



# International Rafting Federation

## MINUTES - CONGRESS 2009 18 May 2009

1. Opening: Rafael Gallo, the President of the IRF, opened the Congress by welcoming everyone.

Apologies: Tony Hansen, Mark Joffe, Steve Nomchong, Sergei Trofimenko, Jakob Faerch, Colombia, Korea.

Roll call/ establish delegates:

Argentina – Sergio Betencourt	Australia – Graeme Maifredi
Austria – Harald Nussbaummueller	Belgium – X
Bosnia & Herzegovina – Aleksandar Pastir	Brasil – Jean-Claude Razel
Bulgaria – Stanimir Stanimov	Canada – Eric Boudreau
Chile – Joe Willie Jones	Colombia - X
Costa Rica – Rafa Gallo	Croatia – Toni Poljak
Czech – Ondrej Panenka – delegate, Robert Kazik	Ecuador – X
Denmark – Lillian Madsen	Georgia – David Katsarava
Finland – Oula-Matt Peltonen	Great Britain – Deb Cook
Germany – Peter Micheler	Italy - Danilo Barmaz
Hungary – Vaskuti Mate, Gaspar Goncz	Kazakhstan – X
Indonesia - Amalia Yunita	Latvia – X
Japan – Shige Asano	Montenegro – Grgur Dragutin
Korea – X	Netherlands – Pieter Bekkers, Dirk Ladiges
Mexico – X	Norway – Valerie Bertrand
Nepal – X	Slovakia – Rado Orococky, Jozef Kytka
New Zealand – Nick Chater	South Africa – Sue Liell-Cock
Portugal – Sue Liell-Cock (appntd by Joao Martins)	Switzerland – Miki Weber
Russia – Oleg Grigoriev, Alexei Rumyanisev	Ukraine – X
Serbia - Boris Purjakov	Venezuela – X
Slovenia - Janko Tavcar	
Spain – Josep Foz Aragall	
Turkey - Kanat Karamursel	
USA – Lisa Reeder	

Non-voting delegates:

Iran – Kianoosh Mehrabi

China – Wei Xing, Xia Xuezhn

Establish a quorum – 34 members present out of 44 is a quorum

2. New Memberships for acceptance:  
Nepal, Ukraine, Venezuela, Finland, Latvia. Old members rejoining: Belgium, Colombia – all accepted.
3. Rafael Gallo, Sue Liell-Cock, Robert Kazik and Shige Asano gave summaries of their reports. Peter Micheler gave an update on International Relations, specifically re the IC, IDBF, Va.a and AIPSF.

4. The financial report and the budget were accepted.
5. Election of office bearers:
  - a) Election of BOD – Tony Hansen, who was one of the founding members of the IRF and who, through the Camel White Water Challenge, provided the base for the IRF and the WRC to form, has declined to stand again for the BOD due to other work commitments. He will be greatly missed. Sergei Trofimenko who has also been a long contributor to the IRF will also not stand again due to work commitments. Rafa Gallo thanked both of them for their commitment and dedication in assisting the IRF to get where it is today.

There were 11 nominations in total. The following persons were unopposed to return to their previous positions:

- Rafa Gallo – President
- Mark Joffe – Treasurer
- Sue Liell-Cock – Secretary General
- Jakob Faerch – Head of International Relations

The following were proposed and accepted to the following positions:

- Peter Micheler – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Robert Kazik – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Gaspar Goncz – Head of GT&E
- Ondrej Panenka – Head of Sport & Competition
- Shige Asano – Recreational Rafting & Conservation

At this stage with two nominations left Oleg Grigoriev put himself forward as wanting to work on and promote the Youth section of rafting. He will therefore be proposed to head this as a new sub-com at the S&C meeting.

- Steve Nomchong was proposed and accepted as Head of Media & Marketing

#### 6. Committees –

- a) Sport & Competition Committee – will be concluded at the S&C meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>
- b) Guide Training & Education Committee – this committee is made up of GT&E Assessors and Instructors and is decided amongst themselves.
- c) International Relations Committee:
 

Jakob Faerch (Denmark) – Head	Peter Micheler (Germany)
Rafa Gallo (Costa Rica)	Fieke Reijntjes (Netherlands)
Danilo Barmaz (Italy)	Nick Chater (New Zealand)
Wei Xing (China)	Alex Pastir (BiH)
(more welcome)	
- d) Commercial Rafting & Conservation Committee:
 

Shige Asano (Japan) – Head	Rafael Gallo (Costa Rica)
Deb Cook (GBR)	Kianoosh Mehrabi (Iran)
Kanat Karamursel (Turkey)	Sue Liell-Cock (South Africa)
(more welcome)	
- e) Media & Marketing Committees:
 

Steve Nomchong (Australia) – Head	Shiegg Asano (Japan)
Sue Liell-Cock (South Africa)	Bojan Lazic (Serbia)
Joao Martins (Portugal)	Nick Chater (NZ)
(more welcome)	
- f) Continental Committees (no African Committee as only 1 member at this time):

- i. Euro Committee – will be discussed and voted on by email after the WRC
- ii. Australasian Committee – 1 representative per country member
 

Shige Asano (Japan) – Head	Steve Nomchong (Australia)
Graeme Maifredi (Australia)	Wei Xing (China)
Amalia Yunita (Indonesia)	
Maxim Zimin (Kazakhstan)	Changmin Park (Korea)
Manesh K. Rai (Nepal)	Nick Chater (New Zealand)
- iii. Pan-American Committee – 1 representative per country member
 

Rafa Gallo (Costa Rica) – Head	Mark Joffe (USA)
Sergio Betancourt (Argentina)	Hugo Pinto (Venezuela)
Jean-Claude Razel (Brasil)	Eric Boudreau (Canada)
Joe Willie Jones (Chile)	Cesar Diaz (Colombia)
Lizzy Camacho Jiminez (Mexico)	Lisa Reeder (USA)

7. Discussions and resolutions on the proposals submitted by National Federations and BOD

- a) Fees and funding – a slight restructure - from the BOD  
This was discussed and accepted by a majority of 18 voting for it.
- b) Gratitude of support to IRF – Czech Rep  
Accepted
- c) GT&E Certification Fees – Switzerland  
This was discussed and a decision to pass it on to the GT&E meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was approved.
- d) Guide Training & Education – Switzerland  
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8. Closing of Part 1 of the Congress. Part 2 is the Sport & Competition meeting being held on 22 May 2009 from 15:00 to 18:00.