

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

**Updates as forwarded to Members monthly**

**January 2005**

President's Report for 2004: draft distributed, finalized

Financial Report for 2004: completed

Auditing of financial report: Gordon is in process of auditing accounts

Strategic plan for rogaining: overview of the global state of rogaining published in IRF Newsletter #100, message to Members about forthcoming swot analysis to be the next component of the planning process.

2<sup>nd</sup> European Rogaining Championships in Estonia: Gordon in contact with Andres Kaar.

Rules review: liaison with Australian Rogaining Association sub-committee regarding forthcoming review of rules, invitation sent to international rogainers to join ARA rules subcommittee.

To rogaining association editors

IRF News #12

IRF News #13

To website:

IRF Newsletters #99 and #100

**February 2005**

Financial statement for 2004 audit completed by Gordon Birch

Documents ready to forward to Members for approval – President's Report, Financial Report, appointment of G Birch as 2005 auditor.

Rules and Technical Regulations subcommittee: five members are representing the IRF during the on-going review of rules and technical regulations being run by the Australian Rogaining Association (Ann Kennedy, Andres Kaar, Peg Davis, Gordon Birch, Neil Phillips). This is a process to look specifically at the rules used by the ARA for events such as the Australian Rogaining Championships; and a proposition will go from the sub-committee to the ARA for ratification in May 2005. The ARA sees this as a process of minor tightening of some rules, and not a major overhaul.

The five IRF members are 'observers' in the ARA decision process, but very much an active part of the exchange of different practices globally and thoughts on what

rules need modification. It is expected that the IRF members will bring back ideas for strengthening the rules of rogaining for discussion and action later this year.

The stage of raising issues for discussion is almost complete and a significant number of topics will be taken further including the age of 'juniors', provision of water stops on rogaines, and ensuring all team members reach controls. Within the IRF, there is no voting proposed on these issues yet, and before any changes are made to the Rules of Rogaining, they will be brought to the IRF membership.

Israel: Gordon has been in contact with Dan Chissick about a forthcoming rogaine in Israel.

## **March 2005**

A vote on three resolutions was held, and the result was to approve:

1. 2004 President's Report
2. 2004 Financial Report
3. Appointment of Gordon Birch F.C.I.M.A. as auditor for 2005.

An expanded role description applicable for each IRF Executive position has been developed to supplement what is contained in the Constitution, and in advance of forthcoming IRF elections in 2005 (penultimate draft attached). Previous election report is available via: <http://www.rogaining.com/elections2002.html>.

Website has been updated with new country information

NARC 2006: Application for 2006 North American Rogaining Championships has been received and is being discussed with North American representatives before being brought to IRF members and observers.

WRC terminology: at the request of the organizers of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships, a discussion and resolution was reached on naming protocol for this event. A short-form of name will be continued mostly for internal rogaining usage (**7WRC 2006 Sydney**.) with the more formal version for external use including T-shirts and publicity information:

- 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships
- 13-14<sup>th</sup> October 2006
- (regional location – optional) Sydney Australia
- Include rogaining logo
- Not to include organizations (e.g. IRF, ARA, NSWRA)

## **April 2005**

The annual report for the International Rogaining Federation Inc. has been submitted to the Department of Justice (Victoria). This reporting is a condition of our status as an

incorporated association, and the submission includes the President's Report, Financial Report, and Statement of Office Bearers.

Members were asked (and agreed) to approve the IRF endorsing the North American Rogaining Championships. NARC will be run in upstate New York in August 2006, and Members and Observers are encouraged to promote this major rogaine in their own communities. The 2005 North American Rogaining Championships are in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada.

The IRF has continued to make suggestions and have input to the Australian Rogaining Association's review of its rules.

Several copies of the VRA Newsletter dedicated to the life of Nigel Aylott were posted to selected IRF Representatives. These are for distribution as you see fit. We still hold a few copies.

## **May 2005**

Meeting in Seattle between Bob Reddick and Neil Phillips to discuss longer-term planning for major North American rogaines, feedback from US rogainers regarding current rules of rogaining, structure of rogaining in USA, and geoduck award procedure. This visit was also the opportunity for Neil and Bob to course vet for a weekend Seattle metrogaine that attracted 200 starters, assist at a mid-week short meet, and talk to rogaining leaders from the Seattle area.

To rogaining association editors  
IRF News #14

To Members and Observers:  
IRF Newsletters #101 and #102

To website:  
IRF Newsletters #101 and #102

## **June 2005**

European Rogaining Championships: consultation process amongst European representatives to develop a set of guidelines for future European Rogaining Championships. The guidelines have been agreed by European representatives and are under review by non-European IRF representatives. It is anticipated that there could be a call for expressions of interest in holding future ERC later in July 2005 if the guidelines are agreed.

Strategic Plan for rogaining: a site has been set up through Yahoo to accept comments relating to the second stage of our strategic planning following a position summary for the sport published in IRF Newsletter #100.

Rules sub-committee of Australian Rogaining Association: five IRF representatives had input to a process that suggested some changes to the rules for rogaining in Australia. That set of proposals has not been accepted yet by the ARA, and the IRF representatives have no further input at this stage.

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IRF News #15

To Members and Observers:  
IRF Newsletters #103  
IRF Newsletters #104

To website:  
IRF Newsletters #101, #102 and #103  
IRF Newsletters #104

## **July 2005**

Strategic Plan for rogaining: a number of comments have been made and listed on the strategic plan site. A preliminary overview of our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats has been provided for comment. The next stage will be to broaden the input by inviting more participation.

European Rogaining Championships: after a three-round, consultative process amongst European and then all other IRF representatives, there is an agreed set of guidelines for ERC. Peter Squires (New Zealand) has accepted an offer to oversee a selection process to run future ERCs.

Recent major rogaines held in the last few weeks include the North American Rogaining Championships in Kamloops (Canada), II European Rogaining Championships in Estonia, and an 18-hour rogaine in Latvia.

Rules sub-committee of Australian Rogaining Association: there has been no further correspondence from the ARA on the Rules during the month, and no changes have been ratified at this stage.

Financial position of the IRF: The bank statement at 15 July 2005 shows AUD\$2100.55 in the IRF account with undrawn cheques of AUD\$420 leaving a balance of approximately AUD\$1680.

To Members and Observers:  
IRF Newsletters #105

To website:  
IRF Newsletters #105

## August 2005

European Rogaining Championships: message (05082005) calling for expressions of interest in running future European Rogaining Championships: proposals should be sent to Peter Squires (New Zealand) [p.squires@xtra.co.nz](mailto:p.squires@xtra.co.nz). This is now urgent – anyone interested in running future ERCs should at least make contact with Pete Squires immediately.

Strategic Plan for rogaining: invitation has been sent to all IRF Members and Observers to join the *rogainingplan2005* discussion site. Several have signed up, others have read comments already posted, or posted their own comments, and some have sent contributions via the IRF for posting. This will be the last invitation to join this stage (stage II) of the strategic planning process: everyone is welcome to view suggestions at <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/rogainingplan2005/>, join up and post further ideas, or send contributions via IRF for posting on the site.

Strategic Plan for rogaining: There has been a general invitation to all Australian state rogaining associations to participate in the strategic planning: this has been forwarded to all state associations from the ARA, and followed up with an invitation from the IRF.

Rules of rogaining: discussions have taken place between the IRF rules subcommittee who worked with the ARA earlier this year, the organizers of **7WRC Sydney 2006**, and the IRF Executive to give some certainty regarding rules for the 7<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships. The IRF rules subcommittee were not aware of any rules that needed changing for 7WRC. The organizers of 7WRC Sydney 2006 have no requests for special rules related to event safety, and will direct entrants to [www.rogaining.com](http://www.rogaining.com) as the rules of 7WRC. The issue of age categories (in particular junior) has been discussed widely, and there is no recommendation to change this for 7WRC.

IRF elections: preparations and circulation of draft documents in advance of IRF elections in late 2005 (more in September report).

Questionnaire on IRF Executive performance (07082005): some feedback has been received, this is the last call for further comments.

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IRF News #16

To Members and Observers:

IRF Newsletters #106  
To website:  
IRF Newsletters #106

## September 2005

IRF elections: a message (03092005, 05092005) advising of IRF elections for executive positions has been sent to all IRF Members and Observers, and to presidents and secretaries of each Australian state rogaining association. Recipients have been asked to forward this message to their member rogainers. This coverage potentially extends to nearly 10,000 people who participate in rogaines and related cross-country navigation activities worldwide. Message to ARA Council inviting participation in the IRF election process and strategic planning.

Discussions on-going with Bob Reddick, Eric Smith and Brad Hunt (and others) regarding the formation of a US Rogaining Association.

7WRC Sydney 2006: correspondence with Alan Mansfield, organizer (on-going).

European Rogaining Championships: update message (05082005) calling for expressions of interest in running future European Rogaining Championships. This has been kept open due to message delays, but is now urgent: contact Pete Squires [p.squires@xtra.co.nz](mailto:p.squires@xtra.co.nz).

Strategic Plan for rogaining. Still open; see last month for details.

Questionnaire on IRF Executive performance (07082005): some feedback has been received; this is the last call for any more comments.

Draft summary of feedback (please comment if this is not representative)

- importance of establishing national rogaining federations
- support for four major international rogaining championships
- importance of standardizing documents and rules, and
- engaging with similar extreme sports.

The questionnaire asked:

“You are asked to comment now under one or more of the following topics:

- \* Governance: is the level of accountability to Members appropriate?
- \* Communications: has this area improved? What further changes would be useful?
- \* Transparency: are you able to follow the workings, plans and directions of the IRF?
- \* Four rogaines make up the international rogaining calendar (WRC, ARC, NARC, ERC)
- \* Uniform rogaining code (Rules, Technical Standards, procedures and practices)
- \* any other aspects you consider important.

## October 2005

US Rogaining Association: There have been on-going discussions between Brad Hunt, Bob Reddick, Eric Smith, other US rogainers and the IRF regarding formation of a US Rogaining Association. Those interested should contact Brad Hunt [bradhunt@americanbushwhackingclub.org](mailto:bradhunt@americanbushwhackingclub.org)

Brad has written to say that he intends to form an advisory committee to write a constitution and determine the initial direction. After a period of time, they will form an 'official' Executive Committee to steer the group. Next steps are for ratification of a constitution and bylaws, formal incorporation of US Rogaining Association registered in Ohio, an Operations / Promotions plan including Website development.

7World Rogaining Championships: Input to 7WRC website and on-going discussions with Alan Mansfield, organizer, and promotion of 7WRC in IRF Newsletter #109.

European Rogaining Championships: Pete Squires is co-ordinating this and has an application from Latvia, and is expecting another from Russia [p.squires@xtra.co.nz](mailto:p.squires@xtra.co.nz).

Auditor: the IRF Executive is recommending that Gordon Birch be retained as Honorary IRF Auditor for 2005/2006. If any Member is opposed to this decision, they should advise the IRF immediately and we can have a ballot.

IRF elections: The Australian Rogaining Council was sent an invitation to formally participate in the IRF elections but declined (letter has been copied to IRF Members and Observers).

The President of the Australian Rogaining Association, Phil Holman, has asked for a meeting with the IRF to discuss ARA membership of the IRF. This is scheduled for mid-November 2005.

September bank statement shows AUD\$1665.00 in IRF account.

Newsletter #107 to Members and Observers  
Newsletter #108 to Members and Observers  
Newsletter #109 to Members and Observers  
Newsletter #107, #108 and #109 to website

## November 2005

IRF 2005 Elections

The following have been elected to the IRF Executive. These positions are for varied time periods to accommodate our four-year rolling terms.

**Peter Taylor - World Rogaining Championships Manager**  
**Brad Hunt - Promotions and Development Officer**

**Gordon Birch - Technical Manager**

**Rod Phillips - Secretary/Treasurer**

Congratulations to the four, and a special thanks to John Berwick for managing the election process over the last two months.

Meeting with Australian Rogaining Association: a meeting was held on 21 November involving Phil Holman, David Rowlands, Rod Phillips, Peter Taylor and Neil Phillips, at the request of Phil Holman, to discuss ARA membership of the IRF. A second meeting is planned for early December to continue discussions.

Auditor: Gordon Birch is IRF auditor for 2006.

On-going activities: formation of US Rogaining Association, European Rogaining Championships selection.

Review of Australian rules: it is expected that the IRF will receive a copy of final changes by earliest 2006. These will be considered by the IRF Executive, circulated to Members and Observers, and discussed.

## **December 2005**

A second meeting was held with the Australian Rogaining Association on 1 December involving Phil Holman, David Rowlands, Rod Phillips, Peter Taylor and Neil Phillips to discuss ARA membership of the IRF.

Peter Taylor, in his new role as the IRF World Rogaining Championships Manager has been in contact with organizers of 7WRC Sydney 2006. He has also commenced plans for deciding the locations for 8WRC 2010 and 9WRC 2012. Members will be advised of progress before any decisions are made.

Discussions are on-going in North America relating to the best structure for rogaining in USA. These are being led for the IRF by Brad Hunt.

Proposals for future European Rogaining Championships have been received by Pete Squires, who is leading this process: proposals will be circulate shortly.

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In January, documents will be prepared for the annual return of the IRF; these include a President's Report, Financial Report, and association statement.

IRF Newsletter #110 to Members and Observers

IRF Newsletter #111 to Members and Observers



IRF Newsletter #110and #111 to website