



Minutes from Annual General Meeting  
 SUNDAY – July 19, 2020 Zoom Call @1PM (*Pacific Daylight Time*)  
 Transcribed by Zander Ross

Virtual attendance: see roster of attendees below (additional attendees may have been present on Facebook livestream).

	Club Name	Club Location (*some abbreviated)	AGM (X=voting delegate)
<b>Region: Western U.S.</b>			
1.	BayLands FrontRunners	Palo Alto, etc.	Rich Tretten (X)
2.	East Bay Front Runners and Walkers	Oakland, etc.	Aaron Trieu (X)
3.	Honolulu FrontRunners/FrontWalkers	Honolulu	Ken Pierce (X)
4.	Los Angeles Frontrunners	Los Angeles, etc.	Angus Kennedy (X)
5.	Palm Springs Front Runners & Walkers	Palm Springs	Michael Ambrose (X), Brian Eggert
6.	Frontrunners and Walkers Phoenix	Phoenix	Chris Fain (X), Michael Mitsuda
7.	Portland Frontrunners	Portland	Chuck Dunn (X), Joseph Jenkins
8.	FrontRunners Sacramento	Sacramento, etc.	Cameron Yee (X)
9.	Front Runners & Walkers San Diego	San Diego	Jerry Buckley (X)
10.	San Francisco FrontRunners	San Francisco	Terence Byrnes (X), Brent Radeke, Alex Soejarto, Erdi Yildiz, Reggie Snowden
11.	San Francisco Track and Field	San Francisco	Andrew Sturner (X)
12.	Seattle Frontrunners	Seattle, Washington	Gabe Gunnink (X), Rick Steves
13.	Shoreline Frontrunners of Long Beach	Long Beach	Brad Miyasato
<b>Region: Central U.S.</b>			
14.	Albuquerque Frontrunners & Walkers	Albuquerque	Danny O’Hara (X)
15.	Frontrunners/Frontwalkers Chicago	Chicago	Gregory Barton (X)
16.	Colorado Frontrunners	Denver and Boulder	Joe Lozoya (X)
17.	Columbus OutRunners	Columbus	Daniel Showalter (X)
18.	Indianapolis Frontrunners/Frontwalkers	Indianapolis, Indiana	Steve Martz (X)
19.	Kansas City Frontrunners	Kansas City	Randy Hite (X)
20.	Frontrunners Lexington	Lexington, KY	Taylor Steele (X)
<b>Region: Eastern U.S.</b>			
21.	Frontrunners Boston	Boston	Xico Gracida, Ryan Nicoll (X), Alden Clark
22.	Lez Run – Philadelphia	Philadelphia	C.C. Tellez (X)
23.	Front Runners New York	New York	Gilbert Gaona (X), Jaszver Bauzon, Jim Diego, Zander Ross, Erick Tatro
24.	Philadelphia Frontrunners	Philadelphia	Richard Ervais (X)
25.	Pittsburgh Frontrunners	Pittsburgh	David Torrey (X), Brian Keller

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26.	Fronrunners Rhode Island	Providence	Brian Patrick Mulligan (X)
27.	DC Front Runners	Washington DC	Maura Hackett, Norman Reich (X), Mick Bullock
<b>Region: Canada</b>			
28.	Ottawa Fronrunners	Ottawa	Alain Guevremont, Emma Bugg, Christopher Yordy (X)
29.	Fronrunners Toronto	Toronto	Albert Wong (X)
30.	Vancouver Fronrunners	Vancouver	Leifka Vissers (X)
31.	Winnipeg Fronrunners	Winnipeg	Wally Mah (X)
<b>Region: Northern Europe</b>			
32.	Birmingham Swifts	Birmingham, West Midlands	David Waters (X)
33.	Copenhagen Fronrunners	Copenhagen	Tommy Kristoffersen (X), Nick Eaton
34.	Fronrunners Cork	Cork City	Evan Murphy (X)
35.	Dublin Front Runners AC	Dublin	Claire Goss (X)
36.	Manchester Fronrunners	Manchester	Martin Dunn (X)
37.	Newcastle Fronrunners	Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK	Allen Dickinson-Deane (X)
38.	Stockholm Fronrunners	Stockholm	Nick Haunton (X)
<b>Region: Australia, Asia, Pacific</b>			
39.	OutRunners HK	Hong Kong	Alex Chong (X)
40.	Melbourne Fronrunners	Melbourne	Stevan Morrow (X), Budiaman Tang
41.	Perth Fronrunners	Perth	Richard Yates (X)
42.	MGR Runners	Singapore	Devane Sharma (X)
43.	Sydney Fronrunners Inc	Sydney	Wayne Morgan (X), Chris Rauchle
<b>Region: Mexico, Central &amp; South America</b>			
44.	Suriname Fronrunners	Paramaribo	Juan Pigot (X)
<b>Region: Southern U.S.</b>			
45.	Front Runners Atlanta	Atlanta	Thomas Barker (X), Paul Forte
46.	Austin Front Runners	Austin	John Dyson (X), David Vizcaino
47.	Charlotte Front Runners and Walkers	Charlotte	Samecia ("Sam") Sanders (X)
48.	Front Runners & Walkers Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale	Miguelanjel ODell-Perez, Sergey Voronkin (X), Eric Runyan
49.	FrontRunners Houston	Houston	Michael Flores (X)
50.	Orlando Front Runners and Walkers	Orlando	Gary Fracassi (X)
51.	Night Runners WPB	West Palm Beach	Rudolph Galindo (X), Carlos Gil, Roger Jackson
<b>Region: Southern Europe, Middle East, Africa</b>			
52.	Cape Town Fronrunners	Cape Town	Andy Atkins (X)
53.	FrontRunners Marseille	Marseille	Philippe Cottin (X)
54.	Nairobi Fronrunners	Nairobi	Kelvin Washiko (X)
55.	Front Runners de Paris	Paris	Fabienne Chervet (X), Kai Chu

1. Opening remarks - Chris Rauchle.
2. FRNY member Jim Diego singing Over The Rainbow.
3. Chris welcomed everybody to our Annual General Meeting 2020 - 79 people on line.
4. Chris sent quick Zoom registration emails to those that said they did not get the emails.
5. The delegates were logged in electronically and the Steering Committee introduced themselves.
  - a. Officers
    - i. Chris Rauchle, President
    - ii. Richard Ervais, Secretary
    - iii. Alden Clark, Treasurer
    - iv. Brad Miyasato, Webmaster - Informed those that did not get the documents for the AGM they can find them on the website.
    - v. Joe Jenkins, Communications
  - b. Regional representatives
    - i. Michael Ambrose, Western Region - there are 16 members in the Western Region some of whom are attending today.
    - ii. Wally Mah, Canada - Wally told us he is finishing his term. There are 10 groups in Canada. Wally is passing the baton to Emma Bugg from Ottawa Front Runners. Emma introduces herself and is happy to get more involved with IFR.
    - iii. Kelvin Washiko - Southern European Middle East. Katharina is stepping down and Kelvin from Kenya was selected as our new Southern European, Middle East and Africa (SEMEA) representative.
    - iv. Juan Pigot - Mexico, Central and South American. Juan is also the president of Suriname Front Runners.
    - v. Sam Sanders - Southern US - Michael Tomas had to resign, so Richard took over for him in the interim, however we have selected Sam Sanders as our new Southern US representative. She was a member of FRNY in the past and now lives in South Carolina and is a member of Charlotte Frontrunners.
    - vi. Chris Rauchle - Asia Pacific, Australia, New Zealand.
    - vii. Randy Hite - Central US. Randy told us that the Central Region has 13 clubs.
    - viii. Mick Bullock - Eastern US.
    - ix. Nick Eaton - Northern European.
  - c. Federation of Gay Games
    - i. Wayne Morgan, Sydney.
    - ii. Zander Ross, New York - for today's meeting Zander invited the co-chairpeople of Gay Games HK2022 Dennis Philipse, Sabrina Yang, Salomon Luk and Jackie Vierow who will give us a brief update on their preparations.
6. Chris informed us that we have 7 new clubs, Suriname our first South American Club, Lexington, Singapore, Perth, Nairobi, Aberdeen and Dundee.
7. Richard tells us about 4 clubs that should be returning but that have not renewed their memberships, 2 Northern and 2 Southern Europe, because they had changed their contacts, but we are contacting them and they should be back soon.
8. Voting
  - a. Motion to accept 2019 meeting's minutes - Passed - Wayne moves to accept, Richard seconds.

- b. Alden updates everybody on the Treasurer's report and final budget from 2019 and year-to-date to the end of June 2020. The budget for 2021 was not sent because there are open items. The proposed budget for 2021 is that we will receive \$2500 income from membership and expenses are projected as \$150 bank fees.
  - c. , \$384 for website, FGG Dues \$100, FGG delegate reimbursement \$1000, Postage \$50 and \$500 for the AGM...and we discussed a \$4,000 budget for club promotions for 2021. Wayne moves to approve, Chris seconds. Motion passed. 73% voted.
9. Chris explains that due to having the meeting via Zoom, and not in person we will not do the Reps information from their clubs as this would take several hours. The regional reports will be done via a newsletter.
  10. Copenhagen 2021 report - Tommy Kristoffersen, President of Copenhagen FR, presents a review of Eurogames 2021 and World Pride. For information on Eurogames 2021 and World pride events check out [www.copenhagen2021.com/EuroGames](http://www.copenhagen2021.com/EuroGames).
  11. At this point HK2022 Dennis Philipse joined the meeting along with the rest of the Gay Games 2022 team.
  12. Richard updates us about our idea of becoming a 501(c)(3) group and how it will benefit other non-USA teams to be eligible to receive the Brooks grants.
    - a. Brooks will grant scholarships of \$5,000 to those who submit applications to be used for marketing of the club, coaching, etc.
    - b. Because Brooks is limited to give these grants to clubs from countries where they do official business the advantage of becoming a 501(c)(3) entity is that we will be able to distribute these grants to other clubs that do not participate in US tax laws pertinent to not-for-profit entities or non-501(c)(3) clubs.
    - c. The cost for the lawyer and application is about \$1000.
    - d. Wayne asked what our responsibilities would be as an international entity, to which Richard answered that once a year Alden will have to file a form as a not-for-profit organization. Wayne wonders if there is an annual fee, it is not known for sure.
    - e. The motion was voted on, accepted and seconded.

Break

13. Alex Soejarto
  - a. Sent a link to the group to add Strava to the FB and AGM group, for which he created a link for IFR to join, as of today there are over 1000 members.
  - b. More than 3000 hours of running were registered which shows during this pandemic that the launch of the Strava club was a success considering that IFR FB group has over 1500 members. Also several virtual runs were done and registered with the Strava Club.
  - c. "About myself" - Alex told us he has run with FRNY, SFFR, Paris FR and several other clubs. He wishes that more of us would join the Strava club to help him out with different ideas.
  - d. Alex would like to add some of the new colors to the rainbow flag colors in our logo to include other groups. He asked how we can unite our running community during this stay at home time.
  - e. He discussed how to capture the virtual data from many runners. Strava could help us create a virtual running club for IFR where the data can be downloaded.
  - f. Brad informed us that in our website there is a link to the Strava club.
14. Wayne talks about special projects, next year Zander and Wayne will represent Front Runners at the FGG AGA in London or via Zoom, which will be selecting some of the host

- cities for GG2026. We know already 3 cities that are at the final stages, Auckland NZ, Valencia, Spain and Guadalajara, Mexico. We had around 27 cities that showed interest but it is very costly, about US\$10,000.00, and some of them have been leaving due to COVID and inability to meet to plan for their bids. San Diego is also one of the interested cities.
15. Wayne said that we need to start working on our scholarship program. Wayne thanks all the clubs that gave money to bring Kevin and Kelvin to Paris 2018.
  16. Wayne talks about the Rainbow Run that goes from city to city, from cities that have hosted the Gay Games in the past. We need help organizing this. The Netherlands have been a challenge due to nobody replying to our multiple requests. Also we hope to have a nice Rainbow Run in HK in 2022.
  17. Wayne informs us that our FB page has 1520 members.
  18. Hong Kong 2022 Gay Games does their presentation with Co-chairs Dennis Philipse and Sabrina Yang, Director of Sports Jackie Vierow and Athletics Manager Solomon Luk.
  19. All the information allowed to be shared can be viewed in the deck attached to the Minutes email. Both the Hong Kong deck and the Copenhagen deck will be added to the Frontrunners.org page by Brad.
  20. Official Business
    - a. The confirmation of officers:
      - i. For secretary - Alain Guèvremont since Michael Tomas had to step down
      - ii. For President - Chris
      - iii. Treasurer - Alden
      - iv. Webmaster - Brad
      - v. Communications - Joseph
    - b. Everybody voted and they were all confirmed.
    - c. Regional Reps for 2 year terms
      - i. Western US – Michael Ambrose (2020-2022)
      - ii. Central US – Randy Hite (2019-2021)
      - iii. Eastern US – Mick Bullock (2019-2021)
      - iv. Southern US - Sam Sanders (2020-2022)
      - v. Canada - Emma Bugg (2020-2022)
      - vi. Northern Europe – Nick Eaton (2019-2021)
      - vii. Central and South America, Mexico – Juan Pigot (2020-2021)
      - viii. Southern Europe, Africa, Middle East - Kelvin Washiko (2020-2022). Kelvin introduces himself – he is the president of Nairobi Front Runners with 24 runners.
      - ix. Asia Pacific – Chris Rauchle (2020-2022)
      - x. Federation of Gay Games Delegates - Wayne Morgan (2019-2021) and Zander Ross (2020-2022) are reelected to another 2 year term
  21. Wayne said Copenhagen has requested to host our AGM in August 2021 and it is confirmed.
  22. Wayne motions to close the meeting and ALL second it.