proposal from Russia to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships was distributed for comment (23/3) with several prompt positive replies. Comments by 13/4.

Brazil is planning their first 24 hour rogaine later in 2007.

## **April 2007**

Russia has been awarded the 5<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships to be organized along the lines outlined in the proposal distributed to Members for comment on 23/3. All votes received were in favour. 5ERC decision announced 14/4.

Two comments accompanied voting for 5ERC: one that major international rogaining championships should be 24 hours only, the other that consideration could be given to holding the World Rogaining Championship annually. Members to be consulted in time.

Membership: Ongoing.

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Changes to structure: As soon as the membership is updated and the elections held, the IRF will consider changes to the structure of the IRF, as discussed previously.

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## **May 2007**

Alan Mansfield is leading the development of Part D of the Strategic Plan for Rogaining which will comprise annual plans for each rogaining country. A message to this effect was circulated on 21/5.

Two comments accompanied voting for 5ERC: one that major international rogaining championships should be 24 hours only, the other that consideration could be given to holding the World Rogaining Championship annually. Members will be consulted in due course.

IRF Membership: Ongoing under leadership by Rod.

Elections: Elections for three IRF executive positions will be held when the membership review is finalized. These three positions are president, technical convenor and promotion/development officer.

Changes to structure: Once the membership is updated and the elections held, the IRF will consider changes to the structure of the IRF, as discussed previously.

At the time of its last statement, the IRF had \$5317.56 Australian dollars in its bank account.

WRC trophies: a message has been sent to members with a proposed action that involves new trophies for each World Rogaining Championship. This would need to be planned within each WRC budget. Discussions continuing.

## **June 2007**

At the Australian Rogaining Association's request, the IRF is providing support to assist the re-development of inter-university rogaining in Australia. The IRF is providing written evidence to the universities that the ARA is the peak body for the sport in Australia, and confirming that the ARA is recognized by the IRF.

8WRC: a discussion amongst Members and Observers has indicated a strong preference to have no other event linked to the World Rogaining Championship 24-hour rogaine.

The current trophies for the World Rogaining Championships will be retained except that the overall winners' trophy will be replaced. Transport of trophies to future events will be co-ordinated by the Australian Rogaining Association. Section winners and place getters will receive individual medals to keep.

Alan Mansfield is leading the development of Part D of the Strategic Plan for Rogaining which will comprise annual plans for each rogaining country. A message outlining Alan's role was circulated within the IRF on 21/5. Alan has contacted various countries (on 15/6) asking for input.

Pieter Mulder has prepared a draft Code of Conduct for rogaining ready for distribution to members and observers. He will be requesting comment on this draft.

IRF Membership: Ongoing under leadership by Rod.

Elections: Elections for three IRF executive positions will be held when the membership review is finalized. These three positions are president, technical convenor, and promotion/development officer.

Changes to structure: Once the membership is updated and the elections held, the IRF will call for any motions to make changes to the Constitution particularly relating to the structure of the IRF, as discussed previously. This process will include an opportunity for those proposing change to provide a concise case supporting the motions, and for discussion.

Website – there have been several recent changes.

## **July 2007**

The final outcome of IRF membership discussions with various countries, and a draft Code of Conduct, can be expected early August.

Sequence of IRF activities remains:

- Strategic Plan (part D for each country in progress with Alan Mansfield)
- Membership of IRF (almost complete with Rod Phillips)
- Code of Conduct (draft with Pieter Mulder)
- IRF Elections (imminent)
- discussion of IRF Constitution and IRF processes.

This sequence of priorities was developed by the IRF during the period of discussions with the ARA last year, and as a result of those discussions. However, it should be noted that the sequence of priorities may not reflect that of the ARA.

Elections: Elections for three IRF executive positions will be held when the membership review is finalized. These three positions are president, technical convenor, and promotion/development officer.

Changes within the IRF including Constitution: Once the membership is updated and the elections held, the IRF will call for any motions to make changes to the Constitution particularly relating to the structure of the IRF, as discussed previously. This process will include an opportunity for those proposing change to provide a concise case supporting the motions, and for discussion. The Australian Rogaining Association has forwarded some items for discussion, and there is a suggestion to change procedures to allow the World Rogaining Championships to be held annually when appropriate (not necessarily each year).

The last bank statement confirms AUD\$5237.48 in the IRF account.

## **August 2007**

IRF membership: applications from various countries have been finalized with new representation from:

- Estonia (2)
- Latvia (1)
- Russia (2)
- Ukraine (1).

We welcome Andres Käär, Lauri Leppik, Guntars Mankus, Sergey Yaschenko, and Efim Shtempler. One Russian position is vacant.

Strategic Plan (Part D: annual plans for individual countries)

Alan Mansfield has asked for approximately one page from each country on its rogaining priorities for the coming year. A plan has been received from Israel, and draft key points

established for some other countries. These plans are meant to be neither time-consuming nor detailed; they will simply assist others to know priorities and assist where possible.

Revised Code of Conduct: attached. This may be voted on shortly after any further suggestions for change.

Sequence of IRF activities:

- Membership of IRF (completed by Rod Phillips, and reported to Members)
- Strategic Plan (part D for each country in progress with Alan Mansfield)
- Code of Conduct (new version attached; comments Pieter Mulder, copy Neil Phillips)
- IRF Elections
- discussion of IRF Constitution, more regular WRCs, and IRF processes.

Elections: Three positions of president, technical convenor, and promotion/development officer are due for election.

The IRF has replied to the Australian Rogaining Association regarding their letter of suggested constitutional changes, and said that the IRF is happy to distribute this letter at any time. The ARA is currently reviewing their letter, and they are expected to reforward it to the IRF shortly.

## **September 2007**

Sequence of IRF activities:

- Membership of IRF (completed by Rod Phillips, reported in dedicated Newsletter #131)
- Strategic Plan (part D for each country being compiled by Alan Mansfield)
- Code of Conduct (led by Pieter Mulder, IRF vote concluded)
- IRF Elections (notice of election has been issued)
- discussion of IRF Constitution (more regular WRCs, and IRF processes).

Strategic Plan (Part D: annual plans for individual countries)

Alan Mansfield has received a number of plans from different countries, and is compiling these. The plans are meant to be neither time-consuming nor detailed; they will simply assist others to know priorities and let us all assist where possible.

Code of Conduct for Rogaining: circulated for vote (on 8/9). 14 people responded; 13 were in favour, 1 was against. Accordingly, the Code of Conduct is now adopted for rogaining and will be added to the website.

Elections: Three positions of: president, technical convenor, and promotion/development officer are due for election. An invitation for individuals to nominate has been circulated widely to all Members, Observers, the ARA, and to most rogaining association newsletter editors (26/9). Bob Reddick (USA) is supervising the elections.

The IRF has replied to the Australian Rogaining Association regarding the ARA letter of suggested constitutional changes, and said that the IRF is happy to distribute this ARA

letter at any time. The ARA has reviewed their letter, and sent it again to the IRF. This revised letter has been distributed to all IRF Members and Observers (24/9).

Awareness and publicity for rogaining: 'Business cards' describing and publicising the sport are being distributed, and car stickers will be distributed once available. Feedback is requested as to how these might be improved and how useful they are.

Update of IRF Register of Members and Observers: request for postal address and phone number details. In progress – several people are yet to return their details.

8WRC: updates to follow from Lauri Leppik (8WRC co-ordinator) and Peter Taylor (IRF World Rogaining Championships Manager).

## **October 2007**

Sequence of IRF activities:

- Strategic Plan (part D for each country being compiled by Alan Mansfield)
- Code of Conduct (finalized)
- IRF Elections (notice of election has been issued)
- discussion of IRF Constitution and processes (more regular WRCs).

Strategic Plan (Part D: annual plans for individual countries)

Alan Mansfield has compiled plans from most countries for distribution and discussion.

Elections: Nominations have been called for the three positions of president, technical convenor, and promotion/development officer (26/9). This invitation was circulated widely to all Members, Observers, the ARA, and to most rogaining association newsletter editors. Bob Reddick (USA) is supervising the elections.

Constitutional changes are to be discussed as soon as the IRF elections are complete.

8<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships Estonia 2008: Lauri Leppik is working with Peter Taylor and the IRF Executive on local modifications to the Rules specifically for 8WRC. Entry details are also under final discussion.

World Rogaining Championships: Peter Taylor (IRF World Rogaining Championships Manager) is preparing a transparent process by which to decide the location of future World Rogaining Championships, and the interval between such events (i.e. 1 yr, 1-2yrs, 2yrs). Following this, the locations for the next 2-3 World Rogaining Championships need to be discussed and decided soon.

European Rogaining Championships: early notice that the selection process is about to start (14/10 from Neil Phillips). Considerable discussion has followed about the interval between each ERC, possible locations and selection methods.

Awareness and publicity for rogaining: 'Business cards' have been sent to Members. Car stickers to increase awareness of rogaining are being produced. Feedback is welcome.

Update of IRF Register of Members and Observers: this is virtually complete.

## **November 2007**

Sequence of IRF activities:

- Strategic Plan (part D for each country has been compiled by Alan Mansfield)
- IRF Elections (all positions filled, announcement to Members and Observers 28/11)
- discussion of IRF Constitution and IRF processes (e.g. more regular WRCs)
- 2009 ERC (proposals invited, to be sent to Pete Squires by 30/11).

Strategic Plan for Rogaining: Part D (Alan Mansfield)

Responses were received from most members and observers. Respondents are positive about the current outlook for rogaining in their countries. Key issues highlighted are access to land – limited by geography (Estonia) or social circumstance (Germany and the influence of hunters; Israel and security); availability of volunteers; advertising via internet; development of technology; rogaining as part of orienteering organizations- a future mechanism for growth in some countries; rogaining is a secondary sport for most - another opportunity for growth? We expect to publish the full plans.

IRF Executive Elections: The following have been elected, President (Neil Phillips), Promotions and Development (Alan Mansfield), Technical Manager (Lauri Leppik).

World Rogaining Championships: Peter Taylor expects to have a transparent process outlined in January 2008 to decide future WRC. 9WRC will be decided shortly thereafter.

European Rogaining Championships 2009: early notice to discuss guidelines for future ERCs (14/10) received considerable feedback which has been summarised (4/11) and a revised set of Guidelines were distributed (11/11). Pete Squires will co-ordinate the selection process for 2009 ERC. Call for expressions of interest distributed (13/11). One proposal for 2009 ERC received so far from Miroslav Seidl on the border of Czech Republic and Germany. Proposed date is 29 -30 August 2009. The organizing club is CAR - the Czech Association of Rogaining and Mountain Orienteering. A second proposal is expected from Finland.

Constitutional changes are to be discussed as soon as the IRF elections are complete.

IRF financial position: the bank statement of October shows \$5222.48 in the IRF account. Costs since then include business cards (\$360.00), car stickers (\$665.50), administration and postage (\$135). It is expected that expenditure for 2007 will be well within budget.

Update of IRF Register of Members and Observers: this is complete, thank you everyone.



## December 2007

Sequence of IRF activities:

- Strategic Plan (part D for each country)
- discussion of IRF Constitution and IRF processes (e.g. more regular WRCs)
- 2009 ERC (proposals circulated, responses to be sent to Pete Squires by 21/1/8)
- annual IRF incorporation return.

Strategic Plan for Rogaining: Part D for each country: being prepared for publishing in the IRF Newsletter (Alan Mansfield).

Future World Rogaining Championships: Peter Taylor will have a report in January R&R outlining a transparent process to select forthcoming WRCs (after Estonia).

Constitutional changes: a site has been established to host discussions, and invitations to join have been forwarded to IRF members.

European Rogaining Championships 2009: two proposals to hold ERC in 2009 have been received, one from Czech Republic and the other from Finland. Pete Squires (NZ) is coordinating a selection process amongst European rogaining leaders. He has sent the two proposals to European IRF members for consideration (29/12) and is allowing three weeks for discussions and responses (until 21/1/8).

IRF Annual Incorporation Return: this comprises the 2008 budget, 2007 financial statement, 2007 President's report, Auditor's report, annual statement.

Draft 2008 Budget forwarded to Members (23/12)

Draft 2007 President's Report forwarded to Members (31/12)

IRF 2008 Annual Planning Cycle distributed to Executive team.

8WRC: Entries have reached 500, and extra places will be decided early in 2008.

<http://8wrc2008.rogain.ee/reg/stat.php> .