



Minutes of a Meeting of the International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administration Asia and Pacific Region held on Sunday 14 November 2010 at 2pm, Hong Kong City Hall, IFPRA World Congress, Hong Kong

Minutes

In Attendance:

Dr Mariko Handa, Commissioner Japan
Professor Yoritaka Tashiro, Commissioner Japan, Past President
Neil McCarthy, Commissioner Australia,
David Aldous, Co-Opted Commissioner Education
Maria Boey, Commissioner Singapore
Azlin Noor, Commissioner Malaysia
Mike ???
Willie Nel, Commissioner South Africa
Chris Rutherford, New Zealand
Rob Small, Past President

1. Apologies were received from Gordon Bailey, John Brandenburg, Dato Ismail Ngah, Robin Pagan, Jason Kelly, Anne Binkley

That the apologies be accepted.

Moved Neil McCarthy, Seconded Chris Rutherford. Carried

2. Minutes of the 2009 Asia Pacific region held in Finland

The minutes were received.

Moved Neil McCarthy, Seconded Chris Rutherford. Carried

3. Financial Statement – supplied by Alan Smith

It was noted that the accounts are now held in the UK by the CEO.

The financial statement was received and the balance as at 31 March 2010 of \$29,745 NZD or 13,835 Pounds was noted.

Moved Neil McCarthy, Seconded Mike.

Carried

4. Constitution

The new AP constitution was received. This has been modelled on the European Constitution.

It was moved that the Constitution be recommended to the World Commission with the correction of a typographical error.

Moved Chris Rutherford, Seconded Yoritaka Tashiro

Carried

5. 2011 Congress Freemantle Update

Neil McCarthy updated attendees on progress with the Congress including plans for a 4 day post congress tour with a balance of technical and social activities. Parks and Leisure Australia were committed to making a very successful Asia Pacific Congress.

An organizing committee has been established and a coordination committee would be meeting initially three times per year. The Committee consisted of Neil, Chris, Paul, Rob, Gordon and John Senior (PLA Conference Committee)

The report was received.

6. Membership review and strategy

General discussion was had on the need to increase membership and develop a strategy to invigorate IFPRA.

7. Budget

A budget was not presented. The Chairperson recommended that the preparation and adoption of a budget be deferred until such time that a strategy and annual plan was adopted. Regional priorities for that work plan included:

1. Development of IFPRA in countries where there are no IFPRA members
2. Improving membership
3. Education and training
4. Local network development.



8. General Business

Support was expressed for Emanuel Trueb to election of position of World President. Support was also expressed for Daniel Boulens should Emanuel Trueb not wish to take up the position.

Support was expressed for the improved governance of the organisation.

A reliance on volunteer effort to develop and implement task was a weakness of IFPRA.

Support was expressed for the development of job descriptions for commissioners and officers to ensure clear expectations.

The meeting closed at approximately 3pm.

Paul Wilson
Chair Asia Pacific