

International Relations Committee meeting, October 7th 2011

Held during IRF Congress 2011, IRF World Rafting Champs 2011, Costa Rica

1. JakobFaerch, head of IR Com welcomed and opened the meeting
2. Following persons participated at the meeting: Boris Purjakov (Serbia), ZeljkoRajkovic (Serbia), Emilia Begunova (Bulgaria), MladenFurtula (Serbia), Oleg Gregoriev (Russia), Alexei Rummyantsev (Russia), Peter Micheler (Germany), OndrejPanenka (Czech Rep.), Joe Willy Jones (Chile) and JakobFaerch (Denmark).

IR Committee members for the next two years:

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 2. ZeljkoRajkovic (Serbia), rajkoviczeljko@yahoo.com
 3. Emilia Begunova (Bulgaria), office@adventurenetbg.com
 4. MladenFurtula (Serbia), furtester@gmail.com
 5. Oleg Gregoriev (Russia), rusraftfed@inbox.ru
 6. Alexei Rummyantsev (Russia), rusraftfed@inbox.ru
 7. DaniloBarmaz (Italy),
 8. Peter Micheler (Germany), info@raftingcanyoning.com
 9. Rafa Gallo (costa Rica), rgallo@riostrpopicales.com
 10. JakobFaerch (Denmark), Head of Committee, jakob.færch@mail.dk
3. The meeting agreed that the following tasks must be covered by the committee:
 - a. Continue to work toward fulfilling Sport Accord Membership requirement's:
 - i. Attracting more members to IRF (min. 40 active members)
 - ii. Develop current member federations so they will be stronger and bigger (more federations become member of the national Olympic committee/sports confederation)
 - b. Try to get rafting into Multisport events – on short track try get rafting into FISU (International University Sports Federation)
 - c. Work to have rafting showcased close to the Olympic Games
 4. IR Com will need to assist Sue in handling the membership issues. Applications from new members: get all necessary documents, advice the new members on IRF activities etc. We will also have the

task to follow up on current IRF members activities. Our members need to be working on developing rafting in their countries; hold regular national/selection events, membership development, guide training, etc.

5. IRF have a goal in near future to be 50 active member federations. To be able to get recognized as an Olympic summer sports federation we need 70+ members. We need to work on ideas how to identify potential member nations, how to attract them and support them as new members.
6. The current members federations need tools and advice on how to develop. We need to have current federations support each other, and cooperate when it comes to organizing events, guide training, etc. A manual for new and current member federations should be developed, the manual should contain ideas on activity development, membership, organizational issues, sponsorship, event management, equipment, etc.
7. Jakob and Peter ran through the last years of effort to try building the basics for IRF and rafting going to the Olympics. The road is very long, and we should focus on the basic development of RIF, which in time will have built our foundation so that we will be able to have a product that is interesting and has value for IOC, and other sports organizations that would like to cooperate with IRF.
8. It was agreed that the IR Com work should be organized in the following three Subcommittees:
 - a. Members Committee: Chair ? + ?
 - b. Sport Accord Committee: Chair JakobFaerch+ ?
 - c. FISU Committee: *Chair ZeljkoRajkovic + Emilia Begunova, Oleg Gregoriev and Alexei Rummyantsev*
9. Other issues
 - a. Peter Micheler will take action to try look into possibilities of holding an IRF sponsor/promotion events at the new olympic white water course in London close to the Olympic Games 2012.
 - b. JakobFaerch will draft a new strategic plan for IR Com, it will go out for comments and approval to all committee members.
 - c. The committee will use the FORUM on IRF webpage for discussions. You all need to log in, and after this Sue will give you acces to the Forums section for IR Com members.
10. JakobFaerch closed the meeting