

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

**Updates as forwarded to Members monthly**

### **January 2003**

\*: Completed in January 2003

- \* Agreement with each Executive member as to roles and responsibilities
- \* Promulgate Roles list to IRF and to ARA by early February
- \* Submit incorporated association's 2002 registration
- \* Forward IRF report to Australian Rogaining Association before AGM
- \* IRF Newsletter 83: features NZRA update
- \* IRF Newsletter 84: President's Report, USA update, 6WRC date
- \* IRF Newsletter 85: IRF focus areas, NZ Championships, Sweden report
- \* Date set for 6WRC (8-9 May 2004)
- \* Short update on 6WRC in IRF Newsletter #84

### **February 2003**

- \* New Zealand Rogaining Association membership of IRF finalized
- \* Communication between IRF and 6WRC Organizing team established
- \* Supporting documentation for Australian intervarsity rogaining bid
- \* Article on rogaining for in-flight magazine
- \* Support for organizers of the first European Rogaining Championships
- \* Consultation with IRF Members and ARA regarding selection process for 7WRC. There was strong support for Method A, one vote for Method B, and a strong representation from the ARA that the IRF take a more directive approach in choosing WRC locations based on strategic consideration for the sport. The issue of cycle time was also discussed with mixed views as to what the right time was for the World Rogaining Championships to move to an annual cycle (now or later).

“Method A. Call for expressions of interest. Then ask for 1-2 page Proposals from those bidding for 7WRC. The IRF Council Members then select a site on the basis of the proposals. This leads to disappointment if a group puts forward a proposal and is unsuccessful. However, it gives the voting Membership some specific information on which to form a voting opinion.

This is the method used to select 5WRC and 6WRC.”

## **March 2003**

New Zealand Rogaining Association has informed the IRF that Peter Squires will be their representative.

6WRC: NP contacted ARA President Phil Holman inviting ARA members to assist the running of 6WRC wherever possible. IRF is to prepare a list of ways in which this assistance could compliment the IRF effort. Aspects of administration, catering and publicity were identified as possible areas. Neil Phillips to co-ordinate this with the ARA in collaboration with Gordon Birch (who will liaise with Peg Davis and 6WRC team).

Technical Subcommittee – Mike Hotchkis has declined the position of IRF Technical Convenor. Rules for 6WRC will be developed by a team chaired by Rod Phillips, and including Gordon Birch: Peg Davis to be consulted regarding Arizona requirements for 6WRC. It is expected the rules for 6WRC will be similar to those for 5WRC, but will incorporate any specific rules required for the Arizona site, and some changes identified during preparation for 5WRC and discussed at IRF meetings.

7WRC: a message has been distributed to the main rogaining countries inviting expressions of interest to hold the 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships in 2006. Subsequently, a closing date for these submissions of interest was set as 30<sup>th</sup> April 2003.

Strategic Plan: a three-stage process was outlined to Members:

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Planning

Implementation of Plan.

Requests were made for data relating to the levels of rogaining activities in various countries. Replies have been received from Estonia and USA. Replies still required on behalf of Czech, Finland, Sweden, Canada, New Zealand and Australia (or individual states).

The Department of Justice (Victoria) has requested a change in IRF reporting procedures, and Gordon Birch has suggested moving to a calendar year to meet this request. This will require a formal constitution change.

IRF Newsletter #86 was distributed. This included details of North American rogaines.

## **April 2003**

6WRC and ARA: Neil Phillips has contacted Phil Holman (ARA) with a list of areas in which the Australian Rogaining Association (ARA) could assist the IRF and the running of 6WRC. Gordon Birch to liaise with Peg Davis and 6WRC team once roles are established and agreed.

Suggestions to Phil Holman for ARA involvement included the round-up of the trophies and delivery to Arizona, catering cross-check, travel deals for Australians, and publicity targeted to specific countries and audiences.

Plan for NP to distribute monthly paragraph to state rogaining newsletter editors.  
Plan for RP to regularly update senior ARA leaders with respect to IRF activities.

Rules – invitation to countries to join ARA Rules process. They reply to Mike Hotchkis: m\_d.hotchkis@optusnet.com.au.

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Replies still required on behalf of Czech, Canada, New Zealand and Australia (or individual states).

IRF Newsletter # 87 was distributed with details of upcoming New Zealand and USA rogaines.

## **May 2003**

6WRC and ARA: Neil Phillips has contacted Phil Holman (ARA) with a list of areas in which the Australian Rogaining Association (ARA) could assist the IRF and the Arizona organizing team for 6WRC. This is being discussed with the ARA associations at present.

7WRC selection process: the Australian Rogaining Association has had proposals from the New South Wales Rogaining Association and from the South Australian Rogaining Association to hold the 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships in 2006. Each has been asked to put together a relatively complete case for the ARA, and then the ARA will put forward one bid to the IRF by the end of July 2003.

The first monthly paragraph on IRF activities to state rogaining newsletter editors was delivered in early May (already published by VRA).

Rules: the IRF Rules of Rogaining are in the process of minor modifications following discussions in Prague during the 5<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships. This process is led by Rod Phillips, and a recommendation from the Executive is expected shortly.

The rules for the 6<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships are based on these IRF Rules but may need minor modification just for this event, taking into account local issues, laws, and safety. Rod Phillips is meeting with Peg Davis and the Arizona organizing team to determine if modifications are required.

The Australian Rogaining Association is reviewing their rules set in the near future, and IRF observers have been welcomed to contribute to this process.

Contact with Japanese rogainers extended.

6WRC website opened and publicised through IRF Members and Observers.

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Replies still required on behalf of Canada, and Australia (or individual states).

## **June 2003**

6WRC: Gordon Birch has visited Peg Davis and the 6WRC organizing team in Arizona to discuss numerous aspects of the World Rogaining Championships. Gordon has distributed a report to many interested parties by email. Some of this has been extracted into the IRF Newsletter.

7WRC selection process: The New South Wales Rogaining Association and the South Australian Rogaining Association are putting together complete proposals for the ARA before the end of July 2003.

The second monthly paragraph on IRF activities to state rogaining newsletter editors was delivered in early May.

Rules: Rod Phillips visited Peg Davis and the 6WRC organizing team in Arizona to discuss rules for the World Rogaining Championships.

Japanese rogainers have a website (in Japanese) similar to that for Australian rogaining.

IRF Newsletter #88 distributed.

## **July 2003**

South Africa: contact made with Pieter Mulder of the Rand Orienteering Club in Johannesburg prior to the first rogaine in South Africa. Copies of 'Rogaining – cross country navigation' and 'Costigan's manual for rogaine organizers' forwarded to South Africa. South African rogaine promoted internationally by IRF.

Rod Phillips visited the US and New Zealand in June, 2003. In the US, he had meetings with rogainers from Washington and South Carolina to discuss both local and national rogaining issues. He also spent two days in Tucson with the 6WRC organising team discussing the rules and the event and following up the visit from Gordon Birch earlier this year. In New Zealand, Rod was looked after well by Mark Copeland, convenor of the NZOF Rogaining Committee, and spent the morning with Mark discussing NZ and international rogaining.

7WRC selection process (on-going): The New South Wales Rogaining Association bid has been received from the ARA by the IRF, and is being distributed.

IRF News #3 monthly paragraph on IRF activities to state rogaining newsletter editors was delivered in early July.

IRF Newsletter #89 distributed.  
IRF Newsletter #88 to webmaster.

## **August 2003**

7WRC selection process: The New South Wales Rogaining Association (Australia) bid has been distributed to IRF members. Feedback has been favourable, and the bid seen to be strong in several respects. IRF Members are requested now to respond promptly to the IRF if they have any further concerns regarding this bid.

1<sup>st</sup> European Rogaining Championships: There has been considerable correspondence between the IRF and Perm group in Russia who organized this event: both before and after the rogaine. The rogaine attracted representation from five countries.

IRF News #5 monthly paragraph on IRF activities to state rogaining newsletter editors was delivered in mid September.

IRF Newsletter #90 distributed.  
IRF Newsletter #89 to webmaster.

## **September 2003**

Period of the IRF financial year: After discussion with the Department of Justice (Consumer Affairs) who administer the incorporation aspect of the International Rogaining Federation (Inc.), it appears that we will need to either alter our IRF Rules

slightly, or adopt a 30 June end-of-year date. The IRF Executive is preparing advice for Members to comment and potentially vote on.

A larger communications item relating to 6WRC and designed for association newsletters, is being prepared for early October.

7WRC selection process: As mentioned last month, responses to the New South Wales bid have been positive. An offer is being prepared for forwarding to the New South Wales Rogaining Association (Australia) via the Australian Rogaining Association. This will include rules and financial aspects.

IRF News #6 monthly paragraph, on IRF activities was delivered in mid October to state rogaining newsletter editors.

IRF Newsletter #91 underway.  
IRF Newsletter #90 to webmaster.

## **October 2003**

Period of the IRF financial year: The IRF Executive has recommended a change of the IRF financial year. This has been forwarded to Members for a vote.

Founders Representative: this item has also been forwarded to Members for voting.

7WRC selection process: The New South Wales Rogaining Association has accepted the invitation to host the 2006 World Rogaining Championships, and is now seeking its government's support in hosting that event.

IRF Newsletter #92 underway.

## **November 2003**

Period of the IRF financial year: The vote to change the IRF financial year is still in progress.

Founders Representative: this vote is still in progress.

7WRC progress with New South Wales: The IRF has forwarded a letter of support for the New South Wales Rogaining Association in its bid for local backing towards the 2006 World Rogaining Championships. It is expected that the Australian Rogaining Association will add a supporting letter also.

IRF Newsletter #92 and #93 posted to Members and Observers.  
IRF Newsletter #91 to webmaster.

IRF News #7 to newsletter editors (late)  
IRF News #8 to newsletter editors

## **December 2003**

Recent voting amongst IRF Members and Observers has led to one IRF Rules change (period of financial year), and ratified one earlier decision (Founding Members position on IRF Council).

- a) The IRF Rules will be altered as follows (added words are highlighted)  
10.Finances  
(ix) The Secretary/Treasurer will arrange to have the financial records *from 1st January to 31st of December each year* audited on an annual basis.

Eleven Members were in favour of this change. Carried unanimously.  
In addition, three Observers expressed a vote and all were in favour of the motion.

- b) The IRF Council has ratified the right of the founding members of the IRF to nominate an individual to a position on IRF Council.

Eight Members voted:

Six voted in favour

One voted against

One abstained

The three Australian Founders eligible to vote on these IRF matters (Neil Phillips, David Stephens and Rod Phillips) did not vote on this issue.

In addition, three Observers voted and all were in favour of the motion.

IRF Newsletter #92 and #93 to webmaster  
IRF News #9 to newsletter editors