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7th WRC: Alan Mansfield

Current IRF activities

With several activities running concurrently, it is timely to have a short overview of activities that might involve input from each representative. These activities include:

- Strategic plan for rogaining: high level components circulated, more details to follow, as requested by Members.
- Annual reporting: President's report has been circulated, financial report will be circulated once audited, annual general meeting will follow.
- Discussions with Australian Rogaining Association relating the possible changes to the IRF

Constitution to allow national rogaining associations as the only members: this is on-going.

- 7WRC: planning is on-going leading up to October 2006.
- Award of future European Rogaining Championships: completed, reported here.

Strategic Plan for Rogaining

The IRF has moved forward in development of the strategic plan for rogaining (see also Newsletters #105 and #108). Recently, a mission statement and the next level of detail have been provided in draft form to Members, Observers, the forum, and the ARA, all for comment. Feedback has been to request the next levels of detail, and these will be circulated shortly.

So far in the planning process, members have provided details of rogaining activity in their own countries, and this information was circulated for comment and revision with IRF Newsletter #95. Informal discussions at 6WRC in Arizona built on this overview. These data then formed the basis of a more detailed summary of rogaining activities by country which was presented in IRF Newsletter #100. The internal and external analysis of our environment by Members and Observers yielded a conventional 'swot' analysis that identifies our strengths and our weaknesses within rogaining, and the external opportunities and threats for the sport.

World Rogaining Championships

Organizers have released the location of the 7th World Rogaining Championships (an embargo will apply); the Championships will be in the Warrumbungle Ranges National Park and

surrounds in northern New South Wales (Australia) between Sydney and Brisbane. This is an outstanding scenic area of deeply eroded ancient volcanoes with remnant spires, columns and sharp ridges: see

<http://www.warrumbungle.schools.nsw.edu.au/WNP/NatPark.html>

The Warrumbungle range and neighbouring national parks offer excellent opportunities for extra day and extended walks after 7WRC.

It is expected that entries will open within one month. This event information will be updated progressively on the website.

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European Rogaining Championships

In 2005, the IRF developed guidelines for the award and running of future European Rogaining Championships. Shortly thereafter we called for submissions to hold European championships in coming years, and asked Pete Squires if he would oversee this process for the IRF. The first stage was to call for expressions of interest, and this was followed by discussion amongst European rogainers, and a suggestion for 2006 and for 2007. Pete then put this proposition to non-European rogainers who also gave their support, and on this basis the IRF has sanctioned 3ERC and 4ERC in 2006, and 2007, respectively.

The following have been approved, and are recognized by the IRF:

3rd ERC in Ukraine in 2006

4th ERC in Latvia in 2007.

Following comments from Iiro Kakko, 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.

First rogaine in Brazil

Major José Nilton Silva Vargas has been in contact with the IRF for some months about the possibility of rogaining in Brazil, and has now reported the first rogaine in that country (and in South America!). On 8th January 2006

a 3-hour rogaine was held at Minas do Camaquã in the district of Caçapava do Sul (near Porto Alegre in the far south). The site was described as a paradise for those who enjoy natural attractions with great hospitality in the mining district, Minas do Camaquã on a 1:15,000 scale map.

16th New York Rogaine, USA

This year's New York rogaine is on August 12-13, 2006 near Sherburne, NY

Gordon Birch leaving IRF Executive team

Gordon Birch has announced his resignation from the IRF Executive team on account of health. He joined the IRF team in November 2000 and has been a key member during changes to the IRF over the last five years. He has especially focused on international rogaining championships, and taken a keen interest in seeing the standard of these rogaines increase continually. Thank you, Gordon, and we wish you well.

Russian Rogaining Championships 2006

The Tolliyatti rogaining group is concentrating on organization of the Russian national rogaining championships. This rogaine will be held on June 23-25, 2006 in Samarskaya Luka region. They have already prepared a very good the map for the event, and continue mapping in Samarskaya Luka.

The Perm Rogaining Association held six rogaines during 2005, including a 20 hour rogaine, and a 24 hour rogaine. Two teams traveled to the European Rogaining Championships in Estonia, and 13 teams in the Russian Rogaining Championships.

ARA rules review

After discussions with the Australian Rogaining Association, it was decided not to circulate (at this time) the changes made to the ARA rules during 2005 given the late time these were received by the IRF, large number of other IRF matters under discussion over coming weeks, and the inability to properly implement any modifications before 7WRC.

New Zealand Rogaining Championships

Tararua24, incorporating the 2006 New Zealand Rogaining Championships, are being organized by the Hutt Valley Orienteers. These will be on 18-19 February 2006, on North Island, NZ. The course will be on the eastern fringe of the Tararua range, and will be interesting and physically challenging. There are also 12hr, 2 x 6hr, and 3hr events - something for everyone. The start/finish is on a picturesque site in the Waingawa valley. For more information, pictures, and reports see the event website <http://www.tararua24.co.nz/>.

The Baker's Dozen Rogaine will be on March 18th, Middlemarch, Central Otago, South Island, NZ. Bob Cunninghame is organizing 13hr and 6hr rogaines, and Jim Cotter is in charge of the course. Further information and entry form will be on the NZRA website, <http://www.rogaine.org.nz/> shortly.

Previous New Zealand Rogaining Champions

1995: Tony McNulty, Richard Matthews

1997: Chris Tait and Tony Gazley

2000: David Rowlands and Greg Barbour

2003: Keith Murray, Aidan Craig

2004: Chris Forne, Phil Novis

2005: Chris Forne, Aaron Prince

Communications from the IRF

The IRF is always seeking better ways to communicate with Members and Observers and welcomes comments about the current practices.

- We send all IRF Newsletters by email and add people to the list who wish to be included: IRF Newsletters up to #111 are on the website.
- The Rules of Rogaining are on: www.rogaining.com
- IRF Executive team Roles and Responsibilities statement is sent monthly to Members, and annual summaries of these statements are placed on the website.