

Minutes

International Frontrunners Annual General Meeting 2022

Nijmegen, The Netherlands (+ on Zoom)

**July 27th, 2022
15:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs
(Central European Summer Time)**

- **60 people registered**
- **44 people online**
- **31 clubs represented**

1. Quorum and 2021 AGM Minutes

The acceptance of the 2021 AGM Minutes was moved by Wayne and seconded by Alden.

Motion accepted

2. Welcome word from the IFR President **(Chris)**

3. Eurogames 2022 presentation **(Martin)**

Slide presentation from the Games: July 27th to the 30th 2022, 19 sports, 735 participants, all facilities within 5 km from the village. Many interesting sports & activities such as ballroom dancing & bridge classes.

4. President's report **(Chris)**

The full report is published in the Newsletter.

Special thanks go to our Steering Committee members who are leaving us this year: Richard & Zander who were fantastic contributors to the organization. It would not have been the same without their devotion and contribution. Thank you also to Emma & Sam for the gift of their time. Thank you to the four of you for your hard work!

5. Secretary's report **(Alain)**

Nothing to report

6. Treasurer's report

(Alden)

a. Club renewal

For 2022: 105 active clubs
 4 pending memberships
 10 clubs that have not renewed their membership
Over 8 700 members across the world

b. Budget (see copy of budget on Club's website)

For 2021	16 692 \$	US in the bank at beginning of year
	2 650 \$	membership income
	20 000 \$	Brooks grant
	101 \$	bank fees
	100 \$	Membership Federation of Gay Games
	1000 \$	Federation of Gay Games Delegate reimb.
	600 \$	Club promotion
Donations:	10 750 \$	Brooks grant given out
	9 250 \$	Brooks grants to yet be distributed

Total in the bank end of year 2021: 26 790 \$

For 2022	26 790 \$	in the bank at beginning of year
	3 100 \$	membership fees to date
	23 002 \$	Brooks donation
	25 \$	A donation to IFR
Expenses	173 \$	Bank fees
	100 \$	Federation of Gay Games fees
	14 \$	Supplies
	265 \$	AGM expenses
	500 \$	Eurogames IFR social
	31 502 \$	Brooks grants given

Current balance (July 2022): 20 360 USD

Consult website for the 2022/2023 budget projections

7. Communication Report

a. Social Media

(Martin)

See Newsletter for full report.

This year, we have been concentrating on establishing the IFR identity on social media. Our goal is to increase our presence on the different platforms and thus our visibility in the 2SLGTBQIA+ community we

represent. We are looking at increasing the interaction, the communication, and the tagging between clubs and members across the world. Look for our Facebook page, our Instagram and Twitter accounts.

b. Newsletter

(Budi)

Budi wanted to thank Richard for all his work, dedication, and mentoring with the Newsletter.

Thank you to all who contributed to this edition (100 + clubs!). It was quite a challenge to reduce it to a reasonable format. This is a vital piece for our communications across the world and gives everyone a look at what is going on in other places.

The next edition should be published before the new year. We are looking at having one approximately every 6 months.

8. Revision to the Constitution

(Alden & Budi)

See copy included with agenda

The suggested changes in the language was accepted over all to the exception of the wording in the mission statement. The present wording is: "...for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders and their supporters..." and the proposal was: "...for gender, sex, and sexuality diverse people (henceforth the community), and their allies...". The suggested changes are the following: "...gender and sexually divers people..." (GSD). This is the "new" term used in the 2SLGTBIA+ community. It is a more succinct expression and includes everyone.

A long discussion about the words and their meaning ensured and eventually, we agreed on adopting the GSD wording. The proposition was supported by Chris and seconded by Jim Davidson (Colorado). If a "patch" is needed during the year to adapt the wording, we can always have a special general meeting and not wait for the AGM to make it.

9. Presentation by the Hong Kong Gay Games Committee

No one was present to give an update but there was a link in the chat to a "coffee time" meeting giving an update of the preparations.

We do know it's full steam ahead and things are on track. Wayne to talk more about it in his presentation.

10. Federation of Gay Games' report

(Wayne)

With Zander having stepped down as the second delegate to the GG, Wayne is now the only delegate to the Federation of Gay Games from IFR. An advertisement has but put up on our social media platforms to find a replacement. More info to come at our next meeting. In the meantime, Wayne will travel to Guadalajara, Mexico in early November to attend the GG meeting.

Regarding the games in Guadalajara, no information has been published so far even if all the official documents have been signed. There is no communication coming out of the organising committee and we do not have spies on the ground since we do not have an IFR club there. We do know that the games will be held at the same dates as Hong Kong which leads to a lot of problems for the IFR and other sports organisations. We normally host a fun event for the Track & Field race and a social at the games. Are we to do these in each city? The other issue will be the AGM which is normally held during the games.

As for HK, we know that all its events are organized and ready to go. They also have plenty of funds, and that over 7 000 should attend. They are concentrating on participants from Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. Guadalajara will be focussing on the Americas, Europe & Africa.

Regarding the Rainbow Memorial Run (hosted by the former host cities), it should start in December or January in San Francisco then on to Sydney, etc. Unfortunately, we still do not know in which of the two host cities it will end. The Culture branch of the GG still has not decided. IFR has already dedicated 750 USD to help with the race.

11. Newsletter tabled for Regional Reps report

12. Election for Regional Reps

Two positions are open: Canada & Southern US. Alain has come forward to occupy the position for Canada. The attending clubs from Canada unanimously agreed to his nomination. As for the other position, Sam Sanders has someone to succeed her, but Chris needs to have a Zoom with the regional clubs so that they vote Sam's replacement in.

13. Election of Officers

Every Steering Committee Members have decided to stay in position with no one coming forward to challenge them. All are reconfirmed in their positions. Thank you all for your dedication and hours of work.

14. On going business

a. Brooks' Grants & Pride Initiative

(Alden)

For years, we've had a very productive relationship with Brooks, and we want to continue. In 2021, we received 20 000 USA for our clubs, and in 2022, it was 23 002 USD. It is expected that it will not be any different in 2023. We are now looking for someone to help with the distribution process and to be the contact between IFR and Brooks.

Regarding the Brooks grants, it was suggested that we have a follow-up to see what clubs have done with their grants. We should use that opportunity and put the results on our social media platforms to publicise it all.

Also, we need clearer guidance on the whole grand procedure, the application process, and amount limit for the grants. Brent Radeke (San Francisco) is willing to help with this.

b. GG Sponsorships

(Wayne)

As for the scholarships, we are still uncertain with it's organisation. With two cities hosting on two different continents, we probably will need more than one scholarship to give the chance to a few people to attend. When the time comes, we'll reach out to our clubs to help. More info to come with time.

15. Other Business

Gene Radman (Calgary) has secured a place in the Marathon at the 2024 Paris Olympics. He then flipped it into securing a place in the 10 km race instead. Do we, as an organisation, want to organise something at the Paris Olympics?

16. Next AGM

Normally, we hold our AGM in the host city of the Gay Games. Unfortunately, the two-city option adopted by the organization committee makes it impossible for us to do so. The logical option would be holding it the host city of the 2023 Eurogames, Bern in Switzerland next July. Unless another city would like to host the AGM?

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IFR President

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