

UIAA COMMISSION PRESIDENTS MEETING

Cyprus, 1 November 2019

Present:

Peter Farkas (Chair)

Carlos Teixeira

Mark Dennison

Amit Chowdury

Pierre Hombler

Steve Long

Mike Mounsel

Nenad Dekic

Maria Andjelkovic

Juan Jesus Ibanez

1. Minutes from previous meeting accepted
2. Update from inter commission projects – AC updated on the project for ice climbing structure guidelines/draft standard. RA to send the draft standard out to the local organisers for comment and application where possible in the upcoming season. CT mentioned further development of projects with the stab proof clothing material for speed ice climbing, and the use of auto belays with ice climbing events.
MA – mentioned collaboration with ISF for anti-doping to comply with WADA under the UIAA and developing out of competition testing with ISF.
SL mentioned the big impact of videos that were translated from German and that UIAA has a big power in the outdoor industry.
MD mentioned how the youth events can be used to influence them in terms of training and environmental protection.
Juan mentioned the power of the UIAA can have in areas such as access and the influence we can have with the power of articles on the UIAA website.
PF suggested short videos to be distributed on Instagram. RA suggested to work with a brand Petzl for example to achieve much bigger reach.
3. Discussion of new commission regulations – PF asked the question of why the regulations are being changed at this time. New regulations could hamper the possibility getting new commission members who are useful to the commission.
4. Discussion of the 21st century strategy paper. PF and MM proposed changes to the UIAA profile to be detailed in tomorrow's GA. Discussion was had on the lack of inclusion of ice climbing anywhere in the new proposed structure. Also discussion of the makeup of the new board and how the commissions presidents might be represented in this and that they should have votes at least an MC level.
5. Also discussion of the power of the nominations committee having the power to only recommend 1 possible person for each position, they should present all the people who are adequately qualified for the position to the board for them to decide who to take.

6. PF proposed to examine the feasibility of setting up a mountain sports federation that represents ISF, UIAA, and ISMF to share overheads and costs etc.
7. Nils Glatthard joined the meeting and the discussion was on the commission budgets and how the commissions could possibly generate more finance for their own projects and possibly contribute to the overall UIAA budget.
8. SL stated the current added value provided by the UIAA – accreditation of volunteers and instructors and what they get from the creditability from the UIAA courses.
9. MM proposed an amended version of the UIAA profile statement which was accepted by all and to be proposed to the GA.

Memo prepared by Rob Adie