

8058 Zürich - Flughafen, 28 July 2015

## **Opinion on type B membership of ICAR for the Manuel Genswein company**

Dear Mr. President,  
Dear Members of the ICAR Board,  
Dear Assessors,

We have pleasure in submitting the opinion of Swiss Alpine Rescue on the request received from Mr. Manuel Genswein for type B membership of ICAR.

The SAR considers that the request submitted and the position of the single-person company, M. Genswein, mean there are two different levels on which this matter should be assessed:

### **ICAR Statutes**

According to the Statutes, we consider that Mr. Manuel Genswein could be admitted, since the Statutes neither make explicit mention of individual persons or single-person companies nor exclude them from membership. As far as the ICAR Delegates' Meeting is concerned, however, it should be borne in mind that accepting individual persons or single-person companies as type B members could create a precedent. This would mean that all mountain guides, producers, dealers or instructors could then be admitted to type B membership as individual members or single-person companies.

### **ICAR Association Policy/Strategy**

ICAR must sooner or later clarify which membership categories and resulting internal power configuration it wishes to aim for. It is a matter of clarifying the status of producers, dealers, sponsors, and preventive organisations, etc. From our point of view, type B membership should not lead to competition with sponsors and advertising partners on the basis of economic considerations.

SAR considers that membership for Genswein would inevitably lead to the question as to whether other current partners could not take on commitments in ICAR as type B members and thus, for a small financial outlay, be in a position to have their say in recommendations,

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operational procedures and exhibition opportunities in accordance with their own economic ideas.

After an in-depth discussion amongst the management, SAR recommends rejecting the request submitted by Mr. M. Genswein for type B membership in the current ICAR configuration and recommends, instead, a sponsorship or advertising partnership or, at most, type C membership.

**Swiss Alpine Rescue**



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