



Minutes
Assembly of Delegates
Terrestrial Rescue Commission

Place: Soldeu, Andorra
Date: October 19, 2017
Time: 0805 hours
Participants: Delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission
Chairmen: Gebhard Barbisch and Kirk Mauthner
Minutes: Fabienne Jelk

- **Welcome**

Gebhard Barbisch welcomes all participants. He states that all presentations will be published on the ICAR homepage. If someone does not consent, they should let the commission know. Otherwise the assumption is that there is consent to publishing the presentations. Gebhard Barbisch also welcomes the interpreters. He asks participants to use the microphone when speaking so that the interpreters can clearly hear.

- **Distribution of Ballots**

The ballots are distributed. The delegates of the organizations are asked to come forward and pick up two ballots for A members or one ballot for B members.

- **Distribution of International Activities List**

Organizations that participated in activities in another country are asked to enter it on the list.

- **List of Delegates**

The delegates are asked to review the contact information in the list and to update it if necessary.

- **Commemorating Fallen Members**

A moment of silence is observed for fallen colleagues. If someone wants to say something regarding an accident, they are welcome.

Two weeks ago Kevin Hallahan met with an accident in Ireland. He was a member of the rescue service for seven years. The accident happened during an exercise. Kevin fell several meters and died on scene.

There was also an accident in Austria in which a police air rescuer fell with the victim. The rescuer died. He was also a member of the Austrian rescue service.

- **Minutes of Borovets, Bulgaria**

The minutes had been published on the website. The minutes are approved.

- **ICAR Information**

There have been several executive committee meetings since Borovets. Topics included review of the congress in Borovets and the planning of the next congresses in Andorra, Chamonix, and Zakopane as well as finances, budget and fundraising. Over the past year intensive discussions have continued regarding membership. A workgroup was formed to discuss that specific topic. Additionally, a survey was performed. The committee also reviewed statutes and recommendations (update of the results of the assembly of delegates in Borovets). There was also another workgroup for the Mountain Safety Knowledge Base. Further, collaboration of EHAC and the Air Rescue Commission, ICAR statistics, forming and first meeting of the technical commission and film/media on ICAR were discussed. The

technical commission worked on the program and the practical meeting in Andorra, the prevention work in the different commissions, the Mountain Safety Knowledge Base, and the ETSI norm.

- **New Members - Short Presentations**

On Saturday ICAR will decide on approving the following new membership applications:

UIM-PGME (Spain), Type B

Unitad Intervencio en Muntanya / Policia de la Generalitat Mossos d'Esquadra

GERA (Spain), Type B

Grupo Especial de Rescate en Altura / Cuerpo de Bomberos de la Cominidad de Madrid

LDMRSDA (UK), Type B

Lake District Mountain Rescue Search Dog Association

UNM – IMMC (USA), Type B

University of New Mexiko / International Mountain Medicine Center

CMH (Belgium), Type B

Centre Medical Heliporte

- **Recommendations Terrestrial Rescue Commission**

The recommendations marked in red are in review and will be discussed in the Terrestrial Rescue Commission meetings.

TER-REC 0001 – Use of carabiner with self-lock systems in mountain rescue organizations.

TER-REC 0003 – Canyoning – Training for commercial guides
No comments on this recommendation.

TER-REC 0004 – Static rope knots for rope extension

TER-REC 0005 – Redundancy for lowering or raising people with fiber ropes

TER-REC 0006 – Static rope brakes
No comments on this recommendation.

TER-REC 0007 – Static rope differentiation

Last year it was decided to update this recommendation. The capacity for another workgroup was not available at that time; however, now a workgroup can be formed. Interested in participating are Tom Woods, Herbert Streibel, Chris England, Alistair Read and Kirk Mauthner.

TER-REC 0008 – Winter rescue equipment
No comments on this recommendation.

TER-REC 0009 – Systems in mountain rescue
No comments on this recommendation.

With the exception of the red-marked recommendations, all other recommendations are approved without opposition.

- **Mountain Safety Knowledge Base**

Work was done together with the UIAA. Gebhard Barbisch shows the solution that was found. In summary, two big topics are being looked at:

mountain safety and mountain rescue. This will be discussed in the avalanche commission.

- **Petitions to the Commission**

None.

- **Petitions to the Executive Committee**

None.

- **Goals/Main Topic 2018 – Suggestion: „Influence of Climate Change on Mountain Rescue“**

Climate change will gain more influence on mountain rescue. One example is the landslide in Bondo. Such events are increasing. The participants are asked if they are opposed to the topic.

Martin Gurdet thinks that it is an important topic but that ICAR is not the right place to discuss this. Such discussions should be left to scientists. Gebhard Barbisch clarifies that climate change itself is not the topic but rather the influence of it on rescue.

- **Miscellaneous**

No comments.

End of Meeting: 0900 hours

The President
Gebhard Barbisch

The Vice-President
Kirk Mauthner

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