



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

October 20, 2012

1. Alden Clark, current Communications Officer, served as Chair of the meeting in the Absence of a President.

2. All attendees introduced themselves and announced where they were from.

The attendance roster is attached

On Skype: John Gazo from Ottawa, Canada and attempts to contact Wayne Morgan from Sydney, Australia. The announcement was made that Gary Fracassi might attempt to call in also,

3. Alden Clark gave a background/history of IFR and defined positions followed by announcing current steering committee, open positions as well as Officers of IFR. It was also announced which positions would be up for elections later

Current positions:

- Region 1 (Western United States), Reggie Snowden from SF, CA
- Region 2 (Central and southern United States), Gary Fracassi and current Treasurer to call in report
- Region 4 (Canada) John Gazo
- Region 7 (Mexico, Central and South America) open

Other Regions

- Region 3 (NorthEast United States) David Lin of NY?
- Region 5 was announced from Europe Nick Eaton
- Region 6 (Australia & the Pacific) open

It was announced to try to contact the former rep from Mexico City, Jesus Gonzalez

It was announced the Brad Miyasato is the current Webmaster

Also serving are the representatives to the Federation of Gay Games and GLISA. There are two delegates to each, serving 2 year terms, staggered for election purposes. Some of these positions are on the agenda for election.

- Wayne Morgan is Representative #1 from Sydney, Australia. the alternate position is open
- Greg Larocque from Canada is the Representative from GLISA but we have not heard from him.
- Eileen Murphy from SF, CA is the second representative to GLISA but we have not heard from her either.

4. Alden Clark gave a history of the club and the website. He explained how a starter kit was created along with a club directory and bylaws. A forum history was discussed and Alden Clark has been involved with FR since 1981 along with Gary Fracassi and Brad Miyasato since the 1980's

Alden Clark gave a history report on Gay, Lesbian International Sports Association and defined Federation of Gay Games and discussed how different GLISA regions have sponsored events and every four years with the Federation, Gay Games.

An Outgames Vs. Gay Games discussion occurred and there were meetings with hope to bring them together and we waited to hear from Wayne Morgan, the Delegate, Federation who we were waiting to hear from on Skype.

Open for Questions

Last years minutes from the AGM in Austin were approved and seconded from the previous meeting.

5. Discussion on Location of 2013 location was pushed till Wayne Morgan was on skype. We took a break

Back to session at 1358

New Clubs are up for approval, Northern Ireland and Leon France

6. Notice on Dues and a discussion

- Annual Dues renewals are sent out. (25 or less members-Free, fees based on number of members)
- It was discussed and critical to keep the IFR website up to date with current contacts and club events.
- In regards to the website, a discussion was had on how to Log in, password.

We looked for Wayne at 1405, Might have lost Skype with John but it was regained momentarily.

- Pay pal with IFR
- All information on the IFR website was discussed

We connected with Wayne Morgan at 1409

7. No GLISA Report

8. It was announced the Gary is sending a Treasurer's report to approve and checked periodically.

9. Wayne Morgan gave the FGG Report

- FGG - 30th Anniversary, probably LA, IFR might not be represented
- Akron was discussed, just the runners will be there, distance and time was discussed, Golf and Softball will also be in Akron.

(little trouble with the SKYPE connection)

- it was reported the Akron wasn't the first choice of venue
- 5k/ 10k will be in Akron and Marathon

John from Canada reported Google says Akron is 45 minutes away

- it is reported that transport to Akron is excellent
- 2nd sports village will be located in Akron

-the organization is all under control with worries. Worries included little to no shade and poor management and it's unlikely to change, (venue) Tents are an option. A question was asked about who's contacted Cleveland. Perhaps a meeting in Akron next year.

-Perhaps an IFR Run, Rainbow Run proposal-no news yet but says it will happen. With Rainbow Run, consider participants marching in.

Alden suggested coming up with a proposal for next year's meeting and to start thinking about organizing.

- No Joint event for 2018 at this point. Gay Games vs OutGames
- Organizations at a stumbling block currently

- Federation concerned with Human Rights conference being part of the event
- GLISA having availability of Proxy
- Federation, No Proxy

Fingers crossed for joint event in 2020 or 2022

- Wales, UK, Cardiff, starting of clubs
- No Australian Rep but a Michael Squire is a possibility.
- 2nd FGG Delegate would be nice

Alden says he will follow up with John?
De Leon says he will follow up with John?

Open for questions

More questions for Wayne Morgan
-representatives were curious on Human Rights component

A discussion was had on two events at the same time that was a concern

Randy asked if dates for the Races were decided yet and Wayne said it might be posted.

Akron marathon Management team may not have formed yet.

Akron has it's own Airport.

Wayne says we need to work with contacts in Akron FR. Schedule of Marathon is on the website and Registration is open.

FaceBook Page for IFR was discussed and clubs are encouraged to utilize it with events, communications and postings.

10. Sarah Kline & Mike Brown from Team St. Louis did a presentation for Outgames Antwerp, Belgium
- Defined a background of Team St Louis
 - working as "cheerleaders" for Outgames Antwerp 2013
 - announced monthly newsletter
 - introduced all events taking place in Antwerp that included a Human Rights conference and Cultural festival
 - in depth look at History of Antwerp in sports
 - volunteers welcomed, Hosted housing available
 - museum passes
 - discussed transportation and accessibility of venues
 - announced an email address collection and drawing for a contest and the prize was registration into the event, (Reggie won the drawing) :)

Break

11. Elections for FGG Delegate/GLISA

A motion for Wayne Morgan for Federation Delegate. It was seconded and approved
The Western US region met to determine their rep and Mike De Leon of SF was elected

Instructions to John Gazo as to how to set up online regional Rep

Wayne Morgan had a question on Federations Roles and responsibilities and expressed concerns

Open for election - Communications Officer – currently Alden Clark
- Web Master – currently Brad Miyasato

A request for assistance for Web Master discussion. Nobody stepped up to the plate.

Alden Clark was nominated for Communications Officer and Brad Miyasato for Web Master, it was seconded by a representative, followed by a unanimous decision.

John and Mike welcomed to the Steering committee

New Business and Discussion

Fund raising ideas were brainstormed &
Social Media and marketing were brainstormed
-other non running events clubs are doing
-H2O stations for big races
advertising in Health clubs
-Facebook, Yahoo groups
-numerous cross promotions for clubs to attract members
-other sports groups like softball, basketball, off season joining
-happy hour events
-hosting events at members houses like Movie nights, board games

Use of Social media was discussed as it pertains to marketing
Facebook
Google groups
Yahoo groups
Twitter
Tumbler blog
Utilizing support from local merchants with discounts
membership cards

A question on other activities came up and how the dynamics of FR clubs has changed

Avoiding clicks in the club and welcoming new members

competitive vs social for members
Seeking mentors with some clubs has helped

Running with new members or potential members
Recognizing new members by giving them Ribbons-Priceless!

It was decided we all would promote more on our IFR facebook page with postings and utilizing our website more, calendar.

Encourage visiting more FR clubs

More official updates on the web

Events for next years meeting, time and place
Electronic Treasurer report

A huge thanks went to all the organization St. Louis FR did to make this weekend a success. Huge thanks to all attendees for participating.

A picture was taken of the attendees and we said farewell to John and Wayne

Meeting was adjourned.