

MINUTES

UIAA Management Committee Meeting, Munich, Germany - Saturday 24th May 2014

Venue: Haus des Alpinismus

08:30 – 12:30 EXECUTIVE SESSION and 14:00 – 17:30 with Commissions' Presidents

Chair: Frits Vrijlandt, UIAA President

Minutes: Stephanie Stettbacher

Management Committee			
Frits Vrijlandt FV	NKBV Netherlands	Royal Dutch Climbing and Mountaineering Club	EB <i>President</i>
Peter Farkas PF	MHSSz Hungary	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	EB <i>Vice President</i>
Hélène Denis HD	FFCAM France	Fédération Française des clubs alpins et de montagne	EB <i>Secretary General</i>
Thomas Kähr TK	SAC Switzerland	Swiss Alpine Club	EB <i>Marketing and Communication</i>
Pier Giorgio Oliveti PGO	CAI Italy	Club Alpino Italiano	EB <i>Treasurer</i>
Anne Arran AA	BMC United Kingdom	British Mountaineering Council	MC
Nejat Akinci NA	ZIRVE Turkey	Zirve Mountaineering Club	MC
Colonel Chauhan CC	IMF India	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	MC
Georges Elziere GE	FFCAM France	Fédération Française des clubs alpins et de montagne	MC
Stuart Anthony Gray SAG	NZAC New Zealand	New Zealand Alpine Club	MC
Lucia Foppoli LF	CAI Italy	Club Alpino Italiano	MC
Commission Presidents			
Pierre Humblet PH	CMBEL Belgium	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	Com Pres. <i>MOUNTAINEERING</i>
Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin JJM	FEDME Spain	Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada	Com Pres. <i>ACCESS</i>
Urs Stöcker US	SAC Switzerland	Swiss Alpine Club	Com Pres. <i>Ice Climbing</i>

UIAA office		
Sophie Gerard SG	Project Manager	UIAA
Stephanie Stettbacher SS	Office member	UIAA

Excused or absent Management Committee members		
Sebastian De La CRUZ	FASA Argentina	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo

Joan Garrigos y Toro	FEDME Spain	Federación Española de Deportes de Montaña y Escalada
Petronella Grobler	MCSA South Africa	Mountaineering Club of South Africa
Tadao Kanzaki	JMA Japan	Japan Mounteering Federation
Peter Muir	ACC Canada	Alpine Club of Canada
Frank-Urs Müller	SAC Switzerland	Swiss Alpine Club
Christine Pae	KAF Korea	Korean Alpine Federation

Guests

Claude Eckhardt CE	FFCAM France	Fédération française des clubs alpins et de montagne	UIAA Honorary member
William (Bill) Putnam BP	AAC USA	American Alpine Club	UIAA Honorary member
Ang Tshering Sherpa ATS	NMA Nepal	Nepal Mountaineering Association	UIAA Honorary member
Joseph Klenner JK	DAV Germany	German Alpine Club	Guest Host President of DAV

1. Welcome by the President and apologies for absence

FV welcomes all the participants and thanks the DAV for organising the meeting in Munich, Germany, thanks Honorary Members: William Putnam, Ang Tshering, and Claude Eckhardt for coming, and welcomes new MC member Stuart Grey, from New Zealand.

He expresses his condolences for Ian McNaught-Davis who passed away this year, and the sad tragedy in Nepal recently, when 16 Sherpas lost their lives in a terrible accident on Everest. There will be a special commemoration for this tragedy at the GA in Flagstaff 2014.

- ▶ General Secretary, HD made the following announcement :
 - There are 11 members present; the quorum (art 17 of the Articles of Association) is the majority of the members. The MC has 18 members so the majority is 10, the quorum is met and valid decisions can be taken.
 - With 11 members present, the majority is 6.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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| ▶ The agenda is approved with 11 votes in favour, 0 abstentions. |
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3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous MC-meeting (5th October, Pontresina)

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| ▶ The minutes of the MC meeting Pontresina are unanimously approved. |
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4. Report by the President (see details in President Report)

FV asks if there were any questions or comments to President Report (none).

Regarding staff, Florian Jean Richard left after 3 months trial period. We regret the surprise decision, Sophie Gerard has taken over his responsibilities (on a 90% basis) as a trial period to be renegotiated before Oct GA. The office staff is quite international, American, Canadian, French, Swiss, Romanian and since February, Valérie Thoeni works 40% from Russia.

- ▶ No additional comments/questions about the report.

5. Report from the Office (*see details in Office report*)

SG - presents the Office staff and shows the responsibilities and load share. There was also a trainee, Erin Gleeson, in the office who worked on the Mountain Protection label until end of March. We plan to put more effort into this project in the future but it depends on the human resources capacity. For the upcoming Ice Climbing season we will hire additional support.

- ▶ No additional comments/questions about the report.

6. Report on Communication (new website) and update on Marketing (*see details in Communication Report*) (TK)

a) UIAA logo policy – one single logo is to be used, and no longer any more separate Commission logos. 'UIAA' can be written horizontal or vertical for practical purposes, the special logo for Safety label manufacturing is maintained because of the practical 'production' purposes

FV recommends to vote on the use of only one logo (except the safety label for manufacturing products)

- ▶ **Vote on the use of only one logo with the exception of the safety manufacturing logo) is unanimously approved.**

SG reports on our Sponsors for 2014 (*see more details Sponsor report*)

b) Marketing activities – three activities are planned. The first being the International Mountain Summit where the UIAA Mountain Protection Award will be announced. The second being, a photo contest to be organized in the following months depending on sponsorship possibilities and human capacity in the office. And last, the attendance of the UIAA at the Outdoor Friedrichshafen for sponsoring purposes.

TK: Publication (Annual Report) should cover full business year January-December, but comes out in October making it difficult to reflect full business year.

- Proposal: Make 2 separate documents: take image part out of Annual Report, and have it ready for *March 2015*. Have separate brochure for UIAA (containing images, UIAA core profile, commission practices) ready for *October 2014*.
Advantage: clear purpose for both, report on full year, multi-purpose tool

- ▶ **Vote on publication of 2 Reports unanimously approved.**

New Website:

Brief tutorial with Phinjo of new Member's area on UIAA website.
New capabilities of website: updated Federation information, the sending of messages to other members using this updated info, Federations can post their own events, calendar, meeting forms, and a nomination system.

- ▶ Come up with a plan to train our community in web conferencing
- ▶ Check at next MC how much our UIAA community is using it
- ▶ More activities of our member federations can be shown

7. Finance (PGO) *(See more details in PGO report)*

7.1 Result 2013 (recommendation to the GA for approval of the results)

- ▶ Results for 2013: profit of CHF 28,106

▶ **The recommendation for approval for the GA of Results 2013 is unanimously approved.**

7.2 Quarterly Report 2014 (PGO) - Online with budget 2014

One problem was the question of currencies, to change from USD to CHF. It is more risky to keep cash in USD; decision is to change USD into CHF as we receive them.

- ▶ Forecast for 2014: Profit of CHF 13,300

SG explains in the budget how TNF money is used for the Ice climbing commission on request of Anne Arran.

8. Membership Updates (HD)

8.1 Application from Armenian Alpine Club

- ▶ Purpose to nominate it at GA Flagstaff is unanimously approved

8.2 ENEQ: from Associate to Observer since 2011?

HD: We received a letter from ENEQ asking to come back to UIAA after non payment since 2011, at this time Nico de Jong suggested them to become an observer member but they did not take this offer. In the meantime, another club, La Montagne d'Argent, has asked to join and use the training standards. HD passed out letter from Steve Long explaining the situation.

- ▶ FV- Proposed to first see with Alpine Club of Canada if they recommend one or both clubs or neither to be presented at the GA in Flagstaff.
 - Decision postponed to next MC and GA

8.3 Non-payment Member federations form 2013

- **HMI** - Col Chauhan will check
- **I.R.IMSCF** - normally pays by cash, reminder must be sent to pay at GA (office)
- **MNMF** - A reminder to be sent to the Federation and NOC of Mongolia
- **CAP** - (contact Mark Richey for help)

8.4 Federation vs Club – Potential problem;

- ❖ *What if 1st applicant in a country is not a federation and a federation is created later?*
- ❖ *Would a change be useful in AoA to prevent future difficulties?*

FV- Problems arise when a club or federation applies to become a member of UIAA, presenting itself as a national federation or with the intention to become a national federation. Then a few years later a club or federation from the same country applies to become UIAA member, and they are the actual national body recognized by the NOC. The National Federation should be vote holder.

HD- How can we prevent this problem to occur? If it is only a question of voting rights in the AoA, we do have the possibility to review them. Is another problem pending?

FV- Proposes to work on AoA change with HD and Frank Urs Müller

CE- The battle is mainly on the vote. A solution may be to admit a federation for a trial period as associate member.

FV- Good idea-we will do some research to find solution.

8.5 Update on Working Group to review membership fees and strategy to engage and retain smaller Federations worldwide: decisions to prepare for next GA (using Solidarity Fund CHF 11,300) (Anne Arran (AA))

(WG - Anne Arran, Agnes Semelet, Lucia Foppoli, Nejat Akinci, Col Chauhan Link to board-Peter Farkas)

- a. AA: UIAA solidarity fund supports federations who cannot pay their fees. The idea is to focus on clubs under 1000 members. The Solidarity Fund is also open to new member bodies who want to join the UIAA. For smaller federations and the ones who aspire to become federations, this fund can help these countries to pay fees. An idea is also to link smaller federations to bigger federations (twinning). Process begins by applying for the fund. We can deal with choosing the countries to focus on by continent. An advantage for smaller federation to join is that UIAA can highlight their projects that are beneficial for them and for UIAA. UIAA offers more to climbers than just competition. We shall look at countries that have no national federation and encourage/support them into becoming one. We can help them.

Criteria for eligibility to the fund

1. To be ideally recognized by NOC
2. To provide accounting records signed by outside external expert
3. To show proof of payment problem
4. To fulfil the existing requirement to become UIAA Members
5. To have less than 1,000 members
6. Request possible only once every 3 years



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7. To provide main goals and objectives for the next 4 years and the reason to join the UIAA or to stay in.

FV: target should be on former UIAA federations

AA - targeting should be wider: also open to smaller groups, new countries, open to whole world.

GOAL for GA Flagstaff: Make a list of countries where UIAA could expand to. - Approach 10 federations; Approach federations geographically – Show results at Flagstaff

b. Presentation by (NA) – What does UIAA give to my federation?

(See more details in NA report)

- Europe is the best represented continent
- UIAA represents 33% of countries around the world.
- High priority must be set on approaching new members
- At GA, one goal should be to 'mix/socialize' with other countries; 'UIAA family' feeling must be created.
- Developing Countries need help

NA proposes some ideas to promote the UIAA to current and new federations - Training Standards are a good way to help, PETZL grant could be proposed to new federations. UIAA representatives can be met face to face at GA, the fees can be reduced for 1 to 2 years.

8.6 European Federation of Mountaineering Associations (PGO)

- This organization is not yet legally established. The UIAA suggests a reference to the UIAA in the organization statutes such as: "the European Federation of Mountaineering Association promotes and supports UIAA activities".

9. Sponsorship Guidelines

TK: Sponsorship Guidelines-*(see more details in Sponsorship Guidelines document)*

What should be made clear is: sponsors should represent UIAA core values, what sponsorship UIAA offers to companies.

▶ **Sponsorship Guidelines unanimously approved.**

10. Award for contribution to the UIAA

HD explains annexes 2 and 3, were inappropriately added to the AoA, they are actually a part of AoA. After the 2012 UIAA General Assembly in Amsterdam, the annex 2 "UIAA Policy concerning Honorary Membership and Awards for the Contribution to the UIAA" and the annexe 3 "UIAA Regulations for Elections" have been inadvertently added to the UIAA Statutes. The General Assembly approved them as general matters but not as UIAA articles of Association Amendments (which require a special vote with 2/3 majority). Therefore, the annexes 2 and 3 shall be removed from the UIAA Statutes but the documents remain valid and applicable.

▶ **12 email votes "yes" were received concerning the awards given to John Ellison and Joseph Klenner, no objections. The awards are granted to JE and JK.**

11. Future meetings

11.1 GA 2014, October 16-18 Flagstaff (Bill Putman)

- BP will prepare a special website for GA, including logistics, info about area, letters of invite, etc.
- BP: Are we doing the most important thing for mountaineers? How can the UIAA do more? We need to promote Mountaineering. A suggestion may be to give an award - for example for clean climbing, or for a valuable piece of historical writing, etc. Let clubs know they are getting international recognition.

FV: Thank you for your contribution it will be discussed within the board.

11.2 Management Committee: FEDME proposal - Zaragoza

Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin (JJM) (See more details in JJM report)

To be held 19-21 March 2015, close to the Pyrenees Mountains offering many activities.

- First time in history to have a sport climbing wall in the center of the town
- MC is invited to take part in the Congress to share information
- A booklet summarizing the congress will be produced at the end of event

► **Decision to hold the MC meeting in Spain unanimously approved**

12. Commissions update

12.1.

Beckers	Lode Georges	Belgium	CMBEL	Access&Expeditions Mountain Protection	CM FM	Accepted
Beverly	Mark	USA	AAC	Ice Climbing from (CM) to (FM)	FM	Accepted
Shafaghi	Hamid Reza	Iran	I.R.IMSCF	Ice Climbing	CM	Accepted
Zulic	Sana	Serbia	PSS	Ice Climbing	CM	Not renominated
Behpour	AliReza	Iran	I.R.IMSCF	Medical	FM	Accepted
Moein	Amin	Iran	I.R.IMSCF	Mountain Protection	CM	Accepted
Kalandadze	Nona	Georgia	MCAG	Mountaineering	FM	Accepted
Ullah	Rehmat	Pakistan	ACP	Mountaineering	FM	Accepted
Heuser Sommer	Pablo Alejandro	Chile	FEACH	Legal Experts Working Group	CM	Accepted
Velhinho	Alexandre	Portugal	CAAL	Mountaineering (TS)	FM	Not Accepted
Foster	Rob	UK	BMC	Safety	FM	Accepted
Vasiliev	Andrei	Russia	RMF	Safety	FM	Accepted

12.2 Overview of the current status of Commission Projects (Peter Farkas (PF)) (See more details in PF report)

- Strategic plan is halfway through the 4 year time period; time for 'facelift'.

- Update the goals- make them S.M.A. R.T (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time scaled) goals, then define objectives to reach them

- Suggestion**
1. Each president of Commission appoints a person responsible for project administration. Report once a year about progress
 2. Commissions should define their objectives so that they are in line with the relevant goals specified in the SP 3. A half term revision can be presented to MC at Flagstaff for approval.
 4. MC submits a revised 'facelift' proposal to GA
 5. Acceptance by GA

FV: this provides good help to the MC to see progress, no questions.

12.3 Discussions with Commission Presidents

a. Ice Climbing (Urs Stöcker (US))

UIAA Ice Climbing video presented

US: The Ice Climbing Commission has decided to change the regulation with regards to the athletes quota and the time for lead competition.

PF: As we get closer to applying to become an Olympic Sport, I suggest we need more ice. We can only apply to become a Winter Olympic Sport if our sport is practiced on ice or snow. We have to specify what % of the route should be covered by ice.

US-: It's difficult because of temperature.

US: The vision is to enter Olympic Games in 2022

- Application to IOC
- Necessity to be present in all Northern Continents
- Professionalism (federations, athletes, staff)

US highlights: Sochi Demonstration, Championship in Bozeman USA, 2nd World Youth Championship, 6 (minus 1 due to dangerous weather conditions) well organized World cups, 27 countries involved. (See more in Urs Stöcker Ice Climbing report)

Sochi Report (FV): UIAA presence, IOC compliment. (Video of Sochi shown)

Over 4,000 people climbed 20 meter high ice wall

It was the only Sochi sport event opened to the public

Lots of positive attention was shown.

Media reported from all over the world

It was popular: The official Olympic mascot was a climbing snow leopard.

Necessary improvements in the UIAA statutes:

FV-: We will work with Frank Urs Müller to do the necessary modifications to AoA to be in accordance with International Olympic Committee criteria. Of course the MC will be informed about this. Our name 'The Mountaineering and Climbing Federation' doesn't make it clear to the outside/sport world what we do. You don't mount a mountain, you climb it. We know what we do, but we need to make it clear to outside world.

- ▶ We would like to change the English translation of our name (being of course still 'UIAA') to **“International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation”**

▶ **Changing the English name to “International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation” is unanimously approved.**

FV-Thanks to Urs and Ice climbing Commission. We need to thank also RMF.

12.3.b Mountaineering: Pierre Humblet (*See more details in PH report*)

Update on Aruga 8000

- A proposal was presented by PGO at GA in Amsterdam inviting the Mountaineering Commission to report on the ARUGA project updating the list of the 8.000 summits. A clear and consistent position should be adopted
- **Scales of difficulties**- The office in Berne has received an English version of an original Italian document for publishing with regards to difficulties scales in climbing generally speaking. It will be updated and added to UIAA website soon. Claudio Melchiori will add a chapter on grades in "Vie Ferrate" with all existing scales (French/Austrian/Italian) and will propose the most accurate system (e.g. for those countries without a grading system like Russia etc.). He will present his conclusions at our next meeting.
- **PETZL**- It has already been decided that we will pursue our partnership: I had the pleasure to sign a new cooperative agreement in 2014 February, at Toulouse, between UIAA MountCom and Petzl Foundation. This is a new 3 years agreement with PETZL Foundation supporting the TSP activities with a grant of 10.000€ per year.
- **The Traditional Values Working Group**, under the Chairmanship of Doug Scott, has produced the document '*The Preservation of Natural Rock for Adventure Climbing*', which recognizes the current and future value of climbing using leader-placed protection, and that the number of mountains and crags where this can be practiced is disappearing worldwide at an alarming rate.

The Mountaineering Commission will be seeking acceptance for this document by the UIAA General Assembly, and will be asking federations and leading climbers who value this aspect of climbing to promote this initiative.

FV – We encourage our members to preserve natural rock. Any questions or objections?

▶ **DS document unanimously approved and recommended to next GA for acceptance**

Training Standards-

CC – IMF has been in touch with Steve Long and sent him everything he requested. IMF would like to be guaranteed that the training standard will be organized in India in 2014.

FV: Work with the WG of AA to approach new member groups. Training standards is a great tool to get new members. India should be a priority to work with them in TS, MC will support you.

FV: We want clear targets from Mountcom and achieve things, step by step and set priorities.

Priority 1. Our current members 2. New members. Steve Long will go to India in August

PH- I will involve PETZL foundation for supporting the IMF project.

US: The Ice Climbing Commission is currently developing training standards guidelines for Ice climbing competition and we would like to involve the Mountaineering Commission/Training Standards Panel for this task.

LEWG needs:

- New people, at least 10 from Northern America and W. Europe
- A request in writing from the President, it can be put on the website

- A systematical upload of all docs on current website to create a data basis in mountain related litigation

Aruga 8000 discussion

FV-: Fourteen 8,000 peaks were defined a century ago by the geographical scientific institutes. Many of the greatest mountaineers of the world have climbed them all. There is no reason for changing this list. We can focus on 7,000 / 6,000 / 5,000 peaks, of which many are unclimbed. We thank Nepal for opening many new peaks for climbing.

- ▶ PGO- proposes to create a working group to establish a list of new climbing peaks with the idea to expand the mountains for climbers. To promote other peaks creates the opportunity of promoting climbing in India, China, etc. and “expand the mountains for climbers”

FV- So we keep the 14 / 8,000 peaks, but UIAA promotes other 7,000 / 6,000 / 5,000 peaks.

PH proposes in the next weeks, not to change the 8000 list but to draft a list promoting other summits. MC will approve this list.

Mount Everest (ladder /Hillary Step): towards an official statement?

FV- Last year I was asked by journalists in Nepal about my opinion on putting a ladder next to the Hillary Step on Everest like on the Chinese side, to make it safer for Sherpas and avoid waiting time. I said this could be a solution. This then was portrayed erroneously as a suggestion from me to put a ladder on Hillary Step.

ATS - Putting a ladder was decided by the government not to be a good solution for Hillary Step, but rather put 3 ropes, one for experienced climbers, one for slower climbers and one for going down. Also at the same time the government decided to open up 166 peaks out of which 104 are already open, including one called” UIAA” (6,063 meters not yet climbed!).

FV- I'm very pleased to hear one peak is called UIAA, we thank you on behalf of UIAA. We will work to promote this UIAA peak.

Official statement proposed by PF:

PF - As one of the most iconic symbols of the world, Mount Everest belongs to all human beings. But the ascent to the top of this magnificent mountain should be reserved to those who, throughout their career, have demonstrated respect for the mountains and possess all the skills and experience needed to reach the highest point of the world.

Therefore UIAA does not support the addition to the ascent routes permanent structures as these would lessen the value of the ascent, spoil the adventure and encourage the overuse and abuse of Mount Everest.

Everyone in favor of this statement, the English wording having to be reviewed

- ▶ SAG will help with the English and will be submitted to the MC

ATS- I got \$100,000 from Japan for a NMA fund for families, I can send the details to mention on the UIAA website

- ▶ Advertise this NMA fund and donations giving on UIAA website

12.3.c ACCESS_ Expeditions (See more details in JJM report) JJM presented report

How to proceed for the adoption of a text for declaration:

- Make clear goals
- ▶ Create a discussion (with website platform)
- ▶ Set deadline to make comments on discussion (end of June)
- ▶ Make proposal as how to make this document is useful / operational (action plan)
- ▶ What action will follow the document?
- ▶ This stays an internal document until it is ready and accepted

TK asks for the purpose of this text. What do we want to do with it? This has to be cleared before approval.

12.4 Discussion about reports from other commission presidents

Mountain Protection Award – very positively received. The first Mountain Protection Award has been announced in March 2014. Two applications have been already received from Morocco and Pakistan for this year.

NA – Med Com has lots of documents but not for the average climber to understand. It would be nice to have good brochures on medical advice that would be good for climbers to know.

FV – We have a vacant seat in the MC since Chili left. We will announce this vacancy for a vote at the next GA. The term is only for 2 years. The Executive Board may have up to 7 members, we have now only 5. We would like to open 1 or 2 seats preferably to candidates outside Europe
BP- I would like to nominate for Honorary member Tom Nakamura at next GA.

- ▶ Everybody agrees to propose Tom Nakamura as Honorary Member candidate at Flagstaff GA.

Thank you all for your time. End of meeting.