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# Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the  
**FAI Hang Gliding & Paragliding  
Commission**

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## 1. Opening, Roll-Call, Proxies & number of votes

The CIVL Acting President, Agust Gudmundsson opened the Annual Meeting. He stated that CIVL is very happy to be here, the first time in Asia, and to see so many representatives of Asian nations present. This is inline with FAI's declaration to help grow airports in Asia.

## 2. Roll call, Proxies & number of votes

The roll call was conducted by Jean-Marc Badan, Secretary General, FAI.

The number of delegates initially present was 23 nations represented plus 9 proxy votes.

The following 9 proxy votes were confirmed:

Hungary to Serbia, Switzerland to Austria, Iceland to UK, Sweden to Germany, Montenegro to Bosnia & Herzegovina, Spain to Poland, New Zealand to Australia, Norway to Denmark, Slovakia to Czech Republic making a total of 32 votes

Therefore, a simple majority initially requires 17 votes, and a 2/3 majority vote requires 22 votes.

*(The attendance list is available separately. Names have been abbreviated to initials in these minutes.)*

## 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Japan: Declared he is also the managing director of a paraglider importer.

## 4. Additions to the Agenda

3.1. France proposed that John Dickenson (AUS) is nominated by CIVL for an FAI Gold Air Medal  
Seconded: United Kingdom

**Vote:** The Delegates decided by more than 2/3 majority to add this proposal to the agenda.

## 5. Approval of the minutes of the last Plenary meeting

Proposed: UK. Seconded: Netherlands

**Vote:** The Minutes of the last Plenary meeting were approved by more than 2/3 majority.

## 6. Report of the CIVL President – Agust Gudmundsson

A report written by Acting President, AG and Secretary LJ was circulated with the second Agenda package.

- Number of sanctioned competitions has increased over last year.
- Records and Badges are not getting the attention they deserve.
- Safety initiatives in HG are progressing (sprogs, education etc).
- In PG, the OCTWG work on competition class was successfully implemented prior to Piedrahita.
- After Piedrahita, the Task Force was appointed, and has produced an excellent report. The PG and Safety SCs have considered all these recommendations, has adopted some of them immediately, and will be working on others in the longer term.
- Finances in good health. Income comes from competition sanctioning and IPPI cards.
- CIVL is wealthiest commission which is not necessarily good. We need to identify worthwhile projects that will develop hang gliding and paragliding airports.
- Some joint projects planned across commissions will be worth CIVL's investment. Jury/Steward/Judges management DB and Live Tracking may be examples.
- CIVL organisation: struggling to find the right volunteers to do the work. We need motivated people who will do the work well. Paying people to do the work is a complex issue.
- President activity: JA was active before his illness. He is recovering now, and has indicated that he is ready to take on a small role, and will accept nomination for Sporting Code SC chair. In addition to CIVL work, AG's company has been developing the new FAI website, which is of benefit to CIVL, and he has been active in other commissions (CIMA & amateur built aircrafts).
- Representatives of CIVL Bureau met their counterparts in PWCA and have agreed on the first steps of a longer term cooperation.
- Future of CIVL should be bright. The lack of good volunteers is a concern. But we should join hands and work together.

## 7. Report of the FAI Secretary General – Jean-Marc Badan

- FAI General Conference 2011 : The Minutes are available for consultation on the website at <http://www.fai.org/structure2/general-conference>
- FAI Finance : In spite of a 2% increase of FAI Subscription Fees (first increase for the last 7 years), 2012 Budget is anticipating a deficit of CHF 21'000, which is mainly due to a significant reduction of sponsorship income. The FAI has introduced new financial procedures to provide a more accurate picture of FAI's financial situation, allow the Executive Board better exercising of its statutory financial responsibilities and allow Commissions sharing resources to fund common projects.
- Regional Vice Presidents : In order to improve FAI presence in specific parts of the World, 3 Regional Vice Presidents are to be appointed on a trial basis in South America, South-East Asia and Middle East.
- Expert Groups : The creation of a series of Expert Groups has been initiated to provide the Board with additional "management tools" and to encourage the sharing of know-how within FAI; one of the next Expert Groups might be of interest to CIVL, the Safety Expert Group.
- FAI Sports Strategy : The Executive Board is currently working on measures to improve the quality, attractiveness and visibility of air sports events. A 4-level structure of competitions would allow the introduction of new "Marketing Events" such as World Tours, Series, etc. In order to help implementing this strategy, the Board is currently evaluating the possibility of creating an external FAI Sports Marketing Agency.
- FAI Staff : A new Senior Sports Manager, Robert Hughes, joins the FAI Office on 1 March. Then, a new IT Manager, Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki, will complete the team at the FAI Office on 1 May 2012.
- Anti-Doping : In order to maintain its status as an IOC-recognised federation, the FAI has to introduce "Out-of-Competition Testings". A risk assessment is currently being conducted, aiming at minimizing the impact of out-of-competition testing on our competitors. FAI Competitors needing medication should be reminded to ask for Therapeutical Use Exemptions (TUE) in advance. Information on TUEs is available at <http://www.fai.org/cimp-projects/cimp-fai-anti-doping-programme>.
- Guidelines on cancellation of events : The Board has introduced, with immediate effect, new guidelines for cancelling first-category events for reasons such as substantial risks to the safety of participants or major financial uncertainty.
- The FAI Secretary General concluded his report by inviting the Delegates to elect a strong Bureau and make sure that CIVL will continue its efforts to improve flight safety at competitions.

## 8. Ratification of Bureau decisions

8.1 Bureau decisions made since the last Plenary, that have a bearing after this Plenary, including those noted in the October Bureau Meeting minutes.

8.2 Bureau approval of the Local Regulations for upcoming Cat 1 events published prior to the Plenary.  
Proposer: France. Seconder: Switzerland

**Vote:** 31 votes in favour of ratifying all Bureau decisions as noted.

## 9. Review of the 2011 Cat 1 Championships

9.1 FAI World HG Championships, Monte Cucco, Italy – Dennis Pagen

A great place to fly, a safe place to fly. Europe is undergoing global cooling. It was cold, rainy and windy. Only two rounds were flown. Some say it should have been three. Amazing area, great people. One incident during free flying, which led to a valuable discussion on side wires.

9.2 FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championships, Czech Republic – Nikki Bodill

Beautiful area. Also weather problems. 6 days were deemed flyable, but some not for long. Essentially only 4 rounds due to poor weather. One accident. Several complaints admirably ruled on by the Jury. Expertly run by the organisers. Late change of Meet Director, her first time, and she did an excellent job. Nation winners: Slovenia, Serbia, China. Individual: Slovenia, China, Slovenia. Female championships also validated.

9.3 FAI World Paragliding Championships, Piedrahita – Louise Joselyn

The fatalities at Piedrahita, Francisco Vargas of Argentina and Eitel von Muhlenbrock of Chile were remembered by the Plenary with a moment of silence. The championship was stopped after 2 tasks, but was valid. The champions are to be congratulated: Individual: France, Team: France, Women: Czech R.

Organisation reacted in an exemplary fashion throughout those fateful events. CIVL officials, with advice from FAI Executive Board stopped the competition. Organisation also worked very efficiently to implement the competition class rules developed by the OCTWG.

## 10. Review of the Test events for 2012 Cat 1 Championships

### 10.1 European HG Championships Test Event, Turkey – Jamie Sheldon

Once again, exceptionally bad weather for this event. Pilots were reluctant to go for some reason. This did not make for a great test event. However, the organisers and MD were very motivated to make it a lively event and everyone had fun. The organisers were very open to suggestions for improvement.

### 10.2 European Paragliding Accuracy Test Event, Ohrid, FYR Macedonia – Nikki Bodill

No weather problems, but only 27 pilots attended primarily because the calendar is so busy. Now with Asian championships coming in, it puts pressure on the calendar. No incidents. No major problems to report. Judging seminar was run to increase the pool of Judging expertise available. Pilot meeting also. Sponsor competition prior to the event with landing on a raft was good fun.

### 10.3 Pre-Asian PG, Linzhou, China – Dennis Pagen

China also had weather problems. On the plus side, a cold front meant good views for a day. 40 pilots from 6 countries (including Ukraine). Hope to have more countries represented this year. Organising team was experienced and easy to communicate. One accident, reserve deployment, no injury. EM commented that it is a good site; Gin made 5000m.

### 10.4 European Paragliding Test Event, St André-les-Alpes, France – Chris (Calvo) Burns

There were 105 pilots at the event, a few had withdrawn following the suspension of competition class wings in Cat 1s. There were 3 incidents, several unplanned landings. Transport and take-off was efficient. Further improvements have extended the launch. Live tracking & Fast retrieve were used successfully. Pilots were happy and said so.

### 10.5 Pre-Worlds HG in Forbes, Australia – Jamie Sheldon

By contrast, the weather was excellent. 100 pilots + 12 female competitors. 8 tasks. Excellent organisation, great towing. One very minor incident. No protests. Some goal field issues – not all checked out in advance. Some rule change requests have resulted.

DP: The Steward Report should always state how many nations are participating.

## 11. Progress report on World Games 2013, Cali, Colombia – Jean-Marc Badan

JMB: Great opportunity for airports to be selected to participate in this event. Paragliding Accuracy is one of two, along with parachuting canopy piloting. Communications have not been perfect, but should improve now that new people have been appointed to the Cali Organizing Committee.

LJ: Site is a large airfield. It will be a tow launch event, so pilots will need a tow endorsement. Flight rounds will be interleaved with canopy piloting. Selection for the 2013 event will be a process similar to WAG 2009 – best pilots from as many nations as possible. Test event should be an open Cat 2. More details to follow.

HJ: The City of Wroclaw in Poland has been selected to host the World Games 2017.

## 12. Report & Proposals Hang Gliding Subcommittee – Dennis Pagen

HG SC Report – see Appendix A:

Local Regulations for Europeans, Turkey have been approved subject to one minor amendment that may be required as sprog measurement procedures have changed and the three days allocated will not be needed.

**Action:** Forward LRs to organisers to adjust schedule if required, and publish LRs on CIVL website.

Proposal to change helmet rule – no support for this.

Decision to ask HGMA to address side wire issues – it is a safety point.

Sprog measurement: discussed change of procedures such that TLs provide the list of sprog measurements. Random checks would then be undertaken.

**Action:** HG SC/Bureau to determine who will be doing sprog measuring in Australia.

Series of videos on various safety matters is planned.

No bids received for HG Euros. Discussion on how to make competitions cheaper and simpler.

Vote taken to accept the HG SC Report. Proposed: Australia. Seconded: France

**Vote:** The report was approved with 28 votes in favour.

#### Rule change proposals:

7.2.1 Proposal to add Jury requirement for HG Test Events

4.3.1 Minimum numbers rule

3.2.2 Limited pilot numbers

1.5.2 Wheels and other launch aids

**Vote:** All above passed with comfortable 2/3 majority vote

2.22.2 Encouraging Cat 1 bids by including sport class in multiclass events.

Proposed: Netherlands. Seconded: GBR

**Vote:** The rule change proposal passed with 30 votes

**Note:** This decision was subsequently discussed further as it had not been clearly recognised until later that this was potentially introducing a new world/continental champions. It was agreed to abide by the decision for now, as there are no bids for a multiclass HG championship pending.

**Action:** HG SC should reconsider the implications of this decision during the coming year, and review it for the next Plenary.

5.7.3 Early start rule change proposal from Australia for a change of the jump the gun rule. It was initially proposed as an exemption for this competition. It was agreed this should be a S7A change proposal as the original rule is flawed.

Proposed: Australia. Seconded: USA

**Vote:** passed with 24 votes. 4 abstentions

DP noted that use of the standard Local Regulations template should be enforced.

Addition to Plenary Agenda, extracted from HG Report:

Proposal from Australia:

At 19<sup>th</sup> FAI World HG Championships 2013, Forbes: to change the Jury from the 3 selected to a remote Jury with only JP present, and 2 jurors working remotely, on the condition that pilot entry fees are reduced by A\$100. Remote jurors to be recompensed 100euros for the event.

Tabled to add to Plenary Agenda. Proposed: Australia. Seconded: USA

**Vote:** passed with 26 votes (3 against) to add to the Agenda

Proposed: Australia, Seconded: USA

**Vote:** the proposal passed with 20 votes in favour, 8 against, 3 abstentions

Addition to Plenary Agenda, extracted from HG Report:

Proposal

2.8.6.2 (New): By CIVL: The CIVL is responsible for payment to the steward at 1st Category events and authorised test events of €50 per scheduled competition day, up to a maximum of 16 days, including up to two days prior to the start of the event. The CIVL is responsible for payment to the jury members at 1st Category events of €25 per scheduled competition day, up to a maximum of 14 days. This stipend does not apply to remote juries. Organizers will no longer be required to pay jury members the €10 daily stipend. These payments are to be made after a correctly completed expenses form is submitted to the FAI Secretariat and approved as required by current CIVL procedures.

Proposal tabled to be added to Plenary Agenda: Proposed: Austria. Seconded: France

**Vote:** passed with 30 votes to add to Agenda

After some discussion, amendments and re-wording. Proposed: USA. Seconded: France

**Vote:** The proposal passed with 29 votes in favour and 1 abstention

**Action:** J&S Handbook to be updated in addition to S7a, b, c

### **13. Report & Proposals Paragliding Subcommittee – Chris (Calvo) Burns**

PG SC Report – See Appendix B:

Lifting the suspension. SC did not agree, and recommends to retain the suspension for the 2012 season.

Supporting the creation of a new competition class (as per PMA report).

Competition Structures working group established to consider: splitting individual & nations World Championships (Swiss Proposal); setting up class-based championships; Open XC discipline. (Annex 1 to SC report)

Increasing entry qualification requirements: amended UK proposal combines UK and Slovenia proposals

Maintaining use of pilot experience form (to be updated)

Task styles & setting: Videos to be produced illustrating PWCA and other MD experiences

Vote to accept report. Proposed: Austria. Seconded: Slovenia

**Vote:** to accept the report including Annex 1 was passed with 29 votes.

#### Annex 3 – Statement

PG SC has drafted a statement it proposes that CIVL publishes as soon as possible.

Proposed: Serbia. Seconded: Austria

**Vote:** to accept issuing this statement was passed with 28 votes. (*Published 19<sup>th</sup> February*)

#### Annex 4 – Rule Changes

3.5.2 Exceptions to pilot qualifications

2.20.3 External aids

5.2.3 Scoring Formula – nominal parameters

4.1.4 Multiple class events simultaneously

12.2.1 Harnesses covering combination units

**Vote:** All above change proposals passed with greater than 2/3 majority vote

Chapter 12 – taking out competition class references

90 day rule: some discussion. Proposed amendment to reduce the lead time to 60 days for 2012, and revert to 90 days for 2013.

Proposed: Slovenia . Seconded: France Vote: for the amendment passed with 28 votes.

**Vote:** for this (amended) rule change passed with 29 votes.

12.1.1.4 Retaining the pilot/glider 30 day registration

12.1.2 Modifications rule change

NB It was clarified that the glider manual states whether changing the length of the brake lines takes a glider out of certification

12.1.4 title change

12.1.6 checks (including Amendment removing: 'except on the last competition day')

12.1.7 Deleted

**Vote:** All the above rule changes agreed with greater than 2/3 majority

### **14. Report & Proposals Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee – Nikki Bodill**

PG Accuracy SC Report – see Appendix C:

Several proposals considered but not recommended.

Rule changes:

12.3.1 Harness rule: amendment to remove 'other certification bodies' was agreed as KT (DHV) clarified that any harness with a DHV certification automatically has LTF certification even though it may not display an LTF number.

5.2.1 Fall rule – definition clarified.

Bid from Serbia for Europeans is recommended.

Bid from Malaysia is recommended, but with the reservations including that the height difference does not comply with current regulations. It has already been used for several Cat 2 World Cup events, with no complaints. Height rule for site suitability requires reviewing next year.

Information for FAI Judging database is almost complete. Data has been forwarded to FAI for Judges list. This database will help selecting Chief/Event Judges for Cat 1 events.

Judging Seminars in 2011 were reviewed and a request for budget of €5000 for 2012, to include seminars in Bosnia & Hercegovina, FYR Macedonia and Cali for WG Test Event. Half this funding is provided by ARISF (an allocation is already in the budget for 2012 - to be approved).

Vote to approve the report: Proposed: Czech Republic. Seconded: Austria

**Vote:** Report with rule changes accepted by 28 votes

### **15. Report & Proposals Aerobatics Subcommittee – Dennis Pagen**

Report and proposals published as Agenda Annex 5.

It was noted that seven Cat 2 events were held in 2011.

Proposal to add a new format competition to S7b Aerobatics Annex to make events more media/spectator friendly. It requires a new 'instant' scoring system, development of which is underway.

Rule changes implementing this new format competition have been circulated.

Proposal for funding of further development of the scoring software: CHF5000.

AG noted that this request is for funding from the Software WG budget, and approval should be conditional on the Aerobatics WG working closely with CIVL and SW WG.

Proposal for funding for further Judging training during 2012: CHF2500

Proposal to create aerobatic records was passed to the Records & Badges Subcommittee

Vote: to approve report, proposals and rule changes: Proposed: Switzerland. Seconded: France

**Vote:** Report and proposals was passed with 29 votes.

## 16. Report of Safety Subcommittee – Raymond Caux

### Safety SC Report – See Appendix D

Discussion on the role, composition and direction of Safety Subcommittee. General safety issues, psychology and education.

Action to simplify Incident Report Form for pilots to complete, and to create a short incident form (for counting purposes) for organisers to complete. This will be made mandatory for organisers, to be submitted with the competition results.

Results analysis and reporting procedures will be developed during the year and there will be some output before the next Plenary, including the setting a safety 'measure' or index. Volunteers include Joerg Ewald, KdK, IE, with reference to DHV as an example.

Longer term initiatives include analysing the risk factors and causal interconnections; psychology aspects; cross commission projects; specifying/encouraging research ideas into reserve systems.

Mandatory Safety Briefings and how they can make more impact: variety of speakers, short videos on key topics using top pilots, better guidance or agenda template for organisers/SDs.

Improving pilot skills & education: should be a key driver for the Safety SC, particularly for PG. Watching brief on PMA initiative. Some concern that SIV is not readily available in all continents.

PG Competitions Safety TF: Their valuable work was recognised. It is hoped that key TF members will join the PG and/or Safety SCs and contribute towards the recommendations that have been adopted.

Vote to accept the report: Proposed: Switzerland. Seconded: France

**Vote:** Report accepted with 30 votes

## 17. Report & Proposals Records & Badges Subcommittee – Scott Torkelsen

### Report and Proposals – See Appendix E

Proposal to change the name of paraglider badges from 'Eagle' to 'Paragliding'

Proposal from PG Accuracy to set up a bronze, silver, gold and diamond badge system

Proposal from PG Aerobatics to set up World Records, but not enough detail was provided. More consultation is needed. JMB commented that aerobatics records should be considered very carefully for safety implications. HB suggested there may be ways of setting limits to keep it safe.

**Action:** DP agreed to take this back for discussion in the Aerobatics SC.

New (lower) minimum records have been introduced to encourage Asian Continental Records

Promotion of Records & Badges – ideas include adding photos to the website, automatic notification via WXC, creation of video presentation of records and badges. Portable display boards to take to Plenary meetings. HJ commented that if the records declaration process was streamlined more people (especially young people) would be encouraged to participate.

Vote to accept report & proposals (excluding Aerobatics records) Proposed: Slovenia. Seconded: Denmark

**Vote:** Report was approved with 31 votes.

## 18. Report & Proposals Software Working Group – Agust Gudmundsson

### Software WG Report – See Appendix F

Once again, WG has struggled to find the resources to do all that it wanted in the year. Some new developments have been completed: online incident report forms, pilot experience forms, glider /photo registration facility, officials database. FS enhancements for pg stopped task, no pilot in goal. Pending items include automatic incident reporting with results.

WXC winners announced, diplomas issued. It has been well received. Asian nations are encouraged to set up their own online competitions.

WPRS will become a true ranking of all pilots competing in Cat 2 sanctioned events. New Serial and Sport class rankings will be introduced this year.

Some discussion on ideas for conical goal. YO question on validity of some Garmin GPS units. AG commented that some units allow track logs to be modified, and these are stated as not acceptable for scoring in Cat 1 competitions. Some information on GPS dump. CB suggests that an up to date list should be readily available. The SW WG will shortly be re-structured into separate project groups.

Vote to accept the report: Proposed: Czech Republic. Seconded: United Kingdom

**Vote:** Report accepted with 31 votes.

## 19. Report & Proposals Sporting Code Subcommittee

The current chairman, Robert Aarts, has suffered from ill health, and although recovering is now overwhelmed with work and regrets that he is unable to continue in this role. However, John Aldridge has indicated that he would be prepared to take on this post. The Plenary is requested to agree that the new Sporting Code SC chair is given some leeway when incorporating the rule changes that have been agreed at this Plenary, to ensure that the rules are correctly implemented without ambiguity. Where necessary he should refer to the relevant SC chair & the Bureau. He should also be allowed to make 'housekeeping' corrections where necessary.

Proposed: United Kingdom. Seconded: Germany

**Vote:** Agreed with 30 votes

## 20. Report & recommendations PG Competitions Safety Task Force – Louise Joselyn

The Task Force had intended to make a final report, summarising their recommendations following the most recent activity in the industry (EHPU and PMA). However, these letters arrived so close to the Plenary that this was not possible. The Plenary thanks the Task Force for its excellent work over the last months and for the extensive report that was published in December.

## 21. Report from Open Class Technical Working Group – Martin Scheel

OCTWG Statement – See Appendix G

Chairman, Martin Scheel was unable to attend. He sent a short statement to Delegates immediately prior to the meeting, explaining the work of the OCTWG in the run up to the World PG Championships, Piedrahita, and some comments on developments since then.

## 22. Report from the Jury & Steward Coordinator – Flip Koetsier

J&S Coordinator Report – See Agenda Annex 8

The report from Flip Koetsier was circulated with the Agenda. No questions were raised.

Vote to accept the report: Proposed: Germany. Seconded: France

**Vote:** The report was accepted with 30 votes

## 23. Swiss Proposal: Separate individual and nation PG Cat 1 championships

Proposal withdrawn. Switzerland is satisfied that the proposal will be discussed by the PG Competition Structures Working Group during 2012.

## 24. UK Proposal: to increase the qualification levels for entry to PG Cat 1 events

The proposal was amended in the PG Subcommittee (see Annex 2 of Appendix B - PG SC report).

Proposed: United Kingdom. Seconded: Slovenia

**Vote:** The amended proposal was approved with 31 votes.

## 25. Bulgaria Proposals:

25.1 Proposal 1: Create two separate PG competition classes

Withdrawn: Bulgaria is satisfied this will be raised again by the PG SC at the appropriate time

25.2. Proposal 2: Recommendations to EN Certification body for PG

Withdrawn: Bulgaria will pursue this from the NAC

25.3. Proposal 3: Improve Incident data collection, analysis & presentation

Withdrawn: Bulgaria is satisfied the Safety SC will embrace this initiative

25.4. Proposal 4: End temporary suspension of Competition Class PGs

Withdrawn

25.5. Proposal 5: Changes to S7b Category 1 rules

5a Introduction of discards

Withdrawn

5b Alternate years for different PG 'class' Cat 1 events

Withdrawn

5c Introduce qualifying events for Cat 1 championships

Withdrawn: Bulgaria satisfied with the amended UK proposal on increased entry qualifications

Additional Proposal: Bulgaria requested to add another item on to the Agenda:

Add to SC7b (ask HG if not add it also to SC7a)

2.23.2 Type of task

f) Assigned Area Task (AAT)

*Explanation: This type of task, currently mostly used in gliding competition where increase safety level and decrease gaggle flying at gliding competition. This new type of the task more prefer pilot XC decision*

Proposed: Bulgaria. Seconded: Slovenia

**Vote:** Agreed to add to the Agenda with 22 votes in favour, 4 against, 2 abstentions

Discussion points:

**Against:** It has been brought late to the Agenda. The PG Subcommittee already agreed it should be considered further before being brought into Cat 1 rules. AAT is not yet supported by the only scoring program that is allowed in Cat 1 competitions (although this may be addressed later). General view was not necessarily against AAT as an alternative task style, but against introducing it to Cat 1 rules at this time.

**For:** The only section describing tasks is in the part covering Cat 1s. Then, once included in S7b it will be seen by organisers, encouraging them to try out new task styles, as per the recommendations of the Task Force. The proposal can be modified to specifically exclude 2012 Cat 1s.

Proposed: Bulgaria. Seconded: Czech Republic

**Vote:** The proposal failed with 20 votes against, 3 votes in favour and 6 abstentions

## 26. Slovenia Proposals

26.1 Proposal 1: S7b: Change of team size and allocation rule & qualification criteria

Withdrawn – Slovenia satisfied with amended UK proposal

26.2 Proposal 2: S7c: Helmet & harness rule extension to Cat 2s

Withdrawn

26.3 Proposal 3: S7b: Helmet & harness rule extension to Cat 2s

Withdrawn

26.4 Proposal 4: S7c: Serial class gliders only in Cat 1s and Cat 2s

Withdrawn

26.5 Proposal 5: S7b: Serial class gliders only in Cat 1s and Cat 2s

Withdrawn

## 27. Poland Proposal – Open distance competitions

Withdrawn – Poland accepts the proposal will be discussed in the PG Competition Structures WG.

## 28. France Proposals

28.1 Clarification of rule S7b Chapter 4.1.1 that NACs can decide how closely Cat 2 competitions in their territory should follow Cat 1 rules.

The proposal was recommended by the PG subcommittee. Proposed: France. Seconded: United Kingdom

**Vote:** The proposal passed with 30 votes

28.2 Statement emphasising CIVL responsibility to resolve conflicts between clubs and NACs so that all organisers can sanction events as Cat 2 competitions

Withdrawn

28.3 Statement emphasising CIVL responsibility that all pilots have easy access to FAI Licences at a reasonable cost.

Withdrawn

## 29. Presentation of bids

- FAI European PG Championship 2014:
  - Serbia, presented by Uga Jondzic, Alternate Delegate
  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FAI Panamerican PG Championship 2014:
  - Argentina. A presentation sent through by the organisers was shown to Delegates
  
- 4<sup>th</sup> FAI European PG Accuracy Championships 2014
  - Serbia, presented by Zelijko Ovuka
  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FAI Asian PG Accuracy Championships 2014

- o Malaysia, presented by Basir Rahman
- o FAI World PG Accuracy Championships 2015
- o Intention to bid: Indonesia presented by Wahyu Yudha
- o FAI World PG Championships 2015
- o Intention to bid: announcement made on behalf of People's Republic of China

### **30. Award of the 2014 Championships**

FAI European Paragliding Championships 2014, Serbia

**Vote:** The bid was accepted with 29 votes in favour, 2 abstentions

2<sup>nd</sup> FAI Panamerican Paragliding Championships 2014, Argentina

**Vote:** The bid was accepted with 32 votes in favour

4<sup>th</sup> FAI European PG Accuracy Championships 2014, Serbia

**Vote:** The bid was accepted with 32 votes in favour

2<sup>nd</sup> FAI Asian PG Accuracy Championships 2014, Malaysia

**Vote:** The bid was accepted with 31 votes in favour, 1 abstention

### **31. Nordic Proposal – employ a part time secretary**

The proposal was amended to retain the first sentence of the first point, deleting the remainder of the proposal, giving more flexibility to the Bureau. This was agreed by the Nordic nations present.

Proposed: France. Seconded: FYR Macedonia

**Vote:** The amended proposal passed with 32 votes in favour

### **32. Bureau Proposal – appoint a part time PR coordinator**

JMB: FAI is looking for each commission to appoint someone who can coordinate centrally on PR opportunities and media/website content. It was confirmed that the post would be open to people both inside and outside of CIVL.

Proposed: France. Seconded: Austria

**Vote:** The proposal passed with 32 votes in favour.

### **33. Discussion: FAI Sports Strategy & CIVL long term plan**

Unfortunately the Long Term Plan Working Group did not have the opportunity to pursue discussions before the illness of John Aldridge. This is something to be taken up again by the next President and Bureau.

A short discussion of the emerging FAI Sports Strategy was presented in the FAI Secretary General's report earlier in the meeting. No questions arising. This will be considered by the PG Competition Structures WG.

### **34. Discussion: WADA policy & procedures**

This was initially addressed during the report of the FAI Secretary General earlier in the meeting. There were some questions and concerns, particularly about out of competition testing, and the importance of making team leaders aware that pilots must apply for a TUE in advance if necessary.

### **35. Financial Report – Koos de Keyzer**

35.1 2011 Income & expenditure against budget

Highlights of income and expenditure were presented. No questions.

35.2 Budget 2012 & 2013 (draft)

It was noted that the items with a financial implication that have been decided at this Plenary have not yet been included in this budget. There was some discrepancy between the graphical representations shown in the report and the presentation.

Vote to accept the report: Proposed: United Kingdom. Seconded: Slovenia

**Vote:** Report was accepted with 31 votes.

## 36. Discharge of Bureau responsibility for 2011 decisions

Proposed: United Kingdom. Seconded: Slovenia

**Vote:** It was agreed with 31 votes

## 37. Awards

### 37.1 Pepe Lopes Medal

Two nominations have been received for the Pepe Lopes Medal, awarded for outstanding contributions in sportsmanship and international understanding: Riikka Vilkuna, Sweden and Josef Szalay, Hungary.

Vote to agree a medal should be awarded in 2012: Proposed: Slovenia. Seconded: United Kingdom

**Vote:** Proposal passed with 18 votes in favour of awarding the Medal in 2012

**Vote:** by secret ballot. Congratulations to Riikka Vilkuna who received 17 votes and is now awarded the Pepe Lopes Medal for her long time work developing the discipline of Paragliding Accuracy throughout Europe and beyond.

### 37.2 Hang gliding diploma

One nomination was received for the Hang gliding diploma, awarded for development of the sport through initiative, work or leadership in flight achievement: Miklos Onody, Hungary

Vote that the diploma is awarded in 2012 to the single nominee: Proposed: Slovenia. Seconded: Austria

**Vote:** Proposal passed with 21 votes in favour. 1 against

Congratulations to Miklos Onody for his work expanding the discipline of PG Accuracy in Hungary.

### 37.3 FAI Gold Air Medal (France addition to Agenda): See Appendix H

SM presented the reasons why he would like to see CIVL nominate John Dickenson for the highest level of FAI award. The FAI Gold Air Medal is reserved for those who have contributed greatly to the development of aeronautics by their activities, work, achievements, initiative or devotion to the cause of Aviation.

Dickenson, an Australian, is the inventor of the modern hang glider, which will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, coincidentally, in 2013 – the year the 19<sup>th</sup> FAI Hang Gliding World Championships returns to Australia. Past Gold Air Medal winners have included Steve Fosset, Bertrand Piccard and David Hempleman-Adams.

**Vote:** The proposal passed with 28 votes in favour of CIVL making this nomination.

**Action:** Nomination has to be made to the FAI prior to 31 May.

## 38. Nominations & Elections of the CIVL President & Bureau

**President:** Single nomination: Agust Gudmundsson

AG has been involved in hang gliding since 1986. Has been very busy in Software WG for many years.

Has been very dissatisfied with the performance of the Bureau in recent years. "We need to make many changes in the way things work, including the Bureau, Subcommittees and the Plenary. We need a winning team, which means people who work." AG has found a replacement for himself as chairman of the Software Working Group (a CIVL President appointment): Joerg Ewald (SUI). He has been the lead developer of FS and is highly capable. AG identified his preferred team for the Bureau and for SC chairs. Agust Gudmundsson is appointed President by general acclaim.

**Vice President:** There were 9 accepted nominations.

GD: Also President of the PWCA. There have been some conflicts in the past, but now want the two organisations to work together. There is potentially some conflict of interest, and he is not fully informed about all FAI procedures. But has skills in other areas: organiser, pilot, etc.

ST: Has been involved in CIVL for 12 years, currently also R&B chair. Has been in the Bureau for some years.

CB: Has been in the Bureau and chair of PG SC in the past year. Strengths in the PG industry and competition scene rather than in administration.

IE: On Slovenian board, on selection committee in Slovenia. Has been in the Bureau for last 2 years

SM: Involved in the sport since 1979. In CIVL since 2000. Historian, hard worker, retired (so has the time) and looking forward to making more contribution

EM: Involved in the sports for 15 years and in CTE NAC. Keen to promote the sports further through Asia.

ZO: Sec Gen Serbia NAC and has been head of HG/PG community. Works better than he speaks. I have seen that the Bureau needs more energy and would like to contribute to that.

HB: PG since 1991. Active competitor, Australia Delegate for 2 years. Competition organiser. Prepared to put in some time now to CIVL to repay the enjoyment I have had over the years. Also involved in other sports such as sky diving.

**Elected as VP:** Calvo Burns (GBR), Igor Erzen (SLO), Goran Dimiskovski (MKE), Stephane Malbos (FRA).

Secretary: 3 nominations: Dr Katyal (IND), Leonard Grigorescu (ROM), Jamie Sheldon (USA)

Elected: Jamie Sheldon (USA)

Treasurer: Single nomination, Hamish Barker (AUS)

Elected: Hamish Barker (AUS). Agreed by acclamation

### **39. Nominations & Elections of the Subcommittees**

Sporting Code: John Aldridge (GBR)

PG Subcommittee: Chris (Calvo) Burns (GBR)

HG Subcommittee: Oyvind Ellefsen (NOR)

PG Accuracy Subcommittee: Nikki Bodill (GBR)

Aerobatics Subcommittee: co chairs: Claudio Cattaneo (SUI), Dennis Pagen (USA)

Records & Badges: Scott Torkelsen (DEN)

Safety Subcommittee: Raymond Caux (FRA)

All single nominations and all elected by acclamation.

### **40. Next Plenary Meeting – Dates & Venue**

No bids were received for hosting the next Plenary meeting in 2013. The next meeting will therefore be held in Lausanne, Switzerland. Dates to be announced.

### **41. Closing remarks of Acting President & Incoming President**

AG thanked delegates for their support. Subcommittees have worked well during the last few days, and debate during the Plenary itself has been less than usual, but the whole Plenary session needs to be improved. Too much work done is at the last minute with SCs. Aerobatics was the exception.

We have enjoyed our time in Chinese Taipei, the organisation has been very good, thanks to EM.

Meeting declared closed at 15.15, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.