

9 March 2009

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 07 MARCH 2009 AT STARGATE PENSIONNE, MALATE, MANILA.

Present

Crissie Malay (Philippines) Chairing on behalf of President

Rasip Isnin (Singapore) Secretary General

Adiseno (Indonesia) Member Hasni Hussain (Malaysia) Member Chaivudh Buthdong (Thailand) Member Jeremiah Flores (Philippines) Member

Absent (with apology)

Ms Maizatul Omar Ali (Brunei)

Introduction

The meeting commenced at 5pm local time. Mr Rasip Isnin highlighted that Mr Maman Hermansyah (President) was unable to attend the meeting due to problems with his travel document prior to departure. He extended his apologies to everyone and wished the committee a fruitful meeting ahead.

The meeting agreed to appoint Ms Crissie to Chair the meeting on behalf of Mr Maman. Ms Crissie welcomed all members and thanked them for their presence.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 April 2008 in Bangkok were confirmed with no amendment.

Finance

Balance of SEACF bank account as per Dec 31, 2008 is USD234.47. The amount does not include the royalties collected from the SEACF Standards certificates, estimated about USD200.

Progress Report from Member Countries

Members present shared their respective countries development in promoting the sport as follows:

- a. Ms Crissie from SCAPI highlighted that a local bouldering competition was currently being held at the Malls of Asia, Manila. Some 80 participants had registered for the event. Other events like skate boarding, BMX were organized in conjunction with the event.
- b. SCAPI had written to the IFSC recently to apply for leave of absence to avoid the accumulation of their membership fees. However, the meeting suggested that SCAPI withdraw the application and appeal to the IFSC for other available assistance instead. SCAPI agreed to the suggestion.
- c. Mr Adiseno from FPTI shared that several competitions would be organized in Indonesia. This will include the national and province level competitions like the Military Championship for some 300 participants. FPTI had also started to subscribe to the SEACF Climbing Standards by conducting the level 1 and 2 courses to participants of the military, students etc. More of such courses will be conducted this year.
- d. The FPTI had extended an invitation to all SEACF members to participate in their forthcoming competition scheduled to be held from 15 to 18 July 2009 in Semarang. The organizer will be providing 2 return tickets and accommodation for 2 athletes of each country. However, members were welcome to send more climbers to participate at their own expense. More information on the event will be extended by FPTI within the next couple of weeks. FPTI would also be hosting the IFSC Plenary Assembly in Bali in 2010. All members were strongly encouraged to attend.
- e. Mr Chaivudh from SCAT reported that Thailand will be hosting the Thailand Bouldering Asia Cup in Krabi, Thailand from April 17th to 19th. Each country was allowed to send 3 male and 3 female climbers. One complimentary room will be provided to each country from 15 to 19 April 2009. No registration fee will be charged and registration will close on 10 April 2009. Prize money ranging from USD 2,000, USD1,500, USD 1,000, USD 700, USD500, and USD300 will be awarded to the top 6 winners of both men and women respectively.

- f. Mr Rasip from SMF shared that more schools in Singapore had included Sports Climbing as one of their co-curiculum activities. There are now more than 150 schools with climbing facilities in Singapore. The annual National Schools competition had shown an increased in participation from 400 in the 1st year to about 500 in the 2nd and 3rd year respectively. The number of courses conducted had also attracted higher participation with an average of 5,000 certification issued annually.
- g. SMF will also be working with a local company to introduce the National Bouldering League in Singapore. The league will comprise 3 to 4 events held locally by the various institutions/organizations. Points gained by the participants at the competitions will determine the climber rankings. The league will be one of the platforms for the national representations selection criteria.
- h. SMF is currently in discussions with the organizer of the 2012 Asean University Games to be held in Singapore, on the possibilities of including Sport Climbing as one of the competed sport for the Games. SMF together with SEACF will work on the project once it's accepted by the organizer.
- i. Mr Hasni from PMM reported that Malaysia will be hosting the Tri Nation Climbing expedition in Pahang this year. 90 participants from Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia were expected for the event. Malaysia had also conducted several SEACF standards courses to both students and members of public. More of such courses were planned for this year.

SEACF Climbing Standards

- a. There are presently 20 instructors registered with SEACF from the two courses. All member countries, except for the Philippines, are now able to conduct the climbing courses in accordance to the SEACF Standards with the availability of their local instructors. The breakdown of instructors:
 - BSCF 1
 - SCAT 2
 - FPTI 5
 - PMM 4
 - SMF -8
- b. Three countries namely Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia had started with the program and the rest were encouraged to follow suit. To date, some 200 level 1 and 100 level 2 certificates were issued to Indonesia while another 200 level 1 to Malaysia.
- c. To facilitate the implementation of the standards in Thailand and Philippines, SEACF will be conducting the instructor courses both in Thailand and

Philippines, scheduled for November 2009 and Feb 2010 respectively. More details will be made available once confirmed.

SEACF Website

SEACF website www.seacf.org was launched in 2006 to facilitate the promotion of SEACF activities. The website development and management was coordinated by President. Members were encouraged to contribute suitable articles and their federation activities to the website.

SEA Games

Members discussed and agreed that the following efforts to lobby for Sport Climbing as a sport event in SEA Games will be made:

- a. A note will be send by SEACF Secretariat to the respective NOC's of member countries to share the concept about Sport Climbing. Appropriate CD's on the sport will also be included in the note to better explain the sport.
- b. The respective federations will subsequently contact their respective NOC's to lobby their support to vote favourably when the matter was discussed at the SEA Games Council.
- c. SEACF will also request to attend the SEA Games Council meetings at an appropriate time to do a short presentation of the sport.

Members were also informed that for Sport Climbing to be a sport event in the SEA Games, a minimum of 4 (four) NOC/NSC support are required at the SEA Games Council meeting. It was therefore important for all current 6 members of SEACF to play an active and aggressive role in getting the support of their respective NOC's.

Other possible areas considered to maintain SEACF effort in the SEA Games effort includes:

- a. Initiate and develop new federation in other ASEAN countries such as Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia; and
- b. Organise more climbing competitions for the various age categories by the respective member federations.

h. Technical Officials Courses

The certified technical officials available within SEACF members are:

SMF - judges, route setters and instructors PMM - judges, route setters and instructors SCAT - judges and instructors

SCAPI - nil

BSCF - instructors FPTI - instructors

The meeting agreed that more courses be conducted especially for route setters and judges to facilitate the conduct of various programs by member countries. Two instructor courses were planned in Bangkok and Philippines while the judges and route setter courses will be planned in conjunction with the ACSC.

Members will be updated via e-mails once the courses are confirmed.

SEACF Activities for 2009

The meeting discussed and agreed to adopt two new activities from 2009 onwards:

a. Asean Expedition

The Tri-Nation expedition launched in 2008 by Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore will be expanded to other member countries and termed as "Asean Expedition'. Purpose of the expedition was to provide an opportunity for all Asean Adventurers through an exciting climbing/adventure expeditions.

The expeditions will be held annually and hosted on a rotational basis by all members. A total of 180 to 200 participants were expected from all member countries.

The first expedition was scheduled for 16 to 20 July 2009 and will be hosted by the Persatuan Mendaki Malaysia (PMM). More information will be forwarded to all members once confirmed.

The meeting suggested that maximum publicity coverage be solicited for the event. Where feasible, Asean Secretariat could also be approached for support and assistance.

The next expeditions will tentatively be hosted by Philippines in 2010 and Thailand in 2011 respectively.

b. Asean Climbing Championship

The meeting agreed to introduce the Annual Asean Climbing Championship in place of the SEACF Circuit organized previously. The event this year will be hosted by Indonesia in Semarang province. The organizer will provide more event details like categories, climbers quota, travel arrangements etc within the next couple of weeks.

The objective of the event was to provide an opportunity for our Asean Climbers to interact and pit their climbing skills with their Asean counterparts. The event will also provide a good platform to promote camaraderie among the Asean Climbers.

End of Meeting

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Recorded By:

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