Minutes Board Meeting

February 17th 2020, 09.45 am to 5 pm

Heuberg 25, 4051 Basel

Participants: Peter Cliff (President), Cesare Cesa Bianchi, Mark Diggins, Juliana Garcia, Reiner Taglinger, Walter Zörer

Cristina Vargas for the financial report

Report: Emanuel Wassermann, secretary

Excused: Romain de Lambert, Diego Wellig

1 Approval of Minutes of Board Meetings 26th + 29th Nov 2019

The Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meetings 26th and 29th 2019

2 Minutes of GA in Bariloche:

Summary of the tasks for the Board from the GA:

- Extend budget to 31.7.20 and spend carefully

The IFMGA currently has sufficient funds to extend the financial year to July 31th 2020

- Draw up programme of activities with a budget, and present to GA 2020

See agenda item 7 / 8

- Develop a concept that reflects the core concerns of the MA's

See agenda item 7 / 8

- Projects are to be reduced to the essentials until further notice

See agenda item 7 / 8

- Work of the Board to be evenly distributed among the individual Board members

See agenda item 5

- Develop an easy + effective communication between Board and MA's, so that MA's are kept informed of the Board's work – e.g. sending out Minutes

All the minutes of the Board Meetings will be sent out to the Presidents in future and be on the admin-page.

3 Reports of Board members

The Board accepted the Reports of

- Peter (President), Juliana (communication), Cesare, Diego (Finance), Walter (Trek Expedition), Reiner (TC)
- All these reports are available on request.

Decisions out of the Reports

- The Board decided that internal auditors are no longer necessary, because (a) there is an internal audit (c. CHF 1,300) followed by the professional audit (c. CHF 4,000) where they are checked again, and (b) significant changes have made the accounts more transparent which should provide the member associations with greater confidence in the accounting process.
- The Board reminds those claiming expenses that all costs should be reasonable
- Webpage: Juliana will look how to make the webpage more user friendly
- TC: The Board decided to favour the principle of having President and President TC elect. Reiner offered to stay one year longer to facilitate this process.

4 Reports of Sub-Commissions

We discussed the structure of the Board and Sup-committees in order to make them more effective. In future Commission and Sub-commissions will be called Committees

The Board accepted the Reports of

- ESAC: The Board asks, that any actions are channeled through the Board, especially if related to sponsorship or have an impact on the IFMGA.
- Rope Access: The Board accepted the report. It noted the committees request for CHF 10’000 CHF for the next 3 years, but reminds the Rope Access committee that the agreement in January 29th 2018 was to support the projects with CHF 5’000.- p.a. (2018 to 2022). Therefore, we are unable to meet the requested increase to CHF 10’000.
- RPP: Responsible Professional Practice: The remit of this committee is to be discussed in one of the next meetings. Quality Management / learning from accidents should be one of the most important topics in the committee. The Board would like this committee to develop templates for gathering information on accidents and unusual occurrences which would then be available to all member associations.

Canyoning: No report received

5 Board members' responsibilities

Peter:

- overall management
- Chair Board + GA
- S/C Mobility (Board member responsible)
- National Authorities + Partner Organisations (UIAA, UIMLA, ICAR, Msi)
- Bylaws: revision
- MA Complaint Procedures
- Document Revisions (Ethics Committee, IFMGA Procedures)

Reiner + Mark:

- TC
- Quality Management and related projects like: RPP / CPD / …
- Potential members
- S/C Rope Access

Cesare:

- General Assemblies
- Ski + Climbing Comps (Hampi Schoop)
- Development Fund

Diego:

- Finance + Accounts
- Logo protection (?)

Juliana:

- Communications / Webpage / Marketing
- Sponsorship
- S/C ESAC

Romain:

- S/C Canyoning, Div. Projects

Walter:

- S/C Expeditions + Trekking
- Database with support of Mani

6 Mobility Commission: the future

The Board discussed and decided:

The Mobility Commission will be restructured. Following points should be considered

- Investigate and report on the law in the regulated countries (on a global view)
- Help to establish bilateral agreements (e.g. for Switzerland)
- Regular contact with the EU Commission

- Report to President IFMGA on a regular basis

7 Current Projects 2020: progress + planning

No new projects planned

8 Budget and Projects for year August 2020 to end July 2021: Board members' first thoughts

Main topics for this period:

- Mobility
- Quality Management (Instructor exchange, establishing a baseline for QM: gathering information about standards, training documents from M.A., etc.)
- Communication

Proposals for budgets for 2 years are to be sent to Mani by the end of April 2020.

Finalizing the budget at Board Meeting in June.

9 Ethics Committee

The Board adopted Peter`s IFMGA Complaint Procedure in place of the Ethic Committee. It will go to the GA 2020 for adoption.

10 Bylaws

The Board adopted Peter`s proposal that the Bylaws are re-written in concise English and that a new document called IFMGA Procedures is created, under which further details or guidance is given on particular topics.

The word "application" will be replaced by "motion".

Peter will continue to rewrite the bylaws and the IFMGA Procedures, which will be a new document, to be presented at GA 2020 to adoption.

11 IFMGA Development Fund

Purpose:

- Promote the education of mountains guides worldwide
- Support the Mountain Guide Associations in the process of joining IFMGA
- Support IFMGA itself and its members

The Board decided that in the short term the Board will manage the Development Fund. Cesare will be responsible for the Fund.

12 Support Ski Race Samnaun 2018: retrospective payment The Board agreed to pay CHF 5'000.
13 Database Project The Board decided to spend up to CHF 3'000 for legal advice on data protection. Goal is to prepare information for the member associations with instructions on correct data protection.
14 A.O.B Support GA Bariloche with US-Dollars 4'200: The Board agreed to support the GA in Bariloche with 4'200 Dollars. EU Travel Law Directive: mountain guides selling more than one service are in conflict with the new law (in effect since 2018). Which means, if a guide reserves the hut for the tour and takes the money for it from the clients it is a package tour and you need to have a tour operator license for that. Peter and Hanno (Mobility Commission) will follow this up in Bruxelles. EUMA: Request for collaboration: https://www.european-mountaineers.eu: Peter will followed it up Illegal Guiding: Peter will follow it up
Next meeting May 17th 2020, Chamonix, 9.45 to 16.00