



Minutes
Assembly of Delegates
Terrestrial Rescue Commission

Place: Zakopane, Poland
Date: October 10, 2019
Time: 0800 hours
Participants: Delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission
Chairmen: Gebhard Barbisch and Kirk Mauthner
Minutes: Fabienne Jelk

1. Welcome

Gebhard Barbisch welcomes all delegates.

2. Distribution of Ballots

The ballots are distributed. The delegates of the organizations are asked to come forward and pick up 4 ballots for A members, 2 ballots for B-1 members, and 1 ballot for B-2 members, respectively.

3. International Activities List

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

4. List of Delegates

The delegates are asked to verify, and correct if necessary, their contact information (telephone numbers, contact person, and email addresses) contained in the list. The list is sorted by name of organization, name and first name. Please also verify that all TERCOM delegates are on the list or if there are people on the list that are no longer delegates.

5. Commemorating Fallen Members

A moment of silence is observed for fallen colleagues. If someone wants to say something regarding an accident, they are welcome. There are no requests to speak. The minutes had been published and emailed. There are no comments. The minutes are approved.

6. Executive Committee Information

Since Chamonix there have been 2 executive committee meetings. The following topics were discussed:

- Review of Chamonix and planning of the congress in Zakopane.
- Mountain Safety Knowledgebase still exists. Collaboration with ICAR needs improvement.
- Collaboration between ICAR and UIAA exists.
- Growing membership: ICAR members keep growing. Within TERCOM this doesn't cause any issues; however, the other commissions have to be more watchful.
- Internal regulations for commissions are Kirk Mauthner's responsibility. Information will follow later.
- Homepage www.alpine-rescue.org. There is a survey regarding the homepage. The delegates are asked to take the survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/23KX7GD>).
- Information from the technical commissions:
The practical meeting went well, everyone was interested.
The dog handler sub-commission got well integrated.
The workgroup Incident Command System was founded. The recommendation is in the works.
UIAA partnership continues. Delegates of ICAR work in the Safety Commission. There was a SafeCom meeting in Malta. The identification of

static and dynamic ropes is still inadequate. Delegates of ICAR are members of the workgroups Rigging Plates and Static Ropes.

There are also workgroups in the following areas:

- Avalanche probes (for mountaineers, not for rescues).
- Uniform naming of safety devices (belay device).
- Blending test on type K connector.
- Bolt corrosion.
- EAS via ferrata set test methods.
- Helmets (optional UIAA side test): There are issues with the UIAA norm for helmets with headphones.
- Ice tool attachment.
- New standards for trekking poles.
- Prusik – norm specifications.
- Avalanche shovels – norm changes

7. New Members

On the admission of new members will be voted on Saturday. If someone is here from those organizations and would like to introduce their organization, they can do so now.

GREMM – Grupo de Rescate Medico en Montana (Type C)

GRIMM – Groupe d'Intervention Medicale en Montagne (Type C)

JR – Jandarmeria Romana (Type C)

KSAR – Kilimanjaro SAR (Type C)

SMX – SiriusMedX (Type C)

KOMOAAP – Cyprus Mountaineering Federation (Type B2)

PHSB – Polizeihubschrauberstaffel Bayern (Type B2)

BMRA – Braemar Mountain Rescue Association (Type B1)

DEE-AAD - Dept. of Environment & Energy / Australian Antarctic Division
(Type B1)

GC-GRAE - Generalitat de Catalunya / Bombers GRAE (Type B1). The GC-GRAE is briefly introduced.

NSR – North Shore Rescue (Type B1)

8. ICAR Recommendations (Terrestrial Rescue)

Each recommendation has to be reviewed every 5 years. The delegates are asked to note any comments regarding the recommendations.

- TER-REC 0001 – Use of Carabiner with Self-Lock Systems in Mountain Rescue Organization (2017): No comments.
- TER-REC 0003 – Canyoning – Training for Commercial Guides (1999): No comments.
- TER-REC 0004 – Rope Connections for Kernmantle Rope Extension (2017)

Kirk Mauthner: The following points need to be corrected: "...provide a high level of ..." instead of "...the highest level of..." in point 3, Explanatory Notes.

Paragraph "Similarly where ropes are subject to high tension...": One knot is not listed in the glossary (reef bend with double fisherman's bend). A picture is also needed.

Replace "reef bend with double fisherman's bend as back up" with "reef bend with double fisherman backup".

Glossary: Replace „Postman's bend“ with „Postman's knot“.

Glossary: The question has come up how strong the knots are. That differs between rope types. If you make all knots in the same rope, the individual strength of each knot can be assessed. There are test videos, a link will be provided.

Kirk will follow up with delegates to correct the required changes to be presented at the next congress.

Comments:

Richard Delaney: It is difficult to rank the knots according to strength. During an operation, we use used ropes. Tests with new ropes change the results. Wet ropes can also provide different results.

Odd Staurset, Norway: Another knot should be added; the double fisherman's bend.

Eddy Cartaya, USA: A ranking of knots would be an endless undertaking. It is difficult and tricky because the results change depending on the rope and the circumstances.

- TER-REC 0005 – Redundancy for lowering or raising people with fiber ropes (2017): No comments.
- TER-REC 0006 – Static Rope Brakes (2014): No comments.
- TER-REC 0007 – Rope Differentiation – Static/Low Stretch/Dynamic Ropes (2018): No comments.
- TER-REC 0008 – Winter Rescue Equipment (2014): No comments.
- TER-REC 0009 – Systems in Mountain Rescue (2014): No comments.

9. Petitions to the Commission

None.

10. Petitions to the Executive Committee

Martin Gurdet, Austrian Mountain Rescue: The topic this year is teamwork. Martin Gurdet is a member of the workgroup Mountain Safety Knowledgebase and of ICAR. There is a lack of communication between the two. The collaboration in terms of communication needs to be improved.

Peter Zimmer, New Zealand: The collaboration between ICAR and the Mountain Safety Knowledgebase needs to be better.

11. Goals 2020 - Proposal

This will be voted on Saturday at the General Assembly.

12. Miscellaneous

Greetings from Egon Veit. He couldn't be here. Information on the products can be found here egonveit.com/alpine-rescue-development/.

Eddy and Kuba inform about the pre-conference workshop on cave rescue that was held October 6-8, 2019 in Zakopane. Teams from different countries came together. Theoretical knowledge was exchanged and practical exercises were held. If you are interested, please contact glaciercaveeddy@gmail.com. Potentially, a workgroup within ICAR could be established.

End of Meeting: 0930 hours.

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