

International Front Runners
Annual General Meeting

3rd June 2016

Please note all **ACTIONS** are in Red

Attendees

Delegate	Club	IFR Steering Committee Role
Jeffrey Whitmer	Austin	
Gerog Von Braunschweig	Baylands	
Alden Clark	Boston	President/Eastern US Rep
Dawn Barcus	Chicago	
Yannick Asselin	Hong Kong	
Jim Meuer	Honolulu	
Randy Hite	Kansas City	
David Dassey	Los Angeles	
Mario Mota	LosAngeles	
Nick Eaton	Manchester	Secretary/Europe Rep
Petra Luz	Montreal	
Zander Ross	New York	FGG Delegate
Gary Fracassi	Orlando	Treasurer/Southern & Cen. US Rep
Marcel Forget	Ottawa	
John Gazo	Ottawa	Canada Rep
Brian Eggert	Palm Springs	
Kurt Bross	Phoenix	
Scott Mirani	Rhode Island	
Greg Larocque	Running Moose Squad	GLISA Delegate
Mike Bunuan	Sacramento	
Dave Hallen	San Diego	
Richard Ervais	San Francisco	Western US Rep
Reggie Snowden	San Francisco	
Danny Luong	Seattle	Communications Chair
Brad Miyasato	Shoreline	Webmaster
Larry Purtle	Shoreline	
Danielle Nied	St. Louis	
Wayne Morgan	Sydney	FGG Delegate
Chris Rauchle	Sydney	Australia & Asia Pacific Rep

MINUTES

Welcome & Roll Call

1. Alden Clark (AC) opened the meeting and welcomed the 25 clubs on the call, a great turnout for an IFR AGM.
2. Gary Fracassi (GF) then completed a roll call for the purpose of the minutes, included above
3. The IFR Committee were introduced to the other delegates on the call, including the Webmaster and Comms Chair – noted in the attendee table above.

Webmaster Update

4. Brad Miyasato (BM), as webmaster, has completed a full audit of the clubs featured on the IFR website and as per discussions at recent steering committee meeting, those who have not renewed membership dues would be removed from display. At

- present BM reported that there were 79 active clubs who were up to date, with 3 new clubs having been added recently.
5. The IFR Website has been updated with translations available into several languages.
 6. A feed from the IFR main Facebook has been included. All clubs are encouraged to ensure that all members join up to the Facebook group. Link is www.facebook.com/groups/intlfr
 7. An update on the history of Front Runners has been included, provided by FRNY

Treasurers Report

8. Accounts were circulated to delegates on the call via email for review
9. In summary, there is a balance of \$13,958 in the IFR account at the time of the AGM
10. A discussion was held around how IFR should spend some of this balance, especially around the social events planned for the OutGames in Miami in 2017 (OG17), and the Gay Games in Paris 2018 (GG18). John Gazo (JG) proposed that the AGM pre-approved the sums of \$1,500 for each of these events with the steering committee deciding on exact details of events at appropriate times. AC and Nick Eaton (NE) will take the lead on these actions as these are US and European events respectively.
[ACTION: AC & NE]
11. Additional discussions were held around the role of IFR in supporting the development of new clubs, as well as supporting members from clubs attending either GG18 or OG17 in situations where they would be otherwise prevented from doing so for financial reasons. The Steering Committee will take these discussions further **[ACTION: Steering Committee/AC]**

Federation of Gay Games (FGG) Delegates Report

12. Paris 2018 registrations are now open, with running one of the most popular events. 'Early Early Bird' packages have been extended until 13th June. The Mayor of Paris was at a recent event looking forward to our arrival in a few years.
13. 700 registrations in first few days - Majority are runners, swimmers & bowlers from the USA and France. Some sports are not yet open for registration until late July
14. To support those requiring financial support, Scholarship applications will be taken
15. Registration fee includes week pass for transportation, opening ceremonies will be in new stadium and gala party opening night at Grand Palais.
16. We need to make contact with Frontrunners de Paris in order to ascertain how we can plan our 2018 AGM as well as social events in line with the Gay Games week.
[ACTION: NE]

GLISA Delegate Report

17. The Outgames 2017 in Miami event is on track. There will be open water swimming for the triathlon, track events and road races held on Ocean Drive
18. Low registrations were responsible for the cancellation of St. Louis North America Out Games. St Louis Front Runners were only made aware of the situation after the cancellation announcement.
19. Members of all clubs were encouraged to sign up for newsletters via the OG17 website, registrations are open for all events
20. The IFR AGM would be held in Miami in 2017. After reviewing the events calendar, it was proposed to hold this between 29th & 31st May 2017. **[ACTION: AC/GF]**
21. The bidding process for the next OutGames is taking place at present with voting taking place in December.

Communications Chair Report

22. Danny Luong (DL) has made contact with many of the US Clubs to look at Social Media and communications in their clubs.

23. As an IFR objective is to integrate younger runners into our clubs, our use of other social media such as Instagram should be looked at, it was noted that New York Front Runners has a successful account.
24. DL suggested that IFR should review its website and logo and refresh both, this could be reviewed by the Steering Committee over the coming year **[ACTION: DL]**
25. Da Ping Luo's documentary "Out for the Run" is continuing to be planned. Clubs are urged to support where possible.

Club Event Updates

26. Clubs who were on the call gave an update of their activities with particular reference to upcoming Pride Runs
27. Eurogames in Helsinki is taking place 29th June – 2nd July with around 1,500 competitors taking part in 13 sports including a 10k Pride Run and T&F events.

Regional Rep & Steering Committee Elections

28. It was noted that Regional Reps are elected for a period of 2 years. Elections took place for the following positions:
 - a. Western US Rep – Richard Ervais ELECTED
 - b. Australia & Asia Pacific Rep – Chris Rauchle ELECTED
 - c. Canada Rep – Marcel Forget – ELECTED
29. JG was thanked for his time in the role of Canada rep for the past 4 years
30. In addition the following roles were elected to the Steering Committee:
 - a. Webmaster – Brad Miyasato ELECTED
 - b. Communications Chair – Danny Luong ELECTED

Questions for Steering Committee

31. Discussion of the tax status and registration of IFR and whether it is recognized by the US Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization. The advantage is that a company or individual making a charitable donation - such as a scholarship - to this type of organization receives a tax benefit, thus giving an incentive when asking for money. A recommendation was made to form a sub-committee to further investigate and report to the steering committee. **[ACTION: GF]**