



International Front Runners  
Annual General Meeting  
May 23, 2008

- I. Attendance
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- II. President Clark talked about the first part of the meeting that was held on May 3, 2008 via a conference call. He also outlined what items we would be discussing during today's meeting.
- III. Election of Delegates and Officers
  - a. Gay Games Delegate – David Short
  - b. GLISA Delegate – Greg Larocque
  - c. Communications Officer – Brad Miyasato
  - d. All were unanimously acclaimed

#### IV. Discussion of topics

##### a. IFR action plan items

- i. **Membership services** and expanding membership (in existing clubs and new clubs). Discussion about potential clubs.
  1. Question about current trend in membership. FRNY talked about their success in growth of membership, particularly in women & young (20s) members. Play up new members to the target group you're trying to reach.
  2. Question about why a club should be a member of IFR.
    - a. Website to connect with other clubs when traveling
    - b. Calendar of events
    - c. Support of smaller clubs and newly emerging clubs
    - d. Support network and social networking at events
    - e. Interface with federation and provide a voice for all clubs
    - f. Hosted webpage
    - g. Distribution of information
    - h. There appears to be a visibility issue
      - i. "Resell" IFR to every club every year
      - ii. Trademark the brand name
      - iii. More formalization in meetings and membership

##### ii. **Financial**

1. Sponsors are a good idea but it raises the question as to what do we have to offer to get their dollars?
2. Discussion as to focus of our resources
  - a. Consider supporting smaller clubs
  - b. Discuss whether to charge a minimal fee to all clubs
  - c. Reinforce and support regional reps
  - d. Consider spending \$ on trademark of name
  - e. Consider offering insurance
  - f. Focus on larger clubs that have not paid/participated

##### b. AGM format

- i. Electronic portion
  1. Some discussion about confusion as to how/where to register
  2. Was there any advantage or disadvantage to the split format
    - a. Definite advantages
    - b. Potential to have more participation
    - c. Better technology
    - d. Questions as to why decrease in participation over the last two years
      - i. Travel costs?
      - ii. How well promoted?
      - iii. Value to the club attending?
- ii. In-Person meeting
  1. Reasons to come
    - a. Prizes
    - b. Something only participants get

- i. Tour
    - ii. Meet someone/some teams
  - c. Survey on IFR games
    - i. What should we be doing?
      - 1. Question as to relevance
      - 2. Query officers
        - a. IFR?
        - b. Games?
        - c. AGM?
      - 3. Committee to draft survey
        - a. David Cohen
        - b. David Weir
        - c. Gary Fracassi
        - d. Alden Clark
        - e. Kelsey Louie
        - f. Potential questions should be emailed to each other by June 7
        - g. David will collate and share draft with the attendees
        - h. Target date to distribute to clubs June 30

V. Adjourned at 3:10PM