

International Front Runners

AGM 2021

LOCATION: Hybrid (Copenhagen: 11 members – Zoom: 50)

DATE: August 21st, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- Meeting called to order at 08:07 EST by Chris.
- No opening remarks.
- Roll call of all participants
- Approval of the minutes of AGM 2020 – moved by Wayne Morgan & seconded by Alden Clarke. APPROVED.

AGENDA

	Items	Action
1	<p>Gay Games Hong Kong 2022 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisation is going well, and all events are on track.• Every 6 weeks, running events organisers are meeting with Wayne Morgan with updates.• Venues for the running events have been selected but cannot be confirmed as the government does not authorise booking more than a year before the actual event. A backup venue has been booked in case of refusal of the 1st choices: Stanley Ho Sports Centre at HK University.• <u>Track & Field</u>: 1st choice of venue is Tseug Kwan Sports Ground (site of 5th Asian Games), 2nd choice is Wan Chai Sports Ground, 3rd choice is Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground. All sites are easily accessible by local transportation including subway.• <u>Road Running</u>: 10 km: selected venue is Inspiration Lake at HK Disneyland; 5 km: a scenic route along coastline on HK Island is to be confirmed; marathon: selected departure venue is Pak Tam Chung and a scenic route previously used by other running events.• <u>Trail Running</u>: 15, 25 & 50 km runs will be held on HK island (very hilly), and no venues have been chosen as	

	<p>the contract not signed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>The International Rainbow Memorial Fun Run</u>: to be held on Victoria Peak with spectacular views of the bay. Unlike Paris, it will be a small activity with 200 to 300 runners only. It will be held at sunrise at 7 am with only 1 or 2 km for the run. Special transportation is being arranged to the top. • <u>COVID-19</u>: Large scale sports event are slowly being authorised by the government with health safety measures in place. Hopefully all will be well in place by GG 2022 in November 2022. 	<p>Salomon (HK GG)</p> <p>Victor (HK GG)</p> <p>Wayne</p>
2	<p>Tresurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics: 108 member clubs (not counting newly joined) with 7 462 members worldwide. ▪ <u>2020 Budget</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Income: 2 550 USD (membership fees) ▪ Expenses: 1 554.99 USD ▪ Surplus: 995.01 USD ▪ Final balance for 2020: 16 692.25 USD ▪ <u>2021 Budget</u>: 16 692.25 USD in the bank at beginning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Income: 2 650 USD (an increase – membership fees) ▪ Current balance: 19 145.24 USD ▪ Projected expenses: 6 684 USD ▪ Overspending: 4 184 USD ▪ Projected balance at end of year: 14 961.24 USD • With the charity status now in place in the USA, we may receive donations which will increase income. • Full budget in Document section of IFR website. • Approval moved by Wayne & seconded by Brad 	<p>Alden</p>
3	<p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running late • We are chasing a few more reports • Should be out by 23 August • Reports from all individual clubs will be condensed in the Newsletter. No need to verbally report hence saves time at AGM. 	

4	Copenhagen Eurogames Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 people registered • Event is considered successful despite pandemic situation • All went well and it was all well organised • A great first step for coming events 	
5	Eurogames 2022 – Njmegen, The Netherlands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Njmegen to host from 27 to 30 July 2022 • Pre-registration already open • Full info: www.eurogames2022.eu 	
6	Brooks - Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past 2 years, Brooks has donated 50 000 USD to our organisation but because of legal matters, all monies were distributed only to US clubs. • This year, Brooks will donate 20 000 USD and we are allowed to be distributed worldwide. • In the next two weeks, we will create a method for clubs to bid for amounts. 	Richard
7	Special Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sponsorships</u>: it's the continuation of a project the IFR did a four years ago to help a fellow runner participate in the Paris GG. By requesting donations from our clubs, we were able to sponsor the attendance of two runner from Africa. With this, we paid for their airfare, accommodation, and gave them a per diem. The registration was waved by the organisation committee. We would repeat this sponsorship for the HK GG. But because it is held in Asia, that there is a lot of interest from countries in that region (India, Korea, Taiwan, Japan), and that we would like to grow our organisation we should favour runners from that area of the world. It also limits costs and gives us the opportunity to sponsor more then one or two. • The mechanics of this will be discussed at the next Steering committee meeting as we will need to choose participants by next March. • <u>Front Runner's Day</u>: We would like to establish a FR day across the world to give us a day to focus on our running, 	Wayne

	on us. The suggestion is June 15 th , Patricia Nell Warren's birthday.	
8	Report – Federation of Gay Games 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate cities are being visited as we speak – München, Valencia, and Guadalajara. • Winning city will be decided this coming November at the annual Federation meeting in Brighton UK. • Update on HK GG 2022: Rainbow Flag Run will be held on the opening day extremely early (7 am) up on the mountain at Victoria Peak. Transportation to be determined. It will be small – 2 or 3 km with a maximum of 300 runners. The remembrance ceremony will be followed by a BBQ breakfast. • As for the Rainbow Remembrance Flag, it will start its journey through the former host cities in December and will be marched into the stadium at the opening ceremony. • You can see the proposed venues on our FB page • Word of warning: the Trail running will be extremely difficult. The courses is very hilly! 	Wayne
9	Presentation – Virtual Competition by San Francisco FR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by Nick from San Francisco Frontrunners • Two competitions were organised in the last year, one in the Fall called <i>Fall Invitational</i> and a second in late spring called <i>Summer Showdown</i>. • Both were a month-long competition based on cross country scoring which meant cumulative for the group. • Many clubs from around the US and some from across the world participated. • Six categories were formed: Men's Open & Men's Masters, Women's Open & Women's Masters, and Non-Binary Open & Non-Binary Masters. • Winners chose a local charity organisation for a donation on their behalf. • It was a great way to give back to the community and come together as an organisation. <p>People are invited to consult the IFR Strava page (over 2 000 members), select a race from a group around the world and participate with them.</p>	
10	Officer's Positions for the Steering Committee	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All present members were reconfirmed in their position: Chris as President, Alain as Secretary, Alden as Treasurer. • The Comms Officer position remains open. Anyone interested should contact Chris directly. We are looking a forming a small team to answer all the comms needs of our organisation. More to come. • Regional Reps. Martin Hocevar as been elected as the new rep for Northern Europe, Nick Velez for Eastern US and Central US still needs to find one. An update is needed for Mexico, Central and South America, and the Asia/Pacific region is now represented by Budiaman Tang from Melbourne. Chris as resigned as rep but remains as president. 	
11	IFR Representation to the Federation of Gay Games <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayne is reconfirmed in his position as the IFR Rep to the Federation of GG (2 yr term) 	
12	Next AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2022 in Hong Kong during the GG • AGM 2023 is scheduled to be held in Sydney to coincide with the World Pride and Mardi Gras Celebrations in February 2023. The issue here is the length to time in between the two...not enough time. To be revisited. 	

Alain M. Guèvremont – Secretary

Chris Rauchle – President