

UIAA Management Committee (MC) Meeting, Zaragoza, Spain

Friday 27th March 2015

Venue: Auditorium of the University of Zaragoza

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08:30 – 12:30 Executive session

14:00 – 17.30 Session with invited Commission Presidents

Chair: Frits Vrijlandt, UIAA President

Minutes: Stephanie Stettbacher

Delegate	Country	Abbr	Federation		Registered
Executive Board					
Frits Vrijlandt	Netherlands	NKBV	Royal Dutch Mountaineering and Climbing Club	EB	YES
Hélène Denis	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	EB	YES
Peter Farkas	Hungary	MHSSz	Magyar Hegy- és Sportmászó Szövetség / Hungarian Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Association	EB	YES
Thomas Kaehr	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	EB	YES
Pier Giorgio Oliveti	Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	EB	YES
Marc Beverely	USA	AAC	American Alpine Club	EB	YES
Management Committee					
Nejat Akinci	Turkey	ZIRVE	Zirve Mountaineering Club	MC	YES
Anne Arran	Great Britain	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	MC	YES
Col. Chauhan	India	IMF	Indian Mountaineering Foundation	MC	Absent/ excused
Sebastian de la cruz	Argentina	FASA	Federacion Argentina de Ski y Andinismo	MC	Absent/ excused
Georges Elziere	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	MC	YES

Lucia Foppoli	Italy	CAI	Club Alpino Italiano	MC	YES
Joan Garrigos y Toro	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	MC	YES
Stuart Anthony Gray	New Zealand	NZAC	New Zealand Alpine Club	MC	Abent/ excuse
Pertronella Grobler	South Africa	MCSA	Mountaineering Club of South Africa	MC	Abent/ excuse
Tadao Kanzaki	Japan	JMA	Japan Mounteering Federation	MC	YES
Joseph Klenner	Germany	DAV	Deutscher Alpenverein	MC	YES
Peter Muir	Canada	ACC	Alpine Club of Canada	MC	YES
Frank-Urs Müller	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	MC	YES
Christine Pae	Korea	KAF	Korean Alpine Federation	MC	YES

Commision Presidents

Juan Jesus Ibanez Martin Access President UIAA	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Com Pres Invited	YES
Urs Stöcker ice Climbing President UIAA	Switzerland	SAC	Swiss Alpine Club	Com Pres Invited	YES
Pierre Humblet Mountaineering President UIAA	Belgium	CMBEL	Climbing & Mountaineering Belgium	Com Pres Invited	YES
Steve Long Training Standards Chairman	UK	BMC	British Mountaineering Council	Com Pres Invited	YES
Israfil Ashurly Youth Commission	Azerbaijan	AAF	Azerbaijan Mountaineering Federation	Com Pres Invited	Skype

Honorary Members

Claude Eckhardt	France	FFCAM	Fédération Française des Clubs Alpins et de Montagne	Hon	YES
Jordi Pons	Spain	FEDME	Federacion Española de Deportes de montaña y Escalada	Hon	Yes
Robert Leopold	Netherlands	KNAV	Royal Dutch Alpine Club	Hon	Absent/ excused
Ang Tshering Sheerpa	Nepal	NMA	Nepal Mountaineering Association	Hon	YES

UIAA Office

Sophie Gerard	Office Manager				YES
Stephanie Stettbacher	Office Coordinator				YES

1. Welcome by the President and apologies for absence

FV welcomes all the participants and thanks the FEDME for organising the meeting in Zaragoza Spain in combination with the CIMA conferences. He would like to encourage future organisers of MC or GAs to combine great events such as this one organized by FEDME. Also announces that Petro Grobler, Stuart Grey and Sebastian de la Cruz were invited to attend MC meeting by Skype (unfortunately they were not able). Thanks Honorary Members: Ang Tshering, Jordi Pons and Claude Eckhardt for coming.

I would like to take a moment of silence to commemorate our Honorary Member Bill Putman who passed away after organizing the last General Assembly in Flagstaff, Arizona. At the General Assembly in Korea we will pay a tribute to him. After meeting we will make Commemorative Flag which will be sent to his family on behalf of everybody here and the UIAA.

- ▶ General Secretary, HD made the following announcement :
 - There are 16 members present; the quorum (art 17 of the Articles of Association) is the majority of the members. The MC has 20 members so the majority is 11, the quorum is met and valid decisions can be taken.
 - With 16 members present, the majority is 9.

2. Approval of the Agenda

▶ **The agenda is unanimously approved.**

3. Approval of the Minutes of the previous MC-meeting (October 2014, Flagstaff, Arizona USA)

▶ **The minutes of the MC meeting Flagstaff October 2014 are unanimously approved.**

4. Report by the President (*see details in President Report*)

FV asks if there were any questions or comments to President Report.

JK- On the heading UIAA policy there is one sentence: *To protect and support the interest of our European members, we have taken our responsibility toward the European Union.* What does that mean?

FV- Lode Beckers will collect information on what is of interest to Climbers and mountaineers in Europe. This takes sometime. After this meeting, LB will present his findings. We are taking our responsibility by starting the research to come up with a solution.

FUM- Communication and Media on Page 3- *To further promote our climbing and mountain sports we are preparing media partnerships on all continents.* Can you explain what the Board is preparing?

TK- We try to establish media partnership on 3 continents mainly with our competition sport. One partner is *Mountain TV* (Korean provider of multi media services). We want to increase the UIAA brand throughout these continents. For this we would like to re-enforce our staff by hiring a communication and marketing person with this awareness, partly replacing existing UIAA staff which at the moment are freelance resources. Our freelance resources are difficult to manage, because they are spread all over the world, and we feel it is more efficient to concentrate a staff member physically in the UIAA

office to better exploit these resources. These resources would be funded by additional sponsoring income. So there is no fear budget wise.

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

SG - presents the Office staff and shows the responsibilities and load share. We have 7 people working but not all full time, it is equal to 3.2 persons working full time.

FUM- What are the percentages of the persons working?

Sophie Gerard 90%
Stephanie Stettbacher 50%
Valérie Thöni 40%
Etienne Grillot 80%
Agnès Semelet 30%
Phinjo Gumbo 30% (freelance contract)
Alex Pain – we have a freelance contract and we pay according to his work

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

SG- This is the provisional report as we are only in March.

In marketing, our goal is to have find sponsors in order to be able to develop more projects in collaboration with our Commissions.

At the moment we have secured the following contracts for 2015- we have the North Face Korea for Ice Climbing, we have the Western University and Golden Rock for Mountain Protection. We are in negotiation with possible media partnership and possible sponsor for the UIAA Mountain Cultural contest -This is a 3 year project, the first year is to organize photo contest, 2nd year is a drawing contest and 3rd year is a video contest and it is always related with mountaineering and climbing. -. We are looking for additional sponsors for Mountain Protection.

Communication- Following the strategic Plan we would like to feed the website with more videos and will do a video presenting the UIAA. We have budgeted for this, and we will print media brochure and posters.

Communication in Ice Climbing- the first 3 months of the year 2015, we are focused on YOUTH with the use of social media. We reached 600,000 people this year in the Ice Climbing Season with social media. We have increased the views on live streaming, there were more 150,000 views. This is a 60% increase compared to last year.

Mountain Protection- we used Communication differently and have used Linked in to target the more skilled and more knowledgeable persons with a different age group. The goal by the next GA is to improve the website.

TK- Thanks to Sophie and staff for all the work. Our capital relies on the office support and know-how, which is why we would like to reinforce it. If we want to take on board more money and sponsors we need this support. And it is the major task of a new person to feed the online channels and bring more sponsors on board. This is directly linked to our cash income.

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

7.1 Result 2014 (recommendation to the GA for approval of the results)

PGO- We closed 2014 budget with Income at CHF 681,966 and Expenses higher than last year at 668,815- but some money was lost due to the discrepancies with the value of Euro. Profit for the year was 13,151

- ▶ Results for 2014: profit of CHF 13,151

JK- On page 2: "liability and funds" what is the 85,000 for?

SG- This is accrual, there are 2014 invoices that we have not paid yet.

▶ **The recommendation to the GA for approval of Results 2014 is unanimously approved.**

7.2 Forecast 2015 (PGO) – unfortunately the accountant was sick and we could not finish the forecast.

- ❖ The first quarterly report and the 2015 forecast will be sent by email to MC mid of April.

8. Membership updates (General Secretary)

8.1 Changes in AoA (HD)

HD- You received these documents reviewed by FUM. Do you have questions?

JK- Why has the name been changed to Climbing and Mountaineering?

FV- This was a changed approved by the MC last year to clarify our international name. Our French name stays the same.

JK- **Article 1 item 2:**

- 1) *The UIAA is the sole competent authority for climbing and mountain sports throughout the world and is recognized as such by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).*

The IFSC claims the same

FV- We are the organization worldwide that looks after mountaineering and mountain sports. IFSC is sport climbing and competitions, we do not mention sport climbing in our AoA.

PF- I believe this issue will arise again, unfortunately. In 2006 when IFSC separated from UIAA it was stated very clearly they would only control sport competition. We had peaceful coexistence until IFSC decided to change its activities broaching on activities that UIAA does. We should stick to what UIAA has done in the last 80 years, but at the moment we have to strengthen the image that we have in mountaineering and climbing.

FV- UIAA purpose is Training Standards and Safety, not competition sport.

AA- I suggest Article 3 possible new item: *To assist countries who don't already have federations to become UIAA members.*

FV- We are already doing that, by trying to get new federations to join UIAA.

FUM- The aim of UIAA is to gather and organize already existing federations, not to help to create new federations in the aim of UIAA. We are dealing and handling already existing federations. It's ok if we do that, but it is not a mission of the UIAA.

GE- I agree with FUM we are working to help already existing federations.

Petro Gobler's proposal for modifications, distinguishing more clearly "federations" and "associations" are highlighted:

PM- A Federation can include an association, an association can NOT include a federation.

FV- The articles should be read as so: words in RED will be changed in the AoA.

Article 1

2) The "Union Internationale des Associations d'Alpinisme" (hereinafter UIAA), founded at Chamonix on 27 August, 1932, is the international **federation** of climbing and mountaineering **associations**. It functions in accordance with these Articles of Association and is governed by the provisions of the Swiss Civil Code (Art. 60 and subsequent Articles).

Article 5

1) The UIAA has the following members:

- a) *Active members* (with voting rights): any climbing and mountaineering **federation** of national importance and with significant membership, can become a member with voting rights. For each country, only one mountaineering association has the right to vote.

Article 10 (11.) -Any member association may contest resolutions of the General Assembly that violate the law, these Articles of Association or the Standing Rules, and to which it has not consented, within one month of receiving notice thereof, by appeal to the Court at the seat of the UIAA. For member associations not present or represented at the General Assembly, the sending of the official UIAA Bulletin containing the minutes of the General Assembly to the last known address of the member association shall constitute the start of the period of one month mentioned above.

PG- This is not valid any longer. Possibly: The sending of the minutes of the GA electronic or other means shall constitute the start of the one month period

FUM- I would delete the whole sentence; ~~the sending of the official UIAA Bulletin containing the minutes of the General Assembly to the last known address of the member association shall constitute the start of the period of one month mentioned above.~~

FV- this sentence will be deleted.

FUM: Article 11

- 1) Items for inclusion on the agenda of any General Assembly may be presented by:
 - a) any member **association**; THIS IS CORRECT

Article 13- THIS IS OK because it's a possibility only

Article 17- PG wrote: *-There is good reason why proxies should be allowed as inter alia the continental representatives cannot attend meetings as regularly as other MC members.*

“Any MC member may be represented by another MC member being duly entitled to vote by means of a written proxy. Such proxies must be submitted to the Office of the UIAA no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. One MC member may not represent more than two other MC members at the same time.

FUM- This is not possible, to give a proxy to MC member is not possible, it against Swiss civil code.

FUM- below in Annex 1 article 4 “bulletin” again should be deleted

❖ **Proposal is approved to recommend these changes to the AoA to General Assembly in Korea**

- 2 abstentions

8.2 Change in the Standing Rules (temporary use of observer status for aspiring members) HD

HD- Some aspiring members are currently admitted as observers. This situation should not last too long: we need more members, not more observers. The observer status is planned for organizations that are not meeting the requirements to become full members.

We could add, in Standing rules 1 Art 2 “admission criteria” after:

1)“Prior to full admission to the UIAA, any applicant association must demonstrate with credible evidence the association's existence for a minimum of two years.

A temporary admission as aspiring “observer member” is possible for (2, 3 years) upon decision of the GA. At the end of this period, the aspiring member applies again for full admission (at the next GA).

During this transitional period, the aspiring member has access to all UIAA communications may apply to TS and may participate in ice climbing competitions. These participations can be subject to particular financial contribution.

HD- Observer status should be for members who do not fit the criteria to become a full member. When we accept a new federation as Observer - we are misusing this category. It may be only that this federation is not meeting all the criteria to be a member at THIS moment (for example, less than 2 years of previous existence). So this should be limited in time.

SG- For example- Armenia applied to become full member, but it was decided by MC to propose to accept them as Observer, this was accepted by the GA at Flagstaff. This created a problem for Armenia because, when you look at the Matrix- Observer members can not participate in Ice climbing. The main goal of Armenia was to have Ice climbers participating in competitions. As stated in current Matrix these Observers associations have no rights. What HD is proposing is that during this 2-3 year period the association would have the same rights, except voting rights, as full/associate members.

JK- There are some organizations who will not have the financial ability to pay membership fees for the first few years, but who want to be full members. This cannot be done by giving them an Observer status membership. Then there are other organizations who only want to participate in Ice Climbing and this would be a misuse of Observer status. We should look then to our solidarity fund to help the federations who would like the chance to establish themselves as full members.

HD- the problem is that in the AoA, the Association must be at least 2 years old, so these would not qualify as members and would not have the possibility of the solidarity fund.

PM- To simplify-I propose to leave the membership as it is, and have the MC decide who can participate in Ice Climbing.

❖ **The proposal is approved NOT to change the standing rules regarding membership. For Observer membership, the Executive Board can decide if the association can participate in Ice Climbing competition.**

8.3 Non payment by members 2014

Outstanding Membership Fees 2014

FEDERATIONS		FEES 2013	FEES 2014	TOTAL FEES	COMMENTS
CYPRUS	KOMOA	1'300	1'300	2'600	Applied for Solidarity fund for 2013. They will pay 2014.
GEORGIA	MCAG		1'300	1'300	Payment in 2015
HUNGARY	MSTSZ		1'300	1'300	No news, PF in charge to contact them
INDIA	NIM		1'310	1'310	No news, colonel Chauhan contacted, no answer
PERU	CAP	800	1'300	2'100	No news, Mark Richie has tried to contact without success
Portugal	FPME		1'300	1'300	Payment in 2015
ROMANIA	CAR		1'300	1'300	Alex has informed CAR, the president Cosmin has resigned and no new president!
Outstanding amounts		2'100	9'110	11'210	

8.4 Rights and obligations UIAA members: matrix as of 2011

HD- This Matrix has been online, and as you can see for Training Standards, an Observer member must pay an 800 Euro additional fee. This has been forgotten once. Observer members in Commissions do not have the right to vote. This is just to inform you of this Matrix.

PM- Under services under GA and Hosting and under unit member is written: "non applicable", why?

HD- Unit members have no right to vote at GA.

- ❖ PM- Proposal- Under political rights it is correct but under GA attend this should change from N.A. To Yes.

FV- Thank you, we will do it.

- ❖ **Action: to review the matrix 2011 concerning the Unit Member rights and obligations section**

8.5 Membership issues: full member and associate member in Azerbaijan

FV- 5 years ago we had 2 applications from Azerbaijan at the same time, we did not have enough information on the 2 associations and therefore we made the decision at the GA for the federations to share the full membership for a limited period of time. There was a special agreement made between the 2 associations and their vote was shared. This agreement was extended once, and now this agreement expired in December 2014.

HD-Now we have an illegal situation where 2 federations are Active members according to Article 5.1.a. As the agreement expired and they indicated that they no longer want to renew it, we can consider article 5.1. stating: "the active member should be of national importance." FAIREX has more than 3,000 members and AAF has less than 100. The GA, according to Article 10.4, has the power to review membership. So we propose to recommend to GA to give the Active membership to FAIREX and Associate membership to AAF.

❖ **The proposal is unanimously agreed to recommend GA to give the Active membership to FAIREX and Associate membership to AAF.**

8.6 Solidarity Fund: Application from Mountaineering and Climbing Federation of Cyprus

SG- Cyprus federation contacted us and said that they could not afford to pay the 2013 membership fees. So the office proposed that they apply for the Solidarity fund. They have supplied the correct documents and Agnes Semelet has made a small report and all can be found in supporting documents. They have also informed us they will pay their 2014 fee. We propose you accept their request for 2013 fees so they can remain active members of the UIAA.

❖ **A one-time donation from the Solidarity fund, to the Cyprus federation, amounting to their 2013 fees is unanimously agreed; thus they can remain active members of the UIAA provided they pay their 2014 fees.**

8.7 Problems for small federations attending the UIAA GA (Stuart Grey)

FV- there is 2 requests from SG NZAC.

The 1st to give the possibility for MC members to attend MC meetings by Skype or electronic connection. This could be possible once a year for the spring meeting.

❖ **MC agrees that it will be possible to attend by skype or electronic connection the MC spring meetings.**

The 2nd request: would the UIAA be able to pay his travel expenses- and I think the answer should be no.

PM- Could we use the Solidarity fund for this purpose?

FV- That's why we give the permission for Skype meetings, Solidarity fund should be used to help keep active federations. The solution for travel is conference call.

8.8 European Federation of Mountaineering Associations (FOEMA) - update (PGO)

PGO- This afternoon there will be an informal meeting. For 6 years we have been talking on forming a more effective European Mountaineer group on EU level. We have to decide now whether to go forward with other European federations.

JK- Is the UIAA considering if this group be held within the borders of the UIAA? Why should we have 3-4 organizations for the same thing? DAV is already paying a lot in membership fees per year for different international organizations.

FUM- Do the European federations want this? And what is the UIAA position on a European Association?

AA- BMC agrees with the DAV and would like more information on purpose and funding of this new organization.

TK- There should be no organization without purpose. The least we could do is strengthen the value of the UIAA Safety label.

FV- We are aware of the costs that federations must pay for membership fees to other organizations, and that a new body would create more costs. We need to have contact with the European Union to defend the interest of climbers and mountaineers, safety, climbing standards, huts, etc. I would like to propose that Lode Beckers investigates the possibilities and explains this afternoon his proposal and then we can discuss further. To answer Anne, the UIAA can represent the countries in Europe.

JK- This should be discussed at the MC meeting and should be decided here. If this European Union has a place within the UIAA in the future we need to have a discussion how it would fit in and find solution.

FV- You are correct, LB can explain more, but the proposal is to start with an office representation in Brussels to collect rules and regulations regarding to Climbing and mountaineering and then report to the Management Committee its findings.

PGO- Nobody thought to establish a new body wanting fees. We want to decide if it is of interest of Europeans to be represented at a European level and how to do it.

JK- What should this office look for? This should be the purpose of Lode Beckers, this should be first step: deciding what he needs to look for.

FV- Defending the interest of the climbers and mountaineers in Europe should be our first concern because the EU is able to set rules and regulations relating to climbing and mountaineering. Money is there but it would take an investment from us.

JK- Political representation is more important.

❖ FV- The proposal, for the next MC, is that we start with a report: regarding what the goals would be.

9. Rock Climbing Working Group (PF / Anne Arran / Marc Beverly)

PF- the purpose of this group is to examine the options of working with organizers of events and bringing their events to a higher level working with the UIAA. We have identified events (see list in supporting docs) that we will contact to discuss possible ways for cooperation. Goal is this year to have 2 events under the UIAA flag and then expand it to 4 events. UIAA gives to organizers

sustainability and safety. The rock climbing events are scatter around the world to show UIAA is international.

GE- We have to be careful to avoid contradictions with personal events and member events. Who decided and organized the event in Chamonix?

PF – The list is from internet search before we enter into a festival we will confer with the federation of that country.

10. Strategic Plan update (PF) and preparations for the new Strategic Plan 2016-2020

PF- The Strategic Plan gives structure to the workings of UIAA. It helps the Commissions, giving them a plan to achieve their goals. We will answer the questions; what was the impact? - What goals should we keep? What goals were missing? The assessment should start next year to be presented to GA in 2016. It is important with assesment that we received member federation feedback on how we achieved our goals. After assessment we will draft (June 2016) another S.P. for the next 4 years. We would also like at this time to send another survey to the Member federations asking their expectations from the UIAA. This feedback should be sent by August 2016. This will be presented to MC in October 2016 to MC and GA.

JK - It's too short for the member federations to study this plan and give feedback.

PF- We can start assessment in January 2016 to be presented 99% finished to MC in May 2016 for discussion. This will be finished by MC Oct to be ready to present to GA Oct 2016.

11. General Assembly / Management Committee guidelines: updates (recommendation to the GA)

HD- We updated the guidelines for hosting organizers because they were outdated. There are not many changes. One of the changes is one day more under the expenses for the General Assembly, due to the adding of additional conferences. Also in reference to: Video conference facilities for UIAA delegates, we now decided that the conference call will only be made available for Spring MC so this would not be needed for GA.

❖ **The proposal to accept these changes to the Guidelines for General Assembly and Management Committee have been unanimously approved.**

12. Future meetings

12.1 2015 UIAA General Assembly, Seoul, Korea (Christine Pae)

CP- The GA will be held in Seoul Korea at the Olympic Park Oct 21-24th. Oct 21st is EB and Oct 22nd MC meeting with Commission Presidents. Oct. 22 will be a special program with a lecture of Korean mountain history from a famous Korean mountaineer. The visit to the newly opened mountain museum, followed by gondola ride and special hike in the mountain. Oct 24 will be an all day excursion. Oct 23rd will be the GA.

12.2 2016 UIAA Management Committee- Spring 2016

FV- We had 3 proposals-

1. Iran but never received detailed proposal
2. Nepal- but then they will host the Mountaineering Commission Meeting and
3. Azerbaijan May 2016

❖ **The proposal was unanimously approved to have the Management Committee Meeting May 2016 host by FAIREX in Azerbaijan.**

13. Admission of International Sky-Runners Federation as Unit Members **13.1 Presentation (ISF president Marino Giacometti and ISF advisor Silvio Calvi)**

SC- explained the beginnings of Sky-Runners. (See supporting doc presentations) 2008 Sky-Runners became official federation- 36 members from 31 nations. Competitions all over the world, completing with the World Series. There are 3 types of competitions

1. Vertical- 1 km difference in altitude from start to finish
2. Sky races-less than 4 hrs
3. Ultra -between 6.12 hours

World Series has more than 30,000 passionate runners. Active media coverage, Facebook page and twitter with growing interest from young people. The idea to become a Unit

Member of the UIAA came easily- we share the same mountain environment, we share the same views in safety in anti-doping and developing competitions for youth and protecting the environment.

JK- Do you hold competitions in restricted or protected areas in the Alps?

SC- They take place in Italian Alps, almost all the areas in Italian Alps are restricted. Therefore we have a book of instruction for competitions where they take place. The care for the environment is one of the requirements for the organizers.

MG- Every race must present the plan of the race and respect the rule pertaining to the environment.

LL- For us it's important to have this proposal today because FEDME is also part of Sky-Runners. It's important for Sky-Runners to be part of international federations and they have our support.

FUM- What 3 main expectations does ISF have from UIAA and who will be the person running for the vice president seat in the UIAA?

MG- To have a cooperation and support to maintain our mountaineering values, ISF under the umbrella of the UIAA preserving Mountain Spirit, Safety and Anti-doping.

FUM- Have you had contact with the IOC? Did you have contact with international athletic federation?

MG- Every sport wants to be Olympic, we had 2 meetings with IOC we are starting to work with Sport Accord. This is only a start to be first recognized as a sport. We follow the Olympic way and we presented a meeting today as a Mountain Olympic games.

FUM- Who will be the selected UIAA/ISF Board Member?

SC- There has been no talks about this at the moment.

JK- What are your influences on the organizers at these events, as one sky runner died at an event in Germany because of bad weather. Do you have the power to stop something if they are not set up to your rules?

SC- This competition was not managed by ISF.

MG- Anyone can organize a race, but ISF wants to make sure the organizer is working under a federation/organizer that respects the rules.

13.2 Discussion in closed session again, and recommendation to the GA

GE- I'm in favour, it's better to have them inside than outside. But Unit membership is something strange to me.

PM- I share concerns about Unit Member, and suggest some changes to the purposed agreement. To put some additional obligations on the Unit member:

1. Unit Member recognize and undertake to act in accordance to UIAA values
2. Termination provisions – so values become an enforceable agreement form UIAA side (sect 4-1)

JK- I think we are diluting our organization. Some events have been questionable and this is an issue especially in the Alps. If they grow this fast as they show, they may over take the UIAA in a few years.

FUM- My first reaction- Not a good idea because it has nothing to do with my idea of mountaineering. But after research and listening to ISF I changed my mind and feel ISF is in mountaineering spirit. I'm in favour, but the Unit Membership is special, it was made to keep the Ski mountaineers and Sport climbers in the UIAA. Theoretically it is ok under Swiss law. I don't think they will take over UIAA because they are too small in comparison to people who do mountaineering all over the world. Maybe it could be an example for the Ski mountaineers and the Sport climber to be under the UIA umbrella again.

FV- I understand your concerns JK about Safety and Mountain Protection and this will be UIAA number #1 concern.

PF- I'm concerned with the small details for example- Can they vote on UIAA issues? The Matrix also needs to be looked at in detail.

JK- Item 2 goals- when you read that it means we will not have a real influence on their federation. They are independent. How should they have influence on our board if we have no influence on their decisions?

PM: We have to finalize the agreement and propose some changes ensuring that no such problems can occur:

4.1. Representation

In order to achieve their goals, both organizations decide to share the following points:

*The ISF will share its international representation with the UIAA president. They will work together to promote skyrunning at international level, including the Olympic world (IOC and Sport Accord). **The ISF acknowledges the values of the UIAA and will work with UIAA to promote the growth and protection of mountaineering and climbing worldwide by preserving its spirit and traditions, advancing safe and ethical mountain practices promoting responsible access culture and environmental protection and agrees to conduct its operation in such manner as to advance the UIAA values.***

For: #5. Effectiveness and duration of the agreement, PM will send a revision to this part of the contract.

FUM- I agree with the first statement by PM, but I propose we decide today, if we accept the Unit Membership of ISF and we rely on EB to finalize the contract.

PF- We shouldn't finalize today draft agreement, we must look at the details and make sure we are on equal terms.

JK- What is the difference with Ice Climbing and Skyrunners. We have direct influence on IC and not represented in Board, but with ISF we have someone on Board but without direct influence on their activities.

FV- Lets start with the cooperation under our umbrella and make the first steps toward this cooperation.

TK-I represent Ice Climbing on the Board. We must go toward evolution and future developments in Mountain sports. Its better to integrate people than shut them out. We claim to be the umbrella organization of all mountain sports and this is the first step.

❖ **Proposal to recommend to the General Assembly to admit ISF as Unit Member is accepted. EB with legal experts in MC will finalize the agreement. .**

- 3 against
- 1 abstention

14.00 – 17.30 Session with invited Commission Presidents

Urs Stoecker, Israfil Ashurly (via Skype), Pierre Humblet, Steve Long, Juan Ibanez

14. Changes in Commission membership

ANTI-DOPING

Osés García	Borja	Spain	EMF	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
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APPEALS & DISCIPLINE COMMISSIONS

Wragg (Chairman)	Martin	UK	BMC	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
Cazanave	Bénédicte	France	FFCAM	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
Hu	Weinian	Belgium	CMBEL	May 2015	NEW

ICE CLIMBING COMMISSION

Pecjak	Andrej	Slovenia	PZS	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
Teixeira	Carlos	Portugal	FEMP		Returned to Commission
Thibal	Luc	France	FFCAM	May 2015	NEW

MEDICAL COMMISSION

Rodway (VP)	George	USA	AAC	2nd Nomination	Re-nominated
Bouzat	Pierre	France	FFCAM	May 2015	NEW
McCall	John	Canada	ACC	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated

MOUNTAIN PROTECTION

Aupar (CM)	Ahmed	Bangladesh	BMF	May 2015	NEW
Bøe (CM)	Jan Ivar	Norway	NTK	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated

MOUNTAINEERING

Ezeizabarrena Saenz	Xabier (LEWG)	Spain	EMF	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
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Corresponding Members

Ahmed	Aupar	Bangladesh	BMF	May 2015	NEW
Zranek	Jan	Czech Republic	CMF	May 2015	NEW

Legal Experts Working Group

Ezeizabarrena Saenz	Xabier (Chairman)	Spain	EMF	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
Cazanave	Bénédicte	France	FFCAM	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
McCarthy	James	USA	AAC	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
Moss	Jim	USA	AAC	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
Vaill	Edward Everett	USA	AAC	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated

LEWG Corresponding Members

Lambourne	Brian	South Africa	MSCA	May 2015	NEW
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Training Standards Panel

Powers (TS)	Phil	USA	AAC	May 2015	NEW
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SAFETY COMMISSION

Bogie (CM)	Donald	New Zealand	NZAC	3rd Nomination	Re-nominated
Leung	Conway, Nim ho	Hong Kong	CHKMCU	May 2015	NEW
Rauschmayer (CM)	Hans	Brazil	CBME	May 2015	NEW

YOUTH

Ochirbat	Batsaikhan	Mongolia	MNMF	May 2015	NEW
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15. Ice Climbing: 2015 season report and 2016 planning (U. Stoecker) (more info found in power point supporting doc.)

US- We invested this year in marketing and live streaming and this has had a positive effect. Our strengths are in media, growing youth community, and our training camp. We are looking at new markets in Americas and Asia, all looking positive. Weakness is lacking support of federations-please have your federations send us your ice climbers!

Highlights for season 2015- 6 world cups on 3 continents, Youth World Championship, World cup in Bozeman, and Global live streaming and excellent commentary thanks for the volunteer help of Marc Beverley.

Season 2016 – Almost the same as last year with some threats on Rabenstein and SaaS Fee lacking some money. Calendar not yet fixed. Etienne is working on this and getting this fixed as well as some proposal for 2017.

From Strategic plan we have fulfilled most or of our requirements.

Challenges for next season would be to have a paid commentator. As MB is on the Board he cannot be paid. In the Ice climbing construction, there is not much ice, this is also a problem with our Olympic vision as we must have more ice. Our locations are in remote places where there is not much public. We have to bring the competitions to the public.

TK- 1st point the geographical development of our presence- We are focusing on Asia especially China. We are working to have an event in China the biggest emerging market. Also in the Americas, both North and South. We need a 2nd station where we can show our sport.

2nd point- we must improve the product- to introduce more dynamic element to make it more attractive for a broader audience

3rd point- Define clear criteria for event locations. There are 5 criteria for event location:

1. Professionalism of local organizers
2. Accessibility to event for the public
3. Climate
4. Marketing infrastructure in place
5. Marketing potential in the countries where events are held

4th point Athletes- we need to increase this number and spread out the nationalities

5th point- UIAA federations create structure and foster the ice climbers within their federations.

6th point - Promote Ice climbing to the youth

US- To help federations developing Ice climbing, building competitions and training athletes we are making a booklet to cover this. Hopefully ready before 2016 season. Invest in the Youth because that is your future.

16. Youth: Cancellation of ARISF Nakhchivan event in Azerbaijan, UIAA Peak (I. Ashurly via Skype)

IA couldn't log in on Skype

PF- There are a few issues that should be brought to attention to MC:

1. ARISF has granted CHF 10,000 to the UIAA to organize an event in Azerbaijan. We entrusted the youth commission to organize the event. The office contacted the Youth Commission on several occasions but the event was never organized. We were able to contact ARISF and postpone the event money for this year 2016. This lost some credibility to the UIAA in front of ARISF.
2. The Youth Commission reported in November that the replacement event will be held in Azerbaijan and it has been agreed upon by the local authorities. We then received a letter addressed to UIAA president from the Azerbaijan local authorities that they will not allow this event to happen. Again cancelling this event.
3. In Flagstaff Youth Commission announced a very ambitious event of climbing the newly named UIAA peak by Nepalese NMA, in Nepal. It was announced that their will be a training camp in the French Alps, without priorly speaking to FFCAM who were unaware of any such camp. The guides were all Russians and had nothing to do with the UIAA.

4. There is tension between the office and the Youth Commission.

PF- This is alarming that these events did not happen. We need to clarify with ARISF if the event needs to be in Azerbaijan and if it must be by Youth Commission.

FV- I propose to give the Youth Commission 2 weeks to organize event. This will also give time for ARISF to answer the above questions.

PF: We can have it organised by FAIREX.

FV: As for the UIAA Peak – we postpone this for 2016 and come up first with proper approach plan about safety and assistance to the young mountaineers.

17. Access: A climber's manifesto (Juan Ibanez)

JJI- This manifesto is a concentration of past UIAA documents reflecting the spirit of the UIAA with a new vision and in 10 lines. (See in supporting docs).

FV-These are good statements and just need some work on refining them. I propose you work with Steve Long to help with the final version to be presented in Korea.

TK- Just to shed some light on the meaning of this document, we commit ourselves to give these principles a life, we in the board have decided that these principles will guide us in our statements. They can be used by federations in their training.

FV- We can get some important mountaineers who can support us in these statements.

18. Mountaineering Commission (Pierre Humblet)

18-1. 8'000 meters' statement

I was appointed by the MC in Amsterdam to report about the Aruga project. I have presented this since to the MC about the progress of this report, and it was decided that I draft a diplomatic statement to try and solve any dispute from the UIAA side. With this statement I think Nepal will not ask us to decide about the Aruga Project. The statement was written in the Spirit of adventure.

- *The UIAA with its member federations from the concerned countries deplores the overcrowding of the traditional routes to the 8,000 meters summits and especially at the Everest. More, sometimes the means used devalue the quality of the ascents: material placed by others, evasion of necessary steps, etc.*
- *The UIAA encourages the spirit of adventure which is better expressed in the conquering of new peaks, and the opening of new routes, even out of the mythical elevation of 8,000 meters.*
- *The UIAA thanks the Nepalese government and the NMA for the opening , and to open in the future, new summits, some of which also reach this altitude without being part of the 14 traditional eight thousands*

AA- The BMC would like some revision, especially to the last statement, and also to the ease of Access.

FUM- I can agree with this internal statement with the removal of this sentence: (*see the Roberto Aruga listing*).

- ❖ FV- I propose to improve the English and we draft this statement into an official letter that is INTERNAL and sent to the Nepalese government.

18-2 Stats project (Pierre Humblet)

PH- we are dealing with accidentology in this frame we have 2 projects. The Stats Project and the Near Miss Survey. We would like to have a testing period, the 3 Japanese federations would be happy to share their data in the system we are testing. So the project is to make an agreement during the visit (Mount Com meeting) in Japan to start this testing period.

The Near Miss Survey- things are in progress with the PETZL Foundation, by the end of the year we should be able to have the website in English, French, Spanish and German.
Not every country has access to accidents' stats too. We will sign next month in Japan the 1st agreement for the exchange of data. I hope in Korea I will be able to give a 1st report on Professor Chiaki AOYAMA's work.

18-3 Update of the Training Standards Working Group (Steve Long)

SL – We have lots of interest in Asian countries. Also Jordan who we have been speaking with, trying to help them get an association together to make further progress. At the moment they are Observers as Tourism Board. This is ongoing project. Our Training Handbook is being translated into English and should be ready soon.

We have some hold backs:

1. Communication. We need to know who is in charge of training in each country!
2. We need some improvements in website and a frequently asked questions section.
3. Highly skilled people – we need more

Possibility for other standards that we should explore:

1. Canyoning
2. Via ferrata
3. Search and Rescue
4. Equipping of routes outdoors
5. Coaching- example: Ice Climbing

GE- Who needs such evaluations? My federation doesn't need such an evaluation. It seems to me a business plan to make money with standards. I am not sure my federation would agree to this. If I come back with such a proposal, I may have problems.

FV- Training Standards are set for countries which have no training in this subject.

SL- A lot of countries have no structure to give such credit. We are trying to give credit and structure

FV- TS are one of our most valuable assets as they contribute 100% to making it safer to go into the mountains, and serving the community for safety.

MB- Can you give the clear definition between Professional guides and what you have proposed.

SL- It is important to point out that the guide standard for International guides requires a high level of competence in a wide range of disciplines. Jordan for example- doesn't need skiing or glacier, they would like their guides to have the knowledge of the particular areas that their country can provide. The UIAA is the only game in town that can give you qualifications in what you need. They are not recognized in every European country. We are not trying to change this; we want to give a level of understanding that their qualification is given some value by the UIAA.

FV-It is our goal to make mountaineering safer but, there are challenges concerning the commercial side.

19. New organization of the Commissions (discussion and decisions) 19-1 TS panel from a panel to a full commission

PH- explains the problems of splitting the TS from the MountCom. The Training Standards Panel members are the major contributors to the ethical proposals drafted by MountCom. Being member of the mountaineering commission helps the TS panel to be away from the political issues and devoted to his fundamental goal by way of example: under the current regulations, Mountcom president solves the possible conflicts between applicants and panel in first instance. We have to consider the linked topics and act in the common benefit of Training Standards, Accidentology, Ethics and other important issues to the UIAA member Federations. (Please see documents in supporting doc presentation)

SL- If TS left it would mean we could focus primarily on Training. I asked everyone on TS their feelings, they all saw the strengths of being a part of Mountcom but expressed their frustrations of not having enough time to focus on their own business. What we want to do is get better at doing our job. What we would like is to focus entirely on Training.

JK- It is difficult to decide today. I don't see the clear concept. We need clear yearly working plan for all the Commissions. This would make it clear for the UIAA what we can expect from the Commissions.

FV – 2 possibilities 1. Postpone or 2. We vote now

GE - I propose to postpone this decision.

FV- Who is in favour to postpone until next MC meeting

- 8 postpone
- 4 against postponing
- 2 abstentions

The majority wants to postpone this decision until the next MC, until then the separate TS meeting once a year is maintained.

19-2 Access and Expeditions commission to be included in Mountaineering commission (PF)

PF- I spoke with Juan head of Access, he would not be against the kind of merger, but it should not be with the mountaineering Commission. His view is rather to go with Mountain Protection. The Access does not have enough tasks on its own. If we integrate Access and MP, I think they would reinforce and strengthen each. If there has to be a merger I think rather with MP than Mountcom.

HD- I think we should postpone the decision, because this was not discussed first with MP Commission.

GE- At the same moment with letting Skyrunners in, merging Access may not be a good idea at the moment. This may become even a more important commission with ISF joining.

JK- we need more information from the Commissions before we make such decisions.

▶ Unanimously agreed to postpone this decision until the next MC meeting.

FV- Thank you all very much for the positive day and good discussion. Thank you all for your contributions. → **END OF MEETING**