



**Internationale Kommission für Alpines Rettungswesen IKAR
Commission Internationale du Sauvetage Alpin CISA
International Commission for Alpine Rescue ICAR**

**Minutes of the 63rd meeting of delegates
from 22nd October 2011
Åre, Sweden**

1 The president's address of welcome

ICAR-President Gerold Biner welcomes the participants of the 63rd assembly of delegates and asks them to stand in memory for the mountain rescuers that have deceased this past year.

A special welcome goes to the honorary members, who are present today: Hermann Brugger, Toni Grab and Louis Salzmann.

2 Roll call of the A- and B-member, appointing the officers

There are 29 A- and 15 B- members present. This equals a total of 73 votes. Wolfgang Rigo (Austria) and Ken Phillips (United States) are elected to count the votes.

3 Minutes of the 62nd assembly of delegates in 2010 in Stary Smocovec / Slovakia

Decision: The minutes are approved without any requested changes.

4 President's and chairmen's commissions annual report

On the ICAR-website there will be published a proposition of the petition in German, French and English. The European members are invited to download the petition, to sign it and to send it at the address mentioned. The reason of this letter is a major restriction, given by EASA, resulting during rescue missions of emergency patients by helicopters.

4.1 Reconnaissance Croatia 2013

The managing committee's decision to determine the place of congress 2 years in advance gives the organisers more time for their organisation of the future congress.

The president Gerold Biner and the treasurer Felix Meier have together visited the congress site 2013 in Bol (isle of Brac), Croatia, and found over there an excellent infrastructure.

Decision: The delegates approve unanimously that the place of congress 2013 will be in Croatia.

4.2 archives

The secretary of ICAR, Ms Caroline Irniger, brought the ICAR archives from Davos to Zermatt (Switzerland) to the job location of the president at Air Zermatt AG.

4.3 general information by the president's of the commission

The responsible have presented prior their reports in the plenary assembly.
The chairman states them as integral part of the assembly of delegates, because there are no further questions.

4.4 project application for an internet data based ICAR accident avalanche system

The managing committee has decided at their meeting of 20.10.2011 to assume the unique costs of EUR 1'000.- for an internet data based ICAR accident avalanche system. Additionally there will be costs of EUR 150.- per year. This internet data base can be further developed for the other commissions as well.

ICAR-assessor and webmaster Gebhard Barbisch presents the actual statistic, whereas he shows, which countries have not yet sent their facts.

The chairman asked the organisations to present the requested data for 2010 as soon as possible.

4.5 co-financing of the printing costs for the avalanche – rescue compass

The managing committee agreed that ICAR supports the application from the president of the avalanche commission Hans-Jürg Etter, by participating the print costs of the rescue compass with Euro 2'000.-.

4.6 honorary member

ICAR-treasurer Felix Meier proposes Nils Faarlund from Norway as new honorary member of ICAR. He was affiliated 1974 in ICAR as delegate and stayed until 2007. Most of all, ICAR owns him the practical day, which takes place directly before the congress. For Nils Faarlund was the subject prevention always an important matter and he fought always against the technocrats.

Decision: The delegates approve unanimously Nils Faarlund as honorary member.

5 Finances

5.1 Income statement and balance sheet 2010

The annual accounts 2010 are closed with a profit of EUR 8'130.74. The assets of ICAR are EUR 135'140.11. ICAR-treasurer Felix Meier comments on the accounts and explains that ICAR is well prepared for the next year.

ICAR-president Gerold Biner thanks Felix Meier for keeping the books.

5.2 auditor report

The auditors have examined the balance sheet and confirmed the accuracy. They recommend the approval.

5.3 Acceptance of annual accounts 2010 and relieving the treasurer 2010

The annual account 2010 is unanimously approved and the treasurer discharged.

5.4 Budgets for 2012

Beginning in 2012 the translators will be directly deployed and paid by ICAR, to assure the quality and continuity.

The administrative numbers of hours, which will be done by the new ICAR office, are at the moment unknown.

Decision: The budget 2012 is unanimously approved.

5.5 Year 2011 membership payments

According to Felix Meier « Cyprus Search and Rescue Team (CSRT) » from Cyprus has not paid their membership fee in spite of written reminder.

Decision: Cyprus will be excluded as ICAR member by 6 abstain from voting and no vote against due to not paying their membership fee.

The organisation 061 Aragon from Spain has neither paid their membership fee and will be reminded by writing.

6 Admission and exclusion of new members A, B and C

It is principally enjoyable to welcome new members. Unfortunately there are applicants, which have submitted their candidature too late.

6.1 Slovakia: ATE = Air Transport Europe

Viliam Krivak presents shortly his organisation. ATE was founded in 1991 as first private rescue company in Slovakia and has got 7 subsidiaries.

Decision: ATE is unanimously approved as an ICAR B-member.

6.2 Switzerland: SGGM = Schweiz. Gesellschaft f. Gebirgsmedizin/ Swiss association for mountain medicine

Alexandre Kottmann presents shortly his organisation. SSMM was founded in 1994 and has got around 300 members. They perform workshops for doctors and mountain guides and they have published the book „Gebirgs- und Outdoormedizin“.

Decision: SGGM is unanimously approved as an ICAR B-member.

EHAC: European Hems and Air Ambulance Committee

The managing committee is in accordance to the bylaws authorized to affiliate directly C-members. In order for a better exchange of information between EHAC and ICAR and to guarantee a better collaboration, ICAR has affiliated EHAC as C-member and in return has EHAC accepted ICAR as an associated member.

6.3 New Zealand: Land SAR New Zealand

Ray Bellringer presents shortly his organisation. Land SAR New Zealand was founded in 1994 and is a national wide approved voluntary organisation. Land SAR New Zealand is active in onshore and mountain rescue, rock and water rescue and counts more than 3'000 members.

Decision: Land SAR New Zealand is unanimously approved as an ICAR A-member.

6.4 Italy: FISPS (= Federazione Italiana Sicurezza Sci)

The chairman asks after a person, who can present FISPS. Nobody reports. That's why unfortunately FISPS can't be accepted as an ICAR member. The application will be postponed at the assembly of delegates in 2012.

6.5 application denied

Bosnia-Herzegovina: Udruzenje Gradana Klub Spasavalaca 2000

After consulting the Bosnian ICAR-members and on motion of the Subcom the managing committee has decided not to affiliate this organisation as an ICAR member.

Switzerland: VRP (= Swiss Skipatrol)

Due to the fact that VRP is a faction of the Swiss patrols, the opinion of the managing committee is, that the requirements in accordance to the ICAR bylaws are not fulfilled. That is one of the reason why they reject their application.

7 Recommendation REC V004, REC V005

Both recommendations passed the legislative process of consulting in the managing committee. They were transmitted to the members as annex to the agenda.

Decision: REC V004 about the duties of type B members is unanimously approved.

Decision: REC V005 about the minimum requirements for ICAR-membership is unanimously approved.

8 Elections

8.1 substitute election of Reinhold Dörflinger, synonymous with the election as vice-president of ICAR

The managing committee has decided at their meeting on 27.08.2011, that the election of the substitute of Reinhold Dörflinger will be synonymous with the election as new vice-president of the ICAR.

Two persons have announced their candidature.

The first candidate, Franz Lindenberg from Austria, President of the Austrian mountain Rescue Services (Österreichischen Bergrettungsdienstes) introduces himself. Since 26 years he is an active mountain rescuer.

Then the second candidate presents himself: Dan Halvorsen from Norway, Helicopter-rescue man (paramedic) of the Norwegian air rescue service (NLA) and member of the managing committee from the Norwegian Union of alpine rescue. He takes part of the ICAR since 28 years.

The tellers report 25 votes for Franz Lindenberg and 42 votes for Dan Halvorsen.

Decision: The assembly of delegates votes Dan Halvorsen as new Vice-president of ICAR.

The president Gerold Biner congratulates Dan Halvorsen to his election as Vice-president.

8.2 president of the commission avalanche rescue

Dominic Létang from France has announced his candidature for president of the avalanche commission.

He briefly presents himself. Since 2009 he is the director of the ANENA and worked for 28 years for the PGHM (= Peloton de Gendarmerie de Haute Montagne).

Decision: The assembly of delegates unanimously approves Dominique Létang as the new president of the avalanche commission.

The president Gerold Biner congratulates Dominique Létang to his election as president of the avalanche commission.

The chairman thanks Hans-Jürg Etter, who was in the function of president of the avalanche commission since 2003 for ICAR, for his strenuous efforts. The ICAR wishes him all the best for his life in Canada.

Then the chairman proposes to affiliate Hans-Jürg Etter as an ICAR honorary member.

Decision: the delegates unanimously approve for the admission of Hans-Jürg Etter as new ICAR honorary member.

8.3 information for demission of the managing committee 2012

The president Gerold Biner asks the members to think about possible candidates and to give written notice to the managing committee 3 months before the next assembly of delegates.

The following terms of office ceases (a total of 12 years are possible):

- Jelk Bruno, president of terrestrial rescue commission
- Malue Heini, assessor Subcom SearchDogs
- Meier Felix, treasurer
- Skerbinek Danilo, assessor

9 Conference place: United States of America 2014, Great Britain 2015

In 2014 ICAR will stay in negotiation with the member MRA from the United States. At the next assembly of delegates they will submit a corresponding proposal.

For the congress in 2015, the ICAR-member MRCE from Great Britain, volunteers to act as possible host.

The president Gerold Biner thanks both members for their good will.

10 General theme 2012

The theme at the pre-conference day for the terrestrial rescue is „rescue systems for rock walls”. For the whole congress is the general theme for 2012: statistics.

11 ICAR congress 2012 in Poland

The ICAR-treasurer Felix Meier has visited and inspected Poland for the next congress. Mr Jerzy Siodtak from the ICAR-membership organisation GOPR presents the place of congress in Krynica-Zdroj.

The chairman hands over the ICAR-flag to Mr Siodtak for the congress 2012 in Poland.

12 Miscellaneous

The president Gerold Biner gives thanks to the commissions for their excellent work and especially to the organiser, the president of the Swedish mountain rescue service, Kent Herrstrom and the president of the organisation committee Peter Karlsson for his outstanding organisation and brilliant performance of the congress.

The Swedish mountain rescuers make the application to create a safety forum on the internet site of ICAR, which they are willing to mentor during the next 2 years
Decision: the delegates unanimously approve the application.

13 Final word of the president

The chairman thanks the technicians, the translators and Fabienne Jelk for their valuable and professional support of the congress.

Saturday, 22.10.2011 in Åre, Sweden

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President ICAR

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recorder