

F.A.I. International Gliding Commission (IGC)
Minutes of the Meeting
Prague, Czech Republic
28 February, 1 March 2003

Agenda Item 1 – Opening

President Tor Johannessen called the meeting to order and began the meeting by introducing the President of the Czech Aeroclub Mr Jiri Koblre. Mr Koblre welcomed the Delegates and friends of the IGC and expressed the appreciation of his colleagues in the aeroclub to host the meeting.

The President then requested the observance of a moment of silence in honor of friends and colleagues lost in the previous year. The President noted the loss of gliding author and great friend Ann Welch and informed Delegates of the impending memorial service to be held in the United Kingdom in the coming week. Following the moment of silence, The President gave regrets from FAI Secretary General Max Bishop and advised the members that IGC Secretary Larry Sanderson would handle procedural issues normally handled by the Secretary General.

Secretary Larry Sanderson called the roll of the meeting. After the arrival of a late Delegate it was determined that 32 votes were present including proxies of Iceland to Sweden and Latvia to Lithuania. Thus 17 votes would be required for an absolute majority on any ballot and 22 for a 2/3rds majority. Delegates were reminded that all votes of the Plenum require an absolute majority for passage.

Mr Johannessen advised the Delegates that he would adjust the order of the agenda items for the meeting in order to better manage the time of the meeting. He said that the final Minutes of the Meeting would be presented in agenda order for clarity. The President asked if any members wished to offer comments on the agenda. Mr Pettersson of Sweden asked if the recommendations of Sweden concerning verification of badge and record flights had been included in the agenda. The President said that the report from Sweden was included in Agenda Item 10 and that it would be considered in full.

Note – at the beginning of the second session on 1 March the Secretary again called the roll. For the second day of meetings the members and proxies present totaled 32 creating an absolute majority of 17 and 22 required for votes requiring 2/3rds majority.

Regrets were received from Mr John Roake of New Zealand, Mr Amnon Harari of Israel, Mr Carlo Lecuit of Luxemburg, MM. Martinho Pimentel and Norbertto Grancho of Portugal and Mr Hans Nietlispach of Switzerland.

Agenda Item 2- Minutes of the Last Meeting

The President asked for comments or changes suggested to the Minutes from the previous meeting. Hearing no comments or objections to the Minutes The President asked for approval of the Minutes as presented. The members unanimously accepted the Minutes.

Agenda Item 3 – FAI Matters

[Mr Weinreich was able to join the meeting during the morning of 28 February. He was introduced to the Delegates upon his arrival]

FAI President Wolfgang Weinreich reported on several items and issues concerning the FAI:

The World Air Games

- At the last General Conference in Croatia, the FAI determined to proceed with the next World Air Games based on development of a new format for the event.
- The new event will be downsized and focus on media opportunities.
- Bids for the new event will be received by mid-year with a decision on venue to be made by the FAI Executive Board in the Fall of 2003.
- Plans are for the new event to have professional management.
- Roland Stuck described the plans for the gliding program to include racing using a regatta start and a small field of invited competitors. The class of gliders will be determined at a later date.

Other matters

- FAI has been unsuccessful at bringing parachuting to the Olympic Games. The events were turned down because, in the words of the IOC, “they brought no significant added value to the program.”
- World Game organizers rejected FAI proposals to include additional sport aviation events in the forthcoming program.
- Special efforts are being made to recognize 2005 as the 100th anniversary of FAI including development of a new logo for the organization.
- The Prince Alvaro Award of the FAI was awarded to Dr. Tony Segal at the FAI General Conference in Dubrovnik.
- Mr Stuck reported on the status of the Grand Prix event scheduled for St. Auban in the summer of 2003. Mr Johannessen said that this experiment is very important for the sport and that great attention should be paid to the results.

Agenda Item 4 – IGC Budget

Mr Bradley offered a brief report noting that the funds of the IGC have a current balance of 49,855CHF. He distributed copies of the financial statement to all Delegates. The President asked if the members accepted the report of the Treasurer and they agreed without objection.

Agenda Item 5 – Short Reports from Past Championships

- 5.1 2nd World Club Class Championships, Musbach, Germany 2002
 - Mr Axel Reich gave a brief report of the event and made special remarks concerning the difficulties for pilots and organizers to comply with anti-doping rules.
 - Mr Reich said that it is very difficult for pilots to manage legitimate prescription drugs because the drugs may be on the banned list. He said that pilots must be educated to handle the paperwork before the event as it is very difficult for organizers to resolve problems once the pilot arrives.
- 5.2 European Championships, Bekescaba, Hungary 2002
 - No comments were offered.
 - The President offered his appreciation and thanks to the organizers of both events for their great efforts.

Agenda Item 6 – IGC Strategy

6.1 Internal Regulations

- The President described the proposed internal regulation and the reasons for its proposal: The Plenary empower the President and the Bureau to oversee the organization of gliding competitions and act on other urgent matters during the period between IGC Plenaries.
- The President noted the difficulties of dealing with championship issues such as those presented by Rieti and the cancellation of the World Class in New Zealand. He said that it is important that the Bureau be able to act with full authority for important, time-sensitive issues.
- The Delegates voted 30 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention to approve the proposed internal regulation as written.

6.2 Report from EGU

- Peter Eriksen reported on EGU activities.
- Mr Eriksen said that EGU is 10 years old and that the organization met two weeks previous.
- EGU now has a formal airspace policy that will be released to the public within the next two months.
- The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has recently been created for the purpose of being a ruling body over local CAA's.
- EASA is working on the rules regarding standard European pilot licensing.
- EASA is also reviewing aircraft maintenance programs and pilot medical requirements.
- FAI has been contacted by ICAO for comments on pilot licensing world-wide.
- EGU will be closing direct participation to non-members but Mr Eriksen noted that the membership policy welcomes all groups.

6.3 IGC Business Committee

- The President described the need for IGC to have a Business Committee for the purpose of creating better management of IGC financial and business affairs.
- Dick Bradley was appointed as Chairman of the committee. His first tasks will be to develop terms of reference, working plans for the committee and select its' members.

Agenda Item 7 – IGC Projects

7.1 IGC Website

- Peter Ryder said that special effort will be made to work with the President and the Secretary for the purpose of improving distribution of IGC documents prior to the next meeting cycle.

7.2 Tracker Project

- Bruno Ramseyer reported that some of the initiatives of his work have been surpassed by agreements with television producers to create new programs based on gliding events.

7.3 Hall of Honour

- [See item 13.8 for discussion]

7.4 IGC Ranking System

- Brian Spreckley reviewed the development of the IGC Ranking list and advised delegates that several decisions are required to move forward.
- The first proposal for consideration was to include Club Class in Category 1+ events for purposes of ranking. The proposal was accepted unanimously by the Plenum.
- The second proposal was to allow inclusion of all national championship events as category two events. The proposal was accepted unanimously by the Plenum.
- The third proposal was that the ranking list rules be handled in the same manner as changes to the Sporting Code (i.e. year 1 proposals and year 2 actions). This proposal was accepted unanimously.
- The fourth, and final, proposal was to create an operating group to manage the ranking list. This proposal was accepted unanimously by the Plenum. The group will be composed of Brian Spreckley, Roland Stuck and Tapio Savolainen.
- The current form of the ranking list may be found on the Internet at <http://rankings.fai.org/gliding/index.php>

7.5 Simulated Gliding

- Roland Stuck said he had no specific comments to offer but that he would offer a demonstration of the latest software following the general session of the Plenary.

7.6 Membership Challenge

- Bob Henderson presented a report from John Roake. The subsequent discussion generated a series of suggestions and ideas that have been, or could be, used by clubs and operations to promote the sport.
 - Provide phone contacts and 'free phone' call in numbers.
 - Offer free 1st year membership.
 - Define why people join and, more importantly, why they leave.
 - Target the mature market (35 something's).
 - Accept that youth will try gliding and go elsewhere but try to ensure they are attracted back later in life.
 - Youth want youth on the airfield not "oldies in funny towel hats."
 - Get younger instructors flying with youth members.
 - Provide time bookings for flights - especially for training (use a motorglider).
 - Provide meet and greet facilities.
 - Appoint a "development officer" to assist promotional plans.

7.7 GFAC

- Ian Strachan reviewed activities of the GFAC committee and asked delegates to consider two actions.
- As a year 1 proposal Mr Strachan asked for approval of research to determine if the calibration period can be extended from its current timeframe. The proposal was accepted unanimously.
- As a year 2 action Mr Strachan asked for creation of a new, intermediate level of flight recorder between the level required for badges and the level required for records. He said that if the level is approved then the Sporting Code specialist will write the required language for the new level. The delegates voted 30 in favor, 0 against and 2 abstentions to approve the new level with Bureau review of the final enabling language.

- 7.8 Championships Structure Working Group [the President set 90 minutes for discussion]
- Eric Mozer gave a report of the activity of the Championship Working Group.
 - As part of his report, Mr Mozer listed a number of possible changes to the championship structure. He asked for Delegate comments on the following:
 - Standard and 15 Meter Classes – time to combine?
 - World Class future – good or bad?
 - Create a 13 Meter Class
 - Expand Club Class by creating Club Classic and Club Modern
 - Create Team Class or designate 1 class per competition as Team Class
 - Shorten WGC duration
 - Examine the effect of 2 pilots per class per NAC on the overall limit of 120 per contest
- 7.9 Champions Gallery
- [See item 13.8 for discussion]

Agenda Item 8 - World Air Games

- 8.1 Status Report
- [see comments by FAI President Wolfgang Weinreich in Agenda Item 3]

Agenda Item 9 – OSTIV

- Piero Morelli had no additional comments on behalf of Prof. Boermans.
- 9.1 Ultra Light Sailplanes
- Mr Morelli gave a report concerning development of ultra light sailplanes. He recommended that the delegates consider approval of a new class of ultra light sailplanes in order to differentiate between “light” sailplanes and “ultralight” sailplanes.
 - He asked for preliminary, year 1, approval of a new class of ultralight sailplanes to be established using wingloading measurement of 18kg/m².
 - Mr Morelli said that the proposal does not involve renaming of classes or the creation of new records at this time.
 - The delegates voted 21 in favor, 7 against and 1 abstention. The year 1 proposal was approved for a final decision in the future.

Agenda Item 10 – Sporting Code

- 10.1 Main Section
- Mr Johannessen asked Ross Macintyre to review current proposals
 - Delegates accepted without objection an editorial proposal to clarify the rules regarding weight limitations in competitions. There is no change in the operational rules.
 - Delegates accepted in philosophy the proposal: That the margins by which new records must exceed the old be re-evaluated to suit the new technology used for verification. No change results from this acceptance. Specific changes to the rules will be formulated for presentation to the next Plenum.
 - As a year 1 proposal the Delegates approved the change that pilots may claim only one record from a distance flight.
 - Also as a year 1 proposal the Delegates approved the recommendation to reinstate the 3 turnpoint distance record.

- Mr Macintyre then reported on a year 2 proposal to create a Free Distance record around a triangle. He said that this is a much discussed concept and asked for a vote.
- The Delegates voted on the general proposal and it passed by a vote of 29 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention.
- Mr Macintyre then asked for a vote on the details supporting the Free Distance triangle (copy attached to these Minutes). The Delegates voted 30 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions. The motion to approve the details passed.
- Mr Macintyre said that he had received two proposals from Mr Steve Fossett. He asked Hannes Linke to discuss the proposals. Mr Linke said that the first proposal was to change reference in the Sporting Code concerning use of the term “crew” vs. “co-pilot” for record flights. He said that Mr Fossett was suggesting shifting to the term “co-pilot” as something more easily understood by people outside the sport. He said that the second proposal concerned establishing one set of absolute glider records for speed, distance and altitude.
- Mr Macintyre said that the proposals might be considered as year 1 proposals. The delegates discussed the suggestions and expressed no support for the concept of changing reference in the Sporting Code concerning use of the term “crew.” The delegates did express some support for the concept of an absolute set of records. Mr Macintyre said that he would review the idea and be prepared to discuss it further at the next meeting.
- Mr Macintyre then said he would like to discuss the proposals from the Swedish and Danish proposals to allow “beer can” turn points for badge and record flights. He said that the proposals were to be considered as year 1 proposals. After discussion the delegates voted on allowing the “beer can” measurement (a log fix within 500 meters of the turn point) for badges and for records. The delegates voted 21 in favor, 8 against and 0 abstentions for allowing the beer can turn points for badges. The delegates then voted 20 in favor, 6 against and 3 abstentions for allowing the beer can turn points for records. Mr Macintyre accepted these votes on the year 1 proposals and said that he would return next year with formal wording for a final vote.

10.2 Annex A

10.2.1 GNSS Proposal

- The proposal would require pilots in sanctioned events to carry GNSS transmitters if requested by the organizers. The intent is to support development of media related events.
- Delegates expressed concerns about the proposal as written. Mr Henderson said that he would temporarily withdraw the proposal for re-drafting and that it would be re-presented the next day.
- On the second meeting day Mr Henderson presented a revised proposal that allow for pilot refusal to carry the equipment. He asked for general approval of the concept and authorization for the Annex A committee to complete the precise language.
- The proposal was accepted by unanimous vote.

10.2.2 Moratorium on changes

- The proposal would establish a two year moratorium on changes to Annex A for the purpose of stabilizing the document.
- It was noted that the moratorium is proposed to take effect immediately following the conclusion of this meeting. The effect will be that all events until the end of 2006 will be run under Annex A as it exists today.
- The proposal was approved by a vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

10.2.3 Contest Scoring System

- The purpose of this proposal is to create a system for IGC to approve scoring systems for international contests. The committee is composed of Roland Stuck, Angel Casado, Bostjan Oblak and Phillippe de Pechy.
- The proposal was approved unanimously. The Annex A committee is to report back at a later meeting with a specific process to propose for final adoption.

10.2.4 Number of Pilots Permitted in Contest Classes

- The German Aero Club proposed that in multi-class contests each NAC be permitted to enter two pilots in any one class. After discussion this proposal was withdrawn for the current time.
- The delegates held an advisory vote indicating support for a future change. The delegates voted 20 in favor, 9 against and 1 abstention indicating support for such a change some time in the future.
- The second proposal from the aero club said, "...the current champion shall compete as an additional member of the team."
- Delegates suggested that the term "shall" was not appropriate as the pilot cannot be forced to fly the contest. Revised wording was suggested.
- Delegates voted 22 in favor, 5 against and 4 abstentions in favor of the following language, "The current champion shall be permitted to participate as an additional member of the team."

10.2.5 Increased Maximum Weight Limits

- The Danish Gliding Association proposed that the maximum weight limit in Open Class gliders be increased from 750kg to 850kg.
- Delegates presented numerous arguments on both sides of the proposal.
- Several delegates suggested that the limit was recently changed and that it is too soon to make a new change.
- After further discussion the delegates voted 5 in favor, 21 opposed and 4 abstentions on the proposal. The proposal failed.

10.3 Annex B

- There were no added comments concerning Annex B.

10.4 Annex C

- There were no added comments concerning Annex C.

Agenda Item 11 – Flight Safety

- Hans Werner Grosse, on behalf of the German Delegate, expressed concern about the penetration into night that obviously must be a result from longer and longer distance records. Mr Grosse suggested that sooner or later the present IGC rules for approving records set in darkness would result in accidents, and the rules should be more restrictive. The rules, a compromise agreed to several years ago after a lengthy debate, are as follows: The country's rules must permit night flight, the pilot must be instrument and night flight qualified, and the glider must be equipped for instrument flying. As this item had not been included in the agenda, it was only a discussion item. The German Delegate will return to the subject next year with a proposal for further action.

Agenda Item 12 – Future Championships

- 12.1 4th World Class World Championship, Matamata, New Zealand 2003
- Mr Henderson gave a general report concerning the reasons for cancellation of the event in New Zealand. Low subscriptions made it impossible for the organizers to continue the effort.
- 12.2 28th Multi Class World Gliding Championships, Leszno, Poland 2003
- The Director of the Championships gave a report of preparations.
 - Delegates were advised that the event will possibly be over-subscribed. The President reviewed a proposal from the Bureau concerning the handling of the situation [copy attached to these Minutes].
 - Delegates discussed the Bureau report and recommendations. The consensus was to table the proposals until the entry date passes.
 - It was proposed that the Bureau be given authority to resolve the problem of over-subscription in line with the report as presented. The delegates voted 32 in favor and 0 against. The Bureau is authorized to act as necessary within the guidelines set forth in their report.
- 12.3 2nd Women's World Gliding Championships, Jihlava, Czech Republic
- Mr Vach reported that the event plans are progressing and gave general comments about the contest. As of the entry deadline date (28 February) the organizers had received 47 preliminary entries including 10 reserve pilots. The entries were from 14 countries including 1 from Argentina and 1 from Japan.
- 12.4 3rd Junior World Gliding Championships, Nitra, Slovak Republic
- Mr Foltin gave a report of preparations and said that the website would be functioning soon.
 - Mr Foltin described concern of the organizers that the contest have enough entries to make the event a success. He asked for delegate approval to permit the reserve pilots to also enter making the maximum number of pilots in each class up to 3 per NAC. The delegates voted 28 in favor, 0 against and 2 abstentions. The request to increase the pilot limit was approved.
- 12.5 4th World Class World Gliding Championship, Nitra, Slovak Republic
- Mr Foltin gave a report of preparations.
 - He told delegates that the current 31 March 2003 deadline for entries may be extended to permit more participation by countries.
- 12.6 3rd Club Class World Gliding Championship, Elverum, Norway
- Arild Solbakken of Norway gave a general report of preparations for the event
- 12.7 4th Junior World Gliding Championships
- Mr Spreckley presented the details of the bid from the United Kingdom to host the 4th Junior World Gliding Championships
 - Significant discussion centered on the proposed entry fee. Many delegates felt that the fee was too high for a junior level event.
 - The delegates voted 14 in favor, 17 against and 1 abstention on the proposal by the U.K. The proposal failed.

- After further discussion, Mr Spreckley proposed that the U.K. be allowed an opportunity to re-submit the bid with a lower entry fee. The proposal is to be presented to the Bureau within 30 days. Delegates suggested approval with the condition that the entry fee be limited to 500 Euro. The vote was 23 in favor, 3 against and 2 abstentions. The proposal passed.
- 12.8 3rd Women's World Gliding Championships
- Fred Gai presented the details of the proposal from Germany to host the championship event.
 - He said that the aeroclub is requesting permission for up to 3 pilots per class in the event.
 - The delegates voted 30 in favor, 0 against and 1 abstention. The proposal from Germany was accepted including the provision for up to 3 pilots per class from participating aeroclubs.
- 12.9 29th Multi-Class World Gliding Championships
- Mr Stephen Northcraft presented the bid on behalf of the Soaring Society of America and the Seattle Glider Council to host the championship event in 2006.
 - Mr Ake Pettersson and Mr Fredrik Jaresved from the Uppsala Aero Club presented the bid on behalf of the Swedish Gliding Federation to host the event in 2006.
 - The delegates voted to award the bid to Sweden.
- 12.10 5th World Class World Championship, 2005 (item not originally posted to agenda)
- The President said that he had received a letter from Lithuania offering to host the 5th World Class World Championship event in 2005. He said that the German Aero Club had also offered to host the event in coordination with the women's championship event.
 - The President asked for delegates to indicate if they are in favor of an event in 2005. The delegates voted 29 in favor, 0 against and 2 abstentions supporting the idea of holding a World Class World Championship in 2005.
 - The President then asked for delegate support of a proposal to allow the Bureau to determine the venue at a later time. The delegates voted 31 in favor and 1 against. The Bureau was empowered to take the decision when appropriate.
 - Finally, the president asked if the delegates had a preference as to the final location. The delegates indicated 6 in favor of Germany, 6 in favor of Lithuania and 20 with no preference. Mr Johannessen said that the Bureau would take the best decision based on information received and that the action will be reported to the delegates.

Agenda Item 13 – Reports from Specialists

- 13.1 Bids for Future Championships
- Tapio Savolainen reported that all bids for future world championships had been received by the appropriate deadlines. He suggested that in the future it might be good to establish a deadline for major changes to bids. This would allow potential organizers to make adjustments but still to present these adjustments to the Delegates in a timely manner. He said that he would consider establishing such a deadline.
 - Mr Savolainen then discussed the class structure for forthcoming events. He said that the Plenary should take a decision concerning the class structure for the 2006 Multi-Class World Gliding Championship. He proposed the following structure:
 - 4 classes (15, Standard, Open and 18)
 - 5 pilots per NAC + 1 reserve accepted if space allows so long as the maximum does not exceed 120 pilots

- Maximum 2 pilots per class
 - World Champion may be an added pilot for the team
 - The Delegates voted 22 in favor, 8 opposed and 2 abstentions in favor of the proposed structure. It is adopted for 2006.
 - Mr Savolainen asked for approval of the proposed event officials (list attached to these Minutes). The delegates unanimously approved the list as presented.
- 13.2 Club Class
- Terry Cubley gave a general report of activity in the Club Class Committee and then noted that the committee had several 1st year proposals for consideration. As 1st year proposals they will be refined for final presentation/adoption next year.
 - Mr Cubley asked for the approval of creation of a recognized IGC handicap list for Club Class competition. The proposal was approved unanimously.
 - Mr Cubley proposed that two-seater gliders be permitted to compete in any Class that they conformed with, including the Club Class if the gliders are within the nominated handicap range. The proposal was accepted by a vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.
 - Mr Cubley then proposed introduction of a handicap correction factor depending on the cross-country speed of the day winner. The proposal was accepted by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.
- 13.3 FAI Environmental Commission
- Bernald Smith passed out a written report and answered questions from the Delegates.
- 13.4 Diploma Committee
- Larry Sanderson reported that the first priority of the committee will be to encourage strong nominations for all existing awards.
 - He said that the committee would present a proposal to the next plenary session concerning creation of a special IGC certificate designed to recognize work on behalf of the sport.
- 13.5 GNSS Sub-committee
- Mr Smith reported that the current terms of service for Kilian Grefen and Mark Ramsey are ending. He asked for approval of re-appointment of Mr Ramsey and appointment of Hans Trautenberg for the two vacant seats.
 - The delegates unanimously approved the appointments.
- 13.6 Motor Gliders
- Mr Morelli offered some general comments to his report.
- 13.7 World Class
- Mr Morelli expanded on his report commenting on statements that the world class movement is declining. He disputed these statements by saying that the class, in his perception, is growing at a slow but steady rate. He specifically cited the presence of a good number of orders for the PW-6 glider.
- 13.8 Media Specialist
- Note that items 13.8, 7.3 and 7.9 were considered as part of this report.
 - Mr Mozer reported that work is proceeding on these parts of the websites. He said that the webmaster is prepared to receive the material from the member countries.

- Mr Mozer specifically requested that organizers of world gliding championship events take the initiative to send pilot information and photos to the webmaster.

Agenda Item 14 – Barron Hilton Soaring Cup

- Hannes Linke gave a report of Cup activities and said that EADS and Lufthansa remain co-sponsors of the event.

Agenda Item 15 – Awards

15.1 Lilienthal Medal

- The President told delegates that he would have the two presenters draw lots to determine the order of discussion.
- Mr Henderson won the draw and presented the credentials of John Roake as a candidate for the Lilienthal Medal.
- Mr Pettersson then presented the credentials of Göran Ax as a candidate for the medal.
- The President said that the first vote would be by secret ballot to affirm the acceptance of the candidates as qualified for consideration. This was confirmed by secret vote.
- The first round of voting did not yield a majority for either candidate. The Chair and the Secretary reviewed the Statutes concerning elections and determined that an error had been made by including the proxy voting. Proxy voting for awards is not permitted. This change shifted the total available votes to 30 with 16 required for a majority. A second vote was conducted and Mr John Roake of New Zealand received the necessary majority to be declared the winner of the Lilienthal Medal for 2002.

15.2 Pelagia Majewska Medal

- No nominations received.

15.3 Pirat Gehriger Diploma

- No nominations received.

Agenda Item 16 – Other Business and Information Items

16.1 100th Anniversary Event

- Bernald Smith discussed a proposal to hold a special invitational contest at Tonopah, Nevada in 2005 in recognition of FAI's 100th anniversary. He asked for general comments and a sense of whether the delegates believed the idea has merit. The delegates indicated their general agreement and Mr Smith said that he would bring a more formal proposal for consideration at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 17 – Election of Officers

President – Before the voting Mr Johannessen said that he would agree to stand for election for one more year but that, if elected, he would retire from the Chair at the end of the term. Delegates nominated several candidates including Mr Johannessen. All candidates declined the nomination. Mr Johannessen accepted the nomination and was declared the winner by acclamation.

First Vice President – Mr Henderson and Mr Bradley accepted nomination as First Vice President. The delegates elected Mr Henderson of New Zealand to serve as First Vice President for the next term.

Vice Presidents – Delegates elected five individuals to serve as Vice Presidents for the next term:

Eric Mozer, USA
Tapio Savolainen, Finland
Roland Stuck, France
Jaroslav Vach, Czech Republic
Brian Spreckley, United Kingdom

Secretary – The President asked if there were any nominations for Secretary in addition to Mr Sanderson. Hearing no additional nominations he declared Mr Sanderson elected by acclamation as Secretary for the next term.

Agenda Item 18 – Date and Place of Next Meeting, 2004

The President advised delegates that the rules of the IGC require that the meeting be held in Lausanne unless a prior proposal is received. He asked for agreement for Lausanne, Switzerland as the location and 27/28 February 2004 as the dates. The delegates agreed to the location and dates.

The President adjourned the meeting.

Entries for 28th Multi Class WGC, Leszno, 2003
IGC Bureau, 27th February 2003

Proposal If the number of confirmed entries received by the closing date exceeds 120 for the 28th Multi Class WGC it is proposed:

- a) To increase the maximum number of confirmed entries permitted to 130, **and**
- b) If the number of confirmed entries exceeds 130, to limit **every** NAC to 5 pilots plus the current World Champions.

Reason

There are 147 preliminary entries, from 30 NACs, for the 28th Multi Class WGC in Leszno, This is exciting for international gliding with the high number of entries from a large number of NACs. However it is a problem for the IGC as the existing maximum number of entries permitted under Annex A is 120 (with a maximum of 50 entries per Class). Historically the 120-entry limit was established as a matter of safety.

The Organizers and the Bureau have discussed his situation. The Bureau are concerned to ensure that safety is not compromised, but to also maximize the number of entries and NACs that can be accommodated at these championships.

The Organizers have advised all the NACs that entry fees must be paid and the formal entries lodged by the closing date of 15th March. In the past the number of confirmed entries has routinely been significantly less than the number of preliminary entries.

Following the close of entries on the 15th of March there are three possible scenarios:

1. The number of confirmed entries is less than 120.
In this case the Organizers will continue to accept late entries up to the maximum of 120 entries. No action is required by the Plenary.
2. The number of confirmed entries exceeds 120, but is less than 130.
The entry list will be closed. The excess number of confirmed entries must then be managed. The Bureau is satisfied that the organization, the Leszno airfield, and the task area are able to accommodate the four classes with up to a maximum of 130 entries. The Plenary are requested to confirm this alteration to the limit.
3. The number of confirmed entries exceeds 130.
The revised maximum limit of 130 will be applied **and** all NACs will be required to limit their number of entries to 5 (plus any current Champions). This action will result in up to 18 pilots being withdrawn from the event. Even if all 147 preliminary entries are confirmed, this restriction will decrease the number of confirmed entries to not more than 129. Extra pilots **will not** be added to the list should the final number fall below 130. The Plenary are requested to confirm this requirement.

In all cases, the maximum limit per Class will remain at 50.

Event Officials as Approved by the Plenum:

2nd Womens WGC 2003

Jury	President	Waldemar Ratajczak POL
	Members	Vladimir Foltin SVK
		Jiri Dodal CZE
Chief Steward		Bostjan Oblak SLO (in the event Bostjan is unavailable the Bureau was approved to appoint a replacement)
Steward		Gill van der Broek

2nd Junior WGC and 4th World Class WGC 2003

Jury	President	Fred Gai GER
	Members	Jaroslav Vach CZE
		Tadeus Wala SVK
Chief Steward		Bob Bickers GBR
Steward		Denis Flament FRA

28th Multi Class WGC 2003

Jury	President	Tapio Savolainen FIN
	Members	John Roake NZL
		Waldemar Ratajczak POL
Chief Steward		Dick Bradley ZAR
Stewards		Jaroslav Vach CZE
		Plus one from SWE to be confirmed by Bureau

12th Multi Class EGC 2004

Jury	President	Waldemar Ratajczak POL
	Members	Raimo Huoviala FIN
		Plus one to be confirmed by the Bureau
Chief Steward		Peter Ryder GER
Stewards		Bela Kassai HUN

3rd Club Class EGC 2004

Jury	President	Bob Henderson NZL
	Members	Tor Johannessen NOR
		Robert Danewid SWE
Chief Steward		Bostjan Oblak SLO
Stewards		Ross Macintyre GBR

Free Distance Triangle

Aim:

To introduce a new free distance record for distance around a triangle.

Detail changes required to implement this new record:

In 1.4.3 delete word “three” in the first paragraph.

Add new 1.4.3d before italic comment

1.4.3d FREE DISTANCE AROUND A TRIANGLE

- (i) A CLOSED COURSE flight via three TURN POINTS independent of the position of the START/FINISH POINT. The OFFICIAL DISTANCE is given by the sum of the LEGS of the triangle formed by the TURN POINTS.
- (ii) A CLOSED COURSE flight via two TURN POINTS.
- (iii) For record flights of 750 kilometres or more, no LEG of the triangle may have a length of less than 25% or more than 45% of the sum of the lengths of the 3 legs. For shorter record flights, no LEG may have a length of less than 28% of the sum of the lengths of the 3 legs.

In 1.4.6b (iii) delete entire paragraph. Replace with:
The restrictions on triangle geometry noted in 1.4.3d (iii) also apply.

Add to 3.1.4 (Table1) Types of record flights – a new line as follows:
3.1.4d [Free Triangle Distance] [10 km][way points claimed post flight]

Renumber existing d to j as e to k.

In Annex C
In 4.3 delete first sentence

Recommendation:

(IGC decision required if above proposal is agreed to)
The minimum distance for Free Triangle records shall be set in accordance with previous policy.

Records for Distance Around A Triangle			
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		Current Triangle Distance	Recommended Minima
Open Class	General	1400.19	1401 km
	Feminine	1036.56	1037 km
15 Metre Class	General	1363 (not claimed)	1363 km
	Feminine	1012.33	1013 km
World Class	General	551.6	552 km
	Feminine	400 (not claimed)	400 km
Ultralight Class	General	(not claimed)	No mimimum
	Feminine	(not claimed)	No minimum

This recommendation made in accordance with SC3 3.1.5