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SUMMARY OF BRIEF HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 1998 AT HOTEL SUERRE IN COSTA RICA

PRESENT: Lee Porter, Sue Liell-Cock, Steve Nomchong (Australia / Peru), Oleg Grigoriev, Shigeto Asano and Kenji Kitagwa (Japan), Mike Turnbull (Rescue Source), Massimo Desiati (Brasil), Lee Poundstone and Eliecev Cespedes (Costa Rica), Sandi Segatin and Robert Gornik (Slovenia)

Lee welcomed everyone from far and wide and went on to brief them on decisions made in the BOE meeting last night and opened the topics for discussions. It was clear after many topics had been covered that everyone's main interest was for competition. When asked individually everyone said competition other than Steve and Lee who were interested in all aspects that the IRF offered and Mike who is only interested in guide training and safety. Some of the others like Shigeto and Massimo are also interested in that side as secondary importance.

Another meeting will be held on Monday 21 September at 2pm as this will be the only time that everyone can make it.

MEETING HELD MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER AT HOTEL SUERRE, COSTA RICA

PRESENT: Peter Micheler (Vice President), Zeljko Kelemen (Secretary), Tony Hansen, Neil Baxter, Thomas Karas, Sue Liell-Cock (Administrator), Mark Joffe, Steve Nomchong, Rafael Gallo (Vice President), Oleg Grigoriev, Shigeto Asano and Kenji Kitagwa (Japan), Mike Turnbull (Rescue Source), Massimo Desiati (Brasil), Lee Poundstone (Costa Rica), Sandi Segatin, Milan Lovrencic and Robert Gornik (Slovenia), Gerardo Murillo Siau (Costa Rica), Rodolfo Navio (Argentina), Robert Kazik (Czech Rep), Brent Williamson (Zimbabwe), Vember Mortlock (Britain), Jim Coffey (Canada), John MacCrossin (Australia), Neil Murray (Australia), Sue Norman (USA), Phil & Mike Turnbull (Rescue Source USA).

A. MEMBERSHIP

1. The following countries' rafting organisations were accepted: Belgium, South Africa, Czech Rep., Slovakia, Russia.
2. Reasons countries are giving for not becoming members yet has been - translating their constitutions into English, creating organisations and knowing what the IRF can offer them for their membership. It was decided to make things easier the entire constitution is not needed. Instead the aims/declaration, the objectives and the section on who can be members are all that is needed in English.

B. HEADS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

New heads and committee members need to be voted on. This was agreed. The following was proposed by Sue and seconded by Willy with no objections.

1. Sports and Competition:

- Willy Baxter will stay on as Head and will answer emails if they are to do with race issues.
- Peter Micheler, Thomas Karas, Vember Mortlock, Robert Gornik will be on the committee.

2. Guide Education and Training

- Thomas stepped down from Head and Mark Joffe was appointed in his place
- Steve Nomchong, Matt Chadder and Jim Coffey will be on the committee

3. Conservation and Toursim

- It was decided to combine these for the moment as there is little on the agenda for them at the moment. Graeme Addison will be Head and Massimo Desiati and Lee Porter will be on the committee. Graeme is keen on helping create the databases on rivers and guides and assisting in the networking with river operators.

C. COMPETITION - RULES, REGULATIONS AND BID CRITERIA

The Race Rules were deemed as needing to be updated. A core group will finalise the writing up of the Race Rules into an official format. This team will be Mr. Peter Micheler - 1st Vice President; Mr. Tony Hansen - Funding; IRF Administrator - Ms. Sue Liell-Cock; Mr. Neil Baxter - Head of the IRF Sports and Competition committee: The committee members: Mr. Thomas Karas, Ms. Vember Mortlock. This will be done on the 23rd September.

D. CLOSE

The meeting was closed