



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

Place: Killarney (Ireland), Brehon Conference Center  
Date: October 15, 2015  
Time: 8 a.m.  
Participants: Delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission  
Chairmen: Gebhard Barbisch and Kirk Mauthner  
Minutes: Fabienne Jelk

### **1. Welcome**

Gebhard Barbisch welcomes all participants to the assembly of delegates of the Terrestrial Rescue Commission. He thanks the organizers of yesterday's demonstrations.

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

The ballots are distributed. The delegates are asked to pick up either one ballot (B members) or two ballots (A members). Markus Hölzl and Tom Wood are appointed tellers.

### **3. Distribution of Forms for Activities with other Organizations**

Organizations which took part in activities in other countries or had other countries take part in their activities last year are asked to enter this onto the list during the course of the meeting. The list is made available after the break.

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

It is important for the commission to have a current point of contact for each organization in order to communicate. The form is made available.

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

A minute of silence is held for comrades who have passed. Participants are welcome to speak about the specific accidents if they wish to do so.

## **6. Minutes from Lake Tahoe, USA**

The minutes were published on the website. The minutes are approved.

## **7. ICAR Information**

At the assembly of delegates on Saturday, admission of many new organizations will have to be decided. Next year's congress will be in Bulgaria. Topics of emphasis need to be decided. There is no other information to relay at this time.

## **8. Internet Information**

The website was redesigned. Currently, the forum in the internal area has not been set up yet. As soon as the forum is reestablished, all members will be informed by e-mail. It is therefore important that all members list their e-mail addresses legibly.

## **9. Use of Avalanche Beacons Year-Round - Discussion**

A work group was formed which has worked out a proposal. The work group consisted of Kirk Mauthner, Bruno Jelk, Jean Babtiste Estachy and Herbert Streibel.

The group agrees to not recommend carrying avalanche beacons year-round. There was discussion whether to issue a recommendation or a statement and the group decided on the statement as this can be distributed to all alpinists and not just ICAR members. Kirk Mauthner presents the statement.

Stephane Bozon: There were many avalanche accidents during the summer in France. The question remains whether ICAR should issue a recommendation to carry an avalanche beacon, a shovel and a probe in summer. We need alpinists to change their thinking. The question is posed whether this should be discussed country specific or within ICAR.

No one opposes the statement. Should anyone have suggestions, they are asked to present these to Kirk Mauthner or Gebhard Barbisch by Saturday. The statement will be presented at the assembly of delegates on Saturday.

#### **10. Avalanche Rescue – Correct Procedure of Clearing Ski Runs with Snowcats**

Austria has many avalanches that run across ski runs. At some point the ski runs have to be cleared. This is achieved with the use of Snowcats. The question is when to start clearing when it is still unclear whether or not additional persons are still buried in the avalanche.

The members discuss the question. Clearing should only be started when the avalanche run has been searched with all devices, probes, and canine units. The statements of witnesses should also be taken into consideration.

#### **11. ICAR Recommendations (Terrestrial Rescue)**

Gebhard Barbisch presents the recommendations to be discussed. The members are asked to speak up with comments or proposed changes.

- *REC 0001: Using of Carabiner with Self-Lock-Systems in Mountain Rescue Organizations*
- *REC 0003: Canyoning – Training for Commercial Groups*
- *REC 0004: Static Ropes Knots for Rope Extension*
- *REC 0005: Redundancy by Lowering or Raising People with Fiber Ropes*

- REC 0006: Static Rope Brakes
- REC 0007: Static Rope Differentiation
- REC 0008: Winter Rescue Equipment
- REC 0009: System in Mountain Rescue

A work group with the following goal is formed:

Document the recommendation processes. The goal is to explain the thoughts behind the recommendations. Additionally, the formal application of recommendations and data structure shall be given a more open layout.

The work group members include Rik Head, Dan Hourihan, Alistair Reed, Kirk Mauthner and Franz Lindenberg.

No other comments regarding the recommendations.

## **12. Motions to the Commission**

None.

Work is in progress to reengage the translators.

## **13. Motions to the Executive Committee**

None.

## **14. Goals 2016**

Ideas can be submitted to Kirk Mauthner and Gebhard Barbisch during the course of the congress.

## 15. Miscellaneous

Bruno Jelk asks how the formation of the newly approved Technical Commission is coming along. Nothing has been set up yet but it is in progress.

End of Meeting 9:20 a.m.

The President

Gebhard Barbisch

The Vice-President

Kirk Mauthner

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