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**Zermatt 2009
Minutes of the
Assembly of Delegates
Terrestrial Rescue Commission**

Assembly : September 24, 2009 Hotel Mt. Cervin

Participants : Delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission

1. Welcome

Bruno Jelk welcomes all participants and the different nations with all their organizations. A special thanks in advance to the simultaneous interpreters, the secretary, and Vice President Gebhard for their work.

2. Issuing of Ballots

The ballots are distributed by Berclaz Christoph and Polo Gillioz.

3. Issuing of Form for Activities with other Organizations

A participant form is circulated with the request to fill it in.

4. Contact Persons for the Countries

The form for possible changes in contact persons is available. The organizations are asked to announce possible changes by the end of congress. In the future, all information will be conveyed to the contact persons of the organizations.

5. Minutes of Chamonix

The minutes of the congress in Chamonix 2008 are available on the internet at www.ikar-cisa.org. Since there are no objections, the minutes are effectively approved.

6. Practical Meeting Chamonix

This meeting was, from our standpoint, a success. Again many thanks to the organization of Chamonix. The evaluation forms regarding this meeting came back without negative remarks. Even so, we will continue our efforts to improve our work and to present interesting methods and devices.

7. ICAR Information

There is no urgent information. Bruno Jelk and Gebhard Barbisch have had numerous contacts with several organizations throughout the year.

Gebhard Barbisch, Felix Meier and Bruno Jelk visited the MRA congress in the US as representatives of ICAR.

8. Internet Information

The homepage has been finished for a while now. All information, minutes etc. are available. The organizations are asked to update the contact addresses so that the information goes to the right addresses. Each organization is responsible for keeping their own addresses and e-mail addresses up-to-date. One can always contact Gebhard Barbisch if there are problems. Everyone has received a user ID as well as a password.

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9. ICAR-Recommendations Terrestrial Rescue/Avalanche Rescue/HEMS

REC B 0001 – Utilization of Carabiners with Self-Lock Systems in Mountain Rescue

Decided in Obergurgl (A) 1998, revised in Cortina (I) 2005

Several participants do not agree with this recommendation. The recommendation, in this form, was declined. It will be edited for the congress in 2010.

REC B 0003 - Canyoning – Training of Commercial Guides

Sonthofen 1999; securing the qualification for canyoning guides

No change.

REC B 0004 – Static Rope Knots For Rope Extension

Decided in Karpac (POL) - 1996 - Revised in Chamonix (F) - 2000

No change.

The Bavarian Mountain Rescue would like to add a new knot. The knot will be presented next year by the Bavarian Mountain Rescue and will subsequently be open for discussion.

REC B 0005 – Redundancy by Lowering or Raising People with Fiber Ropes

Decided in Cingov (SK) 1999, revised in Chamonix (F) 2000, revised in Cortina (I) 2005

No change.

REC B 0006 – Static Rope Brakes

Decided in Geiranger (N) 1995, revised in Chamonix (F) 2000, revised in Cortina (I) 2005

No change.

REC B 0008 – Winter Rescue Equipment

Revision Chamonix (2000)

No change.

Bruno Jelk points out that the recommendations are very important for us. If they are not observed, it could have legal consequences.

Therefore it is important that the recommendations are reviewed by the organizations before a congress in order to present possible changes.

Recommendation for air rescue from the medical commission

This recommendation was drafted in Chamonix and was later revised by several people. The new text which concerns our commission was copied for all delegates. Bruno Jelk asks you to review the text. Subsequently, our part of the recommendation should possibly be decided at the next congress.

10. Information Recommendation Dyneema Ropes

Some organizations use Dyneema ropes. These ropes raise many questions. We will try to draft a recommendation by next year. Users, manufacturers, and experts will be called together for a workgroup.

11. Petitions to the Commission

12. Petitions to the Executive Committee

At the present time no one has any petitions or remarks. Bruno Jelk assumes that we are on the right path. He mentions, though, that ICAR does not live with the executive committee by itself but with all organizations.

13. Objective 2010

The proposal is for hang-glider and cable car rescues. Other suggestions are to be furnished during the congress until the Assembly of Delegates.

14. Practical Meeting 2010

There is a possibility in Slovakia to work in the crags. Milan informs us about the possibilities. He says that crags are available to work on. Hang-glider and cable car rescue is also possible. He will try everything to make an infrastructure available. The practical meeting 2010 is unanimously approved. The demonstrations have to be submitted by August 15, 2010.

15. Miscellaneous

Barbisch asks if dog handlers are in the room. There are none. Therefore the petition regarding the subcommission Avalanche Dogs will not be further discussed.

The speakers from this morning should bring their presentations for entering into the computer.

Bruno Jelk emphasizes that it is very important for the interpreters to have the presentations available. A good interpretation is only possible when they can familiarize themselves with the presentation beforehand.

There are no further questions or objections.

TOPR in Poland informs about their 100-year anniversary.

For the Minutes

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