



# International Rafting Federation

## MINUTES OF THE 2006 IRF CONGRESS

### **1) Opening**

The email Congress was opened by Sue Liell-Cock (Secretary), on behalf of the President, Peter Micheler. The President's Report was sent out in earlier communications.

**2) Apologies:** Tony Hansen (BOD - South Africa);

**Roll call:** Australia - Graham Maifredi & Steve Nomchong; Austria - Gerhard Enickl; BiH - Aleksandar Pastir; Britain - Deb Cook; Canada - Eric Boudreau; Colombia - Cesar Diaz; Costa Rica - Rafa Gallo; Czech Rep - Stan Hajeks & Robert Kazik; Denmark - Jakob Faerch; Ecuador - Tarquino Yanguuez; Germany - Peter Micheler; Hungary - Gaspar Goncz; India - Shaukat Sikand; Italy - Andrea Gatti; Japan - Shige Asano; Korea - Sung-hoon Oh; New Zealand - Justin Hutton; Norway - Ragne Berre; Russia - Sergei Trofimenko; Scotland - Steve Thomas; Slovakia - Peter Smolinsky; Slovenia - Janko Tavcar; South Africa - Sue Liell-Cock; USA - Mark Joffe; Venezuela - Ruta Salvaje.

**Quorum:** 25 members are present out of a total of 29 - a quorum is established. This is a good representation! Therefore 13 votes were needed to pass ordinary resolutions or proposals; and 17 votes to pass changes to the Statutes.

**3) Members:** There were no objections to the the 3 new members - Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH), Korea and Venezuela.

**4) Secretary's Report,** which was sent out in earlier communications, received one comment from the Czech's and supported by Japan. This was on point 5.e) World Champs Deposits. This point will be raised for discussion in the upcoming Sport & Competition Discussion Group agenda.

**5) Financial Report,** which was sent out with earlier communications, received no specific comments.

**6) Budget approval:** the budget received 21 yes votes and 0 no votes.

**7) International Relations Report,** which was sent out with earlier communications, received no specific comments.

**8) GT&E and Sport & Competition Reports** were included in the Secretary's Report and received no specific comments.

**9) New Fees Scheme:** The new Fees Scheme was accepted with 21 yes votes, 0 no votes.

**10) Statutes:** the proposed statutes were accepted with 4 extra changes. The vote was 18 Yes votes and 1 no vote.

**11) BOD election:** The 10 past members of the BOD were accepted for a further term. They are: Peter Micheler, Rafael Gallo, Tony Hansen, Mark Joffe, Sue Liell-Cock, Robert Kazik, Steve Nomchong, Jakob Faerch, Steve Thomas, Sergei Trofimenko.

### **12) Euro Race Committee and other Committees:**

**Euro Race Committee** took some time to finalise but eventually agreement was reached and so the committee is: Robert Kazik as Chairman without a direct vote; Peter Micheler (Germany), Jakob Faerch

(Denmark), Stan Hajeks (Czech), Gerhard Enickl (Austria), Ragne Berre (Norway), Robert Schifferle (Italy), Deb Cook (England), Oleg Grigoriev (Russia), Janko Tavcar (Slovenia), Peter Smolinsky (Slovakia).

**Sport & Competition Committee** is made up of Judge Assessors and the BOD: Robert Kazik (Head), Peter Micheler, Rafa Gallo, Tony Hansen, Sue Liell-Cock, Mark Joffe, Steve Nomchong, Jakob Faerch, Sergei Trofimenko, Bruce Waters and Willy (Neil) Baxter.

A **Race Discussion Group** was formed to debate race issues. Anyone wishing to be included in this can contact us.

**Guide Training & Education Committee** is made up of GT&E Assessors and Instructors and is headed by Steve Nomchong. He will contact these persons to set up the committee.

A **GT&E Discussion Group** was formed to discuss GT&E issues. Anyone wishing to be included in this can contact us.

**International Relations:** There was great interest in this aspect of the IRF. Jakob Faerch (Head) set out a very good agenda for his committee and received 11 nominations, all of which have been accepted. They are: Peter Micheler, Rafael Gallo; Sergei Trofimenko, Robert Kazik, Shige Asano (Japan); Sung-hoon Oh (Korea), Shaikat Sikand (India), Aleksandar Pastir (BiH), Casper Mortensen (Denmark), Oleg Grigoriev (Russia), Andrea Gatti (Italy).

**Commercial Rafting & Conservation:** There are 7 members on this committee: Steve Thomas (Head), Peter Micheler; Rafa Gallo, Sue Liell-Cock (South Africa), Deb Cook (England), Graham Maifredi (Australia); Vaibhav Kala (India).

**Marketing / Media:** This committee also saw some good interest with some great ideas coming out of those nominated. There are 8 members and they are: Sergei Trofimenko (Head), Sue Liell-Cock, Jakob Faerch, Mark Joffe, Shige Asano (Japan), Morten Bertelsen (Denmark), Lalit Modi (India), Graham Maifredi (Australia).

#### **Australasian Committee**

It was proposed to form this committee and the accepted nominations were: Steve Nomchong (BOD member/ Australia); Shaikat Sikand (India); Shige Asano (Japan); Sung-hoon Oh (Korea); Graham Maifredi (Australia); Justin Hutton (NZ).

#### **13) Closing of Congress**

The Congress was closed with everyone feeling very positive about the huge response to becoming involved in the Committees and the keenness to implement new ideas and take forward the aims of the IRF.

The next Congress will be at the next World Rafting Champs in 2007. That is, as long as sufficient delegates are able to travel to the event to establish a quorum.



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