

UIAA COMMISSION PRESIDENTS PANEL (PP)

MINUTES (DRAFT)

PARADISE BAY, MALTA, 3rd May 2019

Present (Commissions)

Dr Carolina Alder (CA)	Mountain Protection
(on Skype)	
Silvio Calvi (SC)	Skyrunning Federation
Carlos Teixeira (CT)	Ice Climbing
Nenad Dikic (ND)	Antidoping
Peter Farkas (ND)	Mountaineering
Marija Andjelkovic (MA)	Antidoping
Urs Hefti (UH)	Medical
Juan Martin (JM)	Access

Chair : Amit Chowdhury (AC) Safety

UIAA Staff : Rob Addie (RA) UIAA Ice Climbing
Carol Kahoun (CK) UIAA Staff

Item No. (Agenda)	Action
<p>1. Welcome by the Chair Welcome to all, by AC, Steve Long Training Standards Panel, Mark Dennison, Youth Commission, leave of absence. Agenda items taken up serially.</p> <p>RA will take the minutes. Meeting starts at 0900 h.</p>	AC to circulate minutes
<p>2. Adoption of Agenda and minutes of meeting held at Ulan Batar. Agenda was adopted without change. Minutes of the previous meeting approved without change.</p>	
<p>3. Updates from Commission Presidents of general interest to all members.</p> <p>&4. Updates from inter-commission projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PF suggested we need to take more interest in the future of the financial position of the commissions with the new strategy proposals from the board and will draft a proposal to put at the next meeting.• RA suggested reconvening after the strategy meeting this afternoon to discuss the president's position on what is proposed by the MC.• MA made a report of the antidoping of a successful season with ice climbing with many more tests	PF to draft proposal

<p>done this season compared with last season plus new blood tests and out of competition tests and good education of the athletes. There is a problem with skyrunning as there is very little communication as to how they are doing their tests and to make sure the UIAA is WADA compliant they need to also meet the standards as well as ice climbing. ND suggested that skyrunning should make the testing for their events mandatory, and then the skyrunning federation should then cover the cost of the out of competition tests and also blood test and growth hormone tests. MA with SC will make a draft proposal to skyrunning on how to fix the problem so that the UIAA can remain code compliant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RA made a short brief on the activities in the Youth Commission – new vice president will be elected tomorrow, proposed at the recent meeting in Cyprus which he was not able to attend. A new calendar for youth events to be promoted on UIAA website with 3 levels of events – events planned in France, Iran and Georgia with successful event in winter in France. • UH – MedCom President stepped down, and UH elected by Medcom to be approved by MC. UH is concerned about future of the Medcom, but will work to take it in a good direction. Silvio mentioned that there will still be the ISM, if there are problems with Medcom. RA suggested that Medcom could possibly get involved in advice/research papers for the sports side of UIAA with recommendations for athletes involved in ice climbing. UH suggested that if anyone has ideas for advice papers please to contact him. MA suggested some advice on what is the lowest temperature an event can go ahead without affecting the athlete’s health. • Carolina – MP – last meeting in UK last year and will meet next week in Baku and many decisions will be made there. CA suggested that the commission is now working on a global scale with climate change and mountain protection. CA was present last year at the world mountains forum and the IFMGA GA and is creating joint efforts with these organisations. Large proposal gone to artic foundation and a proposal has been made to them for funding on a project to look at the impact on users of the mountains on the environment. New VP elected to be ratified by MC. MP award is continuing and the platform is open and please 	<p>MA & SC to prepare draft proposal</p> <p>RA to follow up on Youth calendar</p> <p>UH to follow up</p>
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request federations to submit project ideas for this award. The "Respect the Mountains" no longer has a sponsor and needs to be more strategic and will now showcase events that the federations are doing. A calendar of events will be created on the UIAA website. CA made some suggestions to work with the Medcom to UH. CA mentioned that the current proposals proposed by the MC and the strategy group have put forward have not really been consulted with the commission presidents and the commission feedback should be taken into account.

- SC – working with federations which carries some difficulties especially due to the large expansion to skyrunning, getting events organised in new countries and working with federations who are not knowledgeable in skyrunning.
- CT made a brief report from Ice climbing – efforts have been made to have the successful world cups have the same look and feel and coherence at all the events, with the production of the livestream, the rules, the imagery, the format etc. Commission will meet tomorrow to review the season and make plans for the coming year. Very happy to continue work with the Antidoping commission and also the safety commission.
- Juan gave a brief of the access commission activities – there a large problems with access problems where local federations are requesting support for example in Tatra mountains in Slovakia and this support was instrumental in opening of negotiations for access to these mountains. Problems with access to Mont Blanc with new rules but no contact from FFCAM. Also problems in Grampians in Australia. PF mentioned that the Australians are not members of the UIAA so whether we should help them, we should encourage them to join the UIAA if they want support on access issues. Commission meeting will be on Sunday.
- AC made a report on the safety commission – a lot of work has been done on corrosion research and also on helmets. The commission will also meet this weekend. Good collaboration with the Ice Commission towards some standards for ice climbing structures. They have a problem that is that the UIAA label is not mandatory in Europe and the CEN label is, which is a threat to the UIAA label and manufacturers are thinking about dropping the

CA to follow up on calendar for website

<p>UIAA label, and the commission need to put forward arguments for their continued support. Safety is looking at expanding into non PPE equipment – clothing, footwear etc. CT mentioned a further possible collaboration on use of auto belays in cold weather. SC mentioned a collaboration investigating the standardisation of the grip of shoes on the ground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PF gave brief on the activities of the Mountaineering commission – as newly elected president – commission had no projects and was taken over by training standard panel. Commission decided they still wanted the MC to be active and they needed some new projects that were managed and produced results which are under development. <p>5. Proposals for new inter-commission projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PF suggested that there are issues with what happens with the material that the commission uploads to the UIAA website, and sending them to the national federations has little effect as well. So he suggests looking at targeting mountaineers worldwide. Possibly look at producing 1min videos for Instagram. MC wants to run a pilot project to trail this to build a stockpile of videos and then it can be put on Instagram. • CT mentioned a possible collaboration on puncture proof clothing with ice climbing and safecom. <p>6. Discussions on any other points from members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA brought the point of how much involvement we have with the federations and how we engage with them and requested the results from the federation survey which went out. CK mentioned that the survey is still active, however the results are sometimes very vague, and need more detail which might be difficult to get direct from the federations. When the survey is closed and the results analysed they will be distributed to the commissions. <p>7. Election of Chair for next two meetings of the panel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Farkas was unanimously elected to chair the next two meeting of the President's Panel (PP) <p>Meeting ended with thanks to all.</p>	<p>AC to follow up on research for 'grip of shoes'</p> <p>PF to follow up</p> <p>AC to follow up</p> <p>UIAA office to circulate results of survey to PP.</p>
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