Minutes of the Assembly of Delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission

Place: Bol (Croatia), Hotel Elaphusa
Date: October 17, 2013
Time: 8:10 a.m.
Participants: Delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission
Chairmen: Gebhard Barbisch and Kirk Mauthner
Minutes: Fabienne Jelk

1. **Welcome**
   Gebhard Barbisch welcomes all participants, in particular vice-president Kirk Mauthner, his predecessor Bruno Jelk, as well as Fabienne Jelk for taking the minutes.

2. **Distribution of Ballots**
   The ballots are distributed.

3. **Distribution of Forms for Activities with other Organizations**
   Organizations which took part in activities in other countries last year are asked to enter this on to the list.

4. **Points of Contact for the Countries**
   It is important for ICAR to have a point of contact for each organization. The participants are asked to check the current point of contact and to update it if necessary. The same goes for the list of country delegates.
5. **Minute of Silence for Fallen Comrades**
   A minute of silence is held for comrades who have passed; especially remembering Kent Herrström who just passed away last week.

6. **Minutes from Krynica, Poland**
   The minutes are approved.

7. **ICAR Information**
   For almost a year now ICAR has an office in Zurich which is supported by Rega and ARS. Therefore, there are some changes to the statutes needed which will be discussed on Saturday.

8. **Internet Information**
   Gebhard Barbisch asks the participants to use the internet platform. Communication mainly happens within the internal area. It is important to activate the search agent during account activation. This will generate e-mails whenever someone posts new information on the website. The forum for terrestrial rescue is also important. You can also subscribe to a forum. If you activate a forum, you will be notified of replies in the forum. There are also forums for accidents and incidents. Malfunction of equipment and similar issues can be noted there so that everyone can profit from these experiences.

9. **ICAR Recommendations (Terrestrial Rescue)**
   Gebhard Barbisch is showing the currently active recommendations:
   - **REC B 0003**: No comments.
   - **REC B 0004**: Bruno Jelk: There should be an addendum regarding Dyneema as there are no knots allowed with these ropes. Gebhard Barbisch suggests that a group draw up the additional text which then can be presented on Friday. Bruno Jelk, Kirk Mauthner and Blaise Agresti form the group.
   - **REC B 0005**: No comments.
   - **REC B 0006**: No comments.
   - **REC B 0008**: No comments.
   - **REC B 0009**: No comments.

   If someone has any suggestions or questions during the congress, contact Gebhard Barbisch or Kirk Mauthner so that these can be included in the discussion.
Last year France suggested that avalanche beacons should also be worn in summer time based on the accident on Mont Maudit. In August 2013 a thread regarding this was started in the forum. Gebhard Barbisch suggests that this suggestion should be discussed together with the Avalanche Rescue Commission. In the future suggestions like these should be discussed and worked out year round by a group of interested members. They can then prepare a text for the congress so all that is needed is a vote.

10. **Motions to the Commission**
   None.

11. **Motions to the Executive Committee**
   None.

12. **Goals 2014**
   The congress 2014 will be in Lake Tahoe with an avalanche workshop. There are no suggestions regarding a goal.

13. **Practical ICAR (Avalanche Rescue 2014)**
   There are no suggestions regarding the practical meeting.

14. **Miscellaneous**
   No requests.

End of Meeting: 8:50 a.m.

The President
Gebhard Barbisch

The Vice-President
Kirk Mauthner

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