

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

**Summary from updates as provided monthly**

**January 2008**

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

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

Constitutional changes: a site has been established to host discussions, and invitations to join the discussion 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 co-ordinating 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, and annual statement.

Financial statement forwarded to auditor (10/2).

8WRC: Entries have reached 700 with the last 200 extra places being decided recently.

**February 2008**

Strategic Plan for Rogaining: Part D for each country: these annual plans have been published in IRF Newsletter #139 (co-ordinated by Alan Mansfield).

Discussion about possible IRF constitution change:

The irf2008 discussion group has been set up by Rod Phillips. Despite some difficulties at the start, it is now functional. One member who is very sick has not joined and Rod is still trying to contact one more Member. All but four Observers have joined. We have also invited some senior Australian rogainers to be guests at the discussion. They are aware that we value their views and actively seek input. They are also aware that this is an IRF discussion and it is important that views from all countries are heard. The terms of reference for this discussion are currently being finalized by the IRF executive. As soon as this is done they will be sent to irf2008.

European Rogaining Championships: voting amongst European rogainers has selected the Finland bid for the 2009 European Rogaining Championships.

IRF Annual Incorporation Return:

- President's report in draft form distributed for comment to IRF Members and Observers (11/1), Australian rogaining associations (23/2), and additional rogaining leaders (23/2).
- financial statement forwarded to auditor (10/2).
- financial statement has been audited by the honorary auditor, Shane Tanner
- Annual Return reports have been circulated to Members for their approval, e.g. 2008 budget, 2007 financial statement with auditor's report and notes, and 2007 President's report (29/2).

WRCs: Future WRC selection: there will be an update in March. A process is being developed for selection of WRCs for 2012 and beyond.

## **March 2008**

Discussion of IRF constitution:

An introductory message (3/3) opened the *irf2008@yahogroups* forum, and provided Terms of Reference for discussion of the IRF constitution and a letter from the ARA. Progress of discussion relating to membership has been provided (21/3) by way of a provisional summary of key points listed against the Terms of Reference. A response has been sent (30/3) to the ARA regarding questions on progress, and the ARA has been asked to clearly enunciate the problems with the current system, especially for the benefit of those IRF Members new to the constitution and membership issues.

IRF Annual Incorporation Return was approved (six votes in favour, zero against), and has been lodged with Corporate Affairs Victoria.

World Rogaining Championships selection process: Peter Taylor has advised that he is unable to oversee WRC selection and organization beyond 2008 8WRC in Estonia. Selection guidelines have been drafted and sent for comment to the IRF Executive (10/3) before going to the *irf@2008* forum (26/3). It is planned to have the award of 9WRC 2010 decided well before 8WRC in Estonia.

ERC: European Rogaining Championships 2009 organizers have been advised of their successful bid. The event contact is Mikko Lamminpaa EC Rogaining 15-16 August, 2009 Kalke ry.

## **April 2008**

Discussion of IRF constitution:

There are now two motions before the membership for consideration. These are open for discussion, and voting by IRF Members. One relates to removal of the Founders position, the other relates to removal of the Commercial Operators' position. Voting will take place after the 28 day period.

The ARA executive had presented a letter and asked Peter Taylor to put this to the IRF as a motion (11/3/08). However, it is not in the form of a motion, and it would be difficult to interpret the meaning of any vote on the letter. Any such vote would not have significance as far as constitutional change is concerned. Moreover, the motion as put has not been seconded. We currently plan to deal with individual points sequentially as properly constructed constitutional motions. See para above.

World Rogaining Championships selection process: Guidelines on the selection of locations for World Rogaining Championships have been sent for comment to the irf@2008 forum (26/3). There has been no cause to amend these guidelines, and so Alan Mansfield has been asked to oversee the 2010 WRC selection process. He will contact rogainers shortly. It is planned to have the award of 9WRC 2010 decided well before 8WRC in Estonia.

8<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining Championships 2008 Estonia: Lauri Leppik has announced an increase in total entry positions from 700 to 800 places, and reports that this is almost full.

The last bank statement showed the IRF with \$4309 AUD.

## **May 2008**

Discussion of IRF constitution: Motions relating to the Founders position, and the Commercial Operators' position, have been passed by clear margins. Thank you to Alan Holdaway for supervising this exercise and to Rod Phillips and Alan Mansfield for drafting clear and effective motions. Discussions are in place regarding further motions.

Letter to Australian Rogaining Association Executive: Neil Phillips provided a response to the ARA (21/5) dealing with their letter that discussed constitution changes in late 2007. The IRF letter summarised how the ARA issues had been addressed and discussed within the IRF, and asked if the ARA Executive could explain clearly if they had remaining issues with the IRF constitution.

World Rogaining Championships selection process: Alan Mansfield has been asked to oversee the 2010 WRC selection process using the guidelines first circulated to irf@2008 forum (26/3). He has officially called for expressions of interest for 2010 WRC (16/5). Expression of Interest and Proposals will be received up until 18th July 2008. It is planned to have the award of 9WRC 2010 decided well before 8WRC in Estonia.

Website: Alan Mansfield has commenced work on the [www.rogaining.com](http://www.rogaining.com) website as a medium to longer term project to update this resource for the whole sport.

## **June 2008**

IRF Constitution - Motion 3: Moved Rod Phillips, Seconded Alan Mansfield (17/6).

That Clause 18 of the Constitution ("Alteration to the Constitution") be amended by replacing '75%' with 'two-thirds'. This clause will then read:

**"A special resolution is required to change the name of the Federation, the Constitution, or the aims. A special resolution requires 28 days notice in writing to all Members, and to be passed requires that at least two-thirds of Voting Members are in favour."**

This motion is currently open for IRF members and observers to discuss. Voting will conclude on 20/7, and be supervised by Alan Holdaway.

Corporate Affairs: Neil Phillips has written to Corporate Affairs advising them of the constitutional change process currently underway.

World Rogaining Championships selection process: Alan Mansfield will receive proposals up until 18th July 2008.

Website: Alan Mansfield has surveyed the IRF Executive regarding requirements for a long-term rogaining website; information has been forwarded to Members (9/6).

6ERC Finland 2009: As already announced, the 2009 European Rogaining Championships will be in Finland. Current discussions are leading towards finalization of arrangements for that event and the IRF involvement.

## **July 2008**

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Arrangements for 8WRC Estonia:

- medals ordered by Rod Phillips
- trophy and boots being arranged by Peter Taylor with the ARA
- opening and closing ceremony. Planning in progress: Lauri, Neil, Alan.

World Rogaining Championships selection process for 2010: Alan Mansfield has received one expression of interest from Ukraine, and interest from Victoria pending clarification from South Australia.

World Rogaining Championships: To establish guidelines for entries at future WRC, a discussion paper will be prepared for the IRF Executive and membership covering entry criteria and priorities for Elite, previous WRC Participants, and Volunteers (Rod).

Website: Lisa De Speville is collecting rogaining photographs for the website. A draft page has been prepared for the Executive to comment on.

6ERC Finland 2009: Current discussions are leading towards finalization of arrangements for that event and the appropriate IRF involvement (Alan).

Bank account stands at \$4303.80 AUD, with an expense of \$1200 anticipated for WRC medals. Rod is investigating additional revenue sources for 2009 onwards.

## **August 2008**

IRF Constitution - Motion 3: Moved Rod Phillips, Seconded Alan Mansfield (17/6), Passed 12 to 2 (25/7), Alan Holdaway supervised the voting. The motion is passed. That Clause 18 of the Constitution ("Alteration to the Constitution") be amended by replacing '75%' with 'two-thirds'. This clause will then be: "A special resolution is required to change the name of the Federation, the Constitution, or the aims. A special resolution requires 28 days notice in writing to all Members, and to be passed requires that at least two-thirds of Voting Members are in favour."

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World Rogaining Championships selection process for 2010: Alan Mansfield has received expressions of interest from Ukraine and the Czech Republic.

World Rogaining Championships: To establish guidelines for entries at future WRC, a discussion paper will be prepared for the IRF Executive and membership covering entry criteria and priorities for Elite, previous WRC Participants, and Volunteers (Rod).

Website: Lisa De Speville

6ERC Finland 2009: Current discussions are leading towards finalization of arrangements for that event and the appropriate IRF involvement (Alan).

Bank account stands just above \$3000 AUD, after an expense for WRC medals.

## **September 2008**

German Schestakov: The IRF was advised that German Schestakov died in Russia on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008. German was the founder of rogaining in Russia, a leader of rogaining in the Perm region, and has been an IRF Observer for Russia on the IRF since 2001. For many in the international rogaining community, he will be remembered for his efforts at the age of 70 bringing a large Russian contingent to the 5<sup>th</sup> World Rogaining

Championships in Prague and the considerable challenge that group had travelling by train from Perm.

Peter Taylor had expressed his intention to resign from the IRF Executive at the completion of 8WRC in Estonia. Nominations will be called shortly to fill this vacancy.

IRF Meeting in Estonia: An IRF meeting was held on the Friday before 8WRC at the event site and was attended by nearly 30 rogainers. Minutes are being prepared.

World Rogaining Championships selection process for 2010: Neil Phillips announced at the conclusion of 8WRC the likelihood of the next WRC being in Europe given the expressions of interest that had been received. There has been considerable feedback from rogainers since this announcement, and this feedback is being considered by the IRF Executive before any decision is made.

World Rogaining Championships: In order to establish guidelines for entries at future WRC, a discussion paper will be prepared for the IRF Executive and membership covering entry criteria and priorities for Elite, previous WRC Participants, and Volunteers (Lauri, Rod).

Website: Lisa De Speville is progressing the new rogaining website.

6ERC Finland 2009: Current discussions are leading towards finalization of arrangements for that event and the appropriate IRF involvement (Alan).

## **October 2008**

World Rogaining Championships selection process for 2010: Based on the feedback from many rogainers requesting rotation of the World Championships, the IRF Executive has asked Alan Mansfield to see if 2010WRC can be held outside Europe. The three current bids are still active (Ukraine, Czech, Russia).

IRF Meeting in Estonia: IRF meeting minutes are being prepared.

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Finances: The IRF has received US\$6400 from 8WRC, and now has AUD\$11,000 in the bank. Accounts for 2008 will be finalised after 31 December.

Budget for 2009: Every year the IRF deliberately aligns its budgeting with its Strategic Plan and major action items. Expenditure during 2008 has been for WRC medals, WRC, administrative activities of the IRF, and rogaining awareness and publicity (business cards, car stickers).

## **November 2008**

World Rogaining Championships selection process for 2010: Alan Mansfield has sought further expressions of interest in holding 2010WRC with the aim of encouraging rotation between continents. Four current bids are with IRF Members and Observers for comment (Ukraine, Czech, Russia, New Zealand).

IRF Meeting in Estonia: IRF meeting minutes are being circulated within the IRF Executive before distribution. Rod

World Rogaining Championships: The IRF Executive is developing a discussion paper on guidelines for entries at future WRC covering entry criteria and priorities for Elite, previous WRC Participants, and Volunteers. This needs to be circulated, discussed and agreed well ahead of 1 year prior to the next WRC. Lauri

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IRF Newsletter #146 to Members and Observers 16/11.

IRF Observer: Felip Gili has accepted an invitation to become an IRF Observer representing Spain. Felip is organizing the Wild Boar Rogaine in Spain in January 2009.

## **December 2008**

World Rogaining Championships selection process for 2010: Four bids have been circulated for comment (Ukraine, Czech, Russia, New Zealand), and the IRF Executive has selected the New Zealand Rogaining Association bid based on Member and Observer feedback. A public announcement regarding 9WRC in New Zealand is expected in days.

WRC Entry Criteria: Entry criteria are being established for future World Rogaining Championships. A draft is being prepared (LL, RP) for circulation to Members and Observers and for comment. The entry criteria will be on an individual basis (allowing a qualified individual to choose any partner). Elite performance, sustained volunteer service to rogaining, and exceptional support for previous World Rogaining Championships are being considered as contributing factors to entry criteria.

North American Rogaining Championships 2009: Peg Davis (Arizona, USA) has proposed that the 2009 NARC be held in Arizona, and this is being considered by rogaining leaders in USA and Canada.

7<sup>th</sup> European Rogaining Championships 2010ERC: Lauri Leppik and Sergey Yaschenko are calling for expressions of interest in this event from European rogaining nations.

IRF Meeting in Estonia: IRF meeting minutes have been circulated to the IRF council.

10 WRC selection process for 2012: this will take place during the first half of 2009 with plans for a decision by mid 2009. 11 WRC selection will commence in mid 2009.

Budget for 2009: The IRF deliberately aligns its budgeting with its Strategic Plan. Expenditure during 2008 has been for WRC medals, WRC, administrative activities of the IRF, and rogaining awareness and publicity (business cards, car stickers).

IRF Observer: Jeff Powell Davies has accepted an invitation to become an IRF Observer representing Great Britain. Jeff competed in 8 WRC in Estonia.