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## **Minutes of the Assembly of Delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission**

Place: Krynica, Poland, Hotel Czarny Potok  
Date: October 4, 2012  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Participants: Delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission  
Chairmen: Bruno Jelk and Gebhard Barbisch  
Minutes: Fabienne Jelk

### **1. Welcome**

Bruno Jelk welcomes all participants. He thanks the Polish organizational committee for the meeting of yesterday; everything went smoothly.

### **2. Distribution of Ballots**

The ballots are distributed. A-members receive a red ballot and B-members a blue ballot.

### **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 into the list.

### **4. Points of Contact for the Countries**

The participants are asked to update the form if there are changes to their contacts.

### **5. Minute of Silence for Fallen Comrades**

Unfortunately, there have again been tragic accidents in Austria, and maybe also in other countries. A minute of silence is held. Bruno Jelk asks the participants if anyone would like to make a statement regarding an accident; there are none.

**6. Minutes from Are, Sweden**

The minutes are approved.

**7. ICAR Information**

Many activities took place this year. Many training courses were also held in other countries. No other comments.

**8. Internet Information**

The web site is unchanged. Currently, the internet is not working. Questions regarding the web site will be answered later. There is a new option of entering statistical data. This will be shown during the meeting with the Avalanche Rescue Commission.

**9. ICAR Recommendations (Terrestrial Rescue)**

The recommendations cannot be shown since the internet is down.

Bruno Jelk asks if there are petitions pending on the current recommendations. The current recommendations are declared valid.

Bruno Jelk asks if there are petitions for new recommendations.

Jean-Baptiste Estachy: Recommends a recommendation regarding carrying of avalanche beacons in summer. This also involves the Avalanche Rescue Commission.

The Assembly votes on the petition and decides to work out such a recommendation. This will be done in cooperation with the Avalanche Rescue Commission.

No other requests are brought up.

**10. Motions to the Commission**

None.

**11. Motions to the Executive Committee**

None.

## **12. Goals 2013**

The next meeting will be held in Croatia. If there is enough interest, a practical meeting will be held. The practical meeting next year would be about avalanche rescue; however, this is difficult in Croatia due to the terrain.

Question to the Assembly: Should the practical meeting next year be about terrestrial rescue and then in 2014 about avalanche rescue? Are there suggestions regarding topics? One topic could perhaps be the new rescue winches. There are discussions about reinstating the use of the old steel ropes.

Dan Hourihan: The US is willing to organize practical meetings for avalanche as well as terrestrial rescue in 2014. It would be favorable to make the change indicated.

The committee will discuss this and give an answer on Saturday.

Suggestions for topics:

Kirk Mauthner: It would be interesting to see when and why which technique is used. When do we use a single rope technique, double rope technique, or an independent system? The focus should not be on equipment and material but which system is being used and why. This is being noted and will be discussed.

Bruno Jelk also welcomes the interpreters and thanks them for their work.

Suggestions for Goals 2013:

Agresti Blaise: How do we take care of a victim? This should be standardized.

Bruno Jelk thinks this is a good suggestion. The victim has to be transported and taken care of properly. The topic will be announced on Saturday. Suggestions for goals can still be made during the next few days.

## **13. Practical ICAR (Avalanche Rescue 2013)**

See item 12.

#### **14. Elections 2012 (President Terrestrial Rescue, Several Assessors)**

A new president has to be elected this year. Gebhard Barbisch has been suggested. No other suggestions have been made so far.

Gebhard Barbisch takes the lead regarding a new vice president; suggested is Kirk Mauthner.

Kirk Mauthner thanks everyone for the honor of asking him for this position. He has been with ICAR since Malbun, has seen many positives, and is very satisfied with the path ICAR has taken. He is willing to accept this position; which would also add an English voice to the committee. Kirk has been a mountain guide in Canada since 1992. He has been actively involved in mountain rescue since the early 80s and is an instructor for technical rescues. In addition, he is a technical product designer.

Gebhard Barbisch asks if there are any other suggestions for president or vice president. The president will be elected during the Assembly of Delegates and the vice president during this assembly.

Motion to elect Kirk Mauthner as vice president: He is unanimously elected.

Bruno Jelk and Gebhard Barbisch congratulate Kirk Mauthner. Bruno Jelk thanks everyone for supporting him during the last 12 years and wishes everyone good luck. Gebhard Barbisch thanks Bruno Jelk for his work. He has done a lot for terrestrial rescue in all the years.

#### **15. Miscellaneous**

No requests.

End of meeting: 8:45 a.m.

The Vice-President  
Gebhard Barbisch

The President  
Bruno Jelk

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