

FAI/International Gliding Commission-IGC – AGENDA MEETING
Friday 28th February and Saturday 1st March, 2003
Major Decisions

32 NAC's were represented at the 2003 IGC Meeting held in Prague. The following key decisions, which will be implemented this year, were taken by the Plenary.

Awards

The Lilienthal Medal was awarded to John Roake of New Zealand.

Bureau

Tor Johannessen (NOR) was elected unopposed as President.

Bob Henderson (NZL) was elected 1st Vice President

Eric Mozer (USA), Tapio Savolainen (FIN), Brian Spreckley (GBR), Roland Stuck (FRA), and Jaroslav Vach (CZE) were elected as Vice Presidents.

Larry Sanderson (USA) was unopposed as Secretary.

The Plenary agreed that the Bureau should be empowered to act on urgent matters during the time between IGC Plenary meetings.

An IGC Business Committee, under the chairmanship of Dick Bradley (SAF) was established.

World Championships

Leszno - Entries The Organisers reported that preliminary entries total 147 and, after consultation with the Bureau, they submitted a proposal to increase the allowable number of entries at the MultiClass WGC, Leszno, 2003, while retaining the limit of 50 entries per class. The following proposal was supported:

- a. If there are more than 120 confirmed entries by the official closing date, the Plenary agreed solution was to allow the maximum number of entries to be 130, and
- b. If there are more than 130 confirmed entries all NAC's will be restricted to 5 pilots plus the World Champions, and
- c. If there are fewer than 120 confirmed entries the Organisers will continue to accept late entries up to a maximum number of 120.

Nitra - Entries The Organisers of the Junior WGC at Nitra requested that the nominated Reserve Pilots be permitted to fly in the Junior's, allowing NAC's to have to up 3 entries in each Class. This was agreed by the Plenary.

MultiClass WGC, 2006 - Bids The 2006 MultiClass World Gliding Championships were awarded to Sweden.

MultiClass WGC, 2006 – Entries The Plenary agreed that there would be four classes (Open, 18M, 15M and Standard) at the 2006 WGC and that each NAC would be permitted to enter 5 pilots plus Reserves plus World Champions, with a maximum of 2 entries per Class.

Junior's WGC, 2005 – Bid The bid from the United Kingdom to host the 2005 Junior's event was not accepted. As this was the only bid to host this event, the Plenary agreed that the United Kingdom be permitted to resubmit a revised bid to the Bureau within one month, with a maximum Entry Fee of 500EUR. The Bureau was also empowered to accept or reject the revised bid.

Women's WGC, 2005 – Bid The bid from Germany to host the 2005 Women's event was accepted. In addition the German proposal to allow 3 pilots per Class was agreed.

World Class WGC, 2005 – Bids Two late bids were received from Lithuania and Germany to host the 2005 World Class event. The Plenary agreed to discuss the bids. While the Delegates had not been able to review the bids, their general opinion was evenly split. It was decided to empower the Bureau to decide which bid to accept.

Championships Officials The Jurors and Stewards for the 2003 2nd Women's, 2nd Junior's, and 28th MultiClass WGC, and also for the 2004 12th European Championships and the 3rd Club Class WGC were confirmed.

Sporting Code

Section 3

A Free Triangle Distance Record was proposed and accepted for implementation this year.

Annex A

The Plenary agreed that a protocol enabling the carriage of equipment in gliders flying at championships be developed immediately between IGC and FAI, and included in Annex A, to enable the public display of the sport.

A moratorium was agreed for changes to Annex A. The next changes for Annex A will become effective on 1st October, 2006. This will align the Annex with the new Championships structure and calendar, which is being developed by the Championships Working Group.

Proposals that the minimum of pilots per Class should, from 2006, be 2 per NAC and that the current World Champions shall be permitted to enter to defend their title, were accepted.

A proposal to change the maximum sporting mass limit for all Open Class gliders to 850kg was defeated.

A working group was been established to develop a set of IGC approved procedures for testing software scoring and verification programs.

Annex B

The inclusion of an additional level of approval for Flight Recorders, between Badges and Records, was agreed and the intention to alter the periods for calibration of a Flight Recorder after a flight to 2 months was agreed.

Ranking System

Changes to the rules for the Ranking system were agreed to recognize the Club Class as a Cat1+ event, and to reduce the requirements for international entries at National Championships.

It was confirmed that the procedure for changing the rules for the Ranking List should be the same as for the Sporting Code (ie policy established in year one, and detail agreed in year two).

A working group was appointed to consider applications for competitions to be eligible to be included in the Ranking List.

Policy Decisions Taken

The details of these agreed policies have to be submitted for consideration at the 2004 meeting.

Sporting Code - Section 3

The margins by which records are broken will be reviewed.

Only 1 Distance Record should be claimed on a single flight.

The declared 3 Turn Point Distance record should be considered for reinstatement.

The GNSS “beer can” turn point should be considered for use for Badge and Record flights.

Club Class

An IGC Club Class handicap, including a cross-country speed correction, should be developed.

Two-seater gliders should be permitted to compete in their appropriate Classes, including the Club Class if they fall within the stated handicap range for a championship.

Light – and Ultra Light Sailplanes

The definitions of Light and Ultra Light Sailplanes proposed by OSTIV (both being less than 220kg MTOW and Ultra Light Sailplanes having a wing loading of less than 18kg/m²) should be considered a positive step to encourage the development of these aircraft.

Date and Place of the next Meeting

The place was confirmed as Lausanne (there being no offers to host the meeting elsewhere) and the dates were confirmed as the 27th and 28th of February, 2004.