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FAI Hang Gliding & Paragliding Commission (CIVL)
Minutes - CIVL Plenary Meeting, Talloires, France
3rd – 4th February 2007

1 Opening of the meeting

A moment of silence was observed for all those who have died in our sport during the year.
The organisers of the meeting were presented with CIVL books as a gesture of thanks.
The mayor of Talloires welcomed CIVL to the area and wished the commission a successful meeting.
The president of the FFVL, Jean-Claude Benintende also welcomed everyone to France and to Talloires.

2 Roll call, apologies and proxies: number of votes

Present: Australia (AUS), Austria (AUT), Belgium (BEL) (proxy to Portugal), Croatia (CRO), Denmark (DEN), Finland (FIN) (proxy to Iceland), France (FRA), Germany (GER), Guatemala (GUA), Iceland (ISL), Italy (ITA), Japan (JPN), Mexico (MEX), The Netherlands (NED), New Zealand (NZL) (proxy to Australia), Norway (NOR), Portugal (POR), San Marino (proxy to Italy), Spain (ESP), Switzerland (SUI), Turkey (TUR), United Kingdom (UK), United States of America (USA). (23)

Also in attendance: CIVL President, Flip Koetsier – Meeting Chairman (FK); CIVL Bureau Members: John Aldridge (UK), Agust Gudmundsson (ISL), Leonard Grigorescu (ROU) (secretary), Louise Joselyn (UK) (acting treasurer), Scott Torkelsen (DEN); Paula Sayer (UK), CIVL Administrator; FAI Secretary General, Max Bishop.

3 Declaration of conflicts of interest according to the FAI document in (Agenda Annex 1)

Stephane Malbos declared he is bidding for a championship, and is French delegate. Mario Habek is the Croatian delegate is also involved in presenting a bid.

4 Approval of the Agenda (Appendix 1 attached, refers)

The contents of the agenda has remained the same, but it has been re-ordered. Copies distributed Some times were set:

- Saturday 4.30pm - presentation of bids.
- Sunday 9.30am - awarding of the bids.

Additional change: The CIVL Software report will be presented after the bid awards.

The voting procedures were discussed and it was clarified that abstentions do not count in the tally of votes when voting is by a simple majority, which will be the case except where specified otherwise in IRs.
The agenda was approved.

5 Approval of the minutes of last meeting available on the Website

The Portuguese delegate remarked that last year there had been a vote on item 28, Proposal 2 that had been later overturned by the Bureau. The minutes recorded the overturned decision, and some explanation on why (voting procedures not properly followed), but did not report the original decision. He observed that the original decision should not have been changed, according to the CIVL Internal Regulations and the commonly accepted interpretation of a simple majority. This has been acknowledged in the Plenary.

6 Report of the CIVL President (Appendix 2 attached, refers)

A written report has been distributed. FK then highlighted the most important points:

- There is an increasing number of sanctioned events.
- The 1st World Aerobatics Championships was held in 2006
- A good deal of work revitalising the Badges initiative has been done and is operational.
- The FAI ATMOS project for a flight database is underway (to be covered later)
- The WPRS has been updated and the scoring system is being improved.
- Safety: Cloud flying is not safe, is unfair and should not be allowed.
- Safety: Team sizes at Manilla – the ruling agreed at the 2006 Plenary was found to have the potential of making more than 170 pilots eligible to compete. This is in conflict with CIVL's immovable safety requirement of an absolute maximum of 150 competing pilots. To avoid a potentially untenable situation, the Bureau decided to revert to the team size ruling previously in force.
- Team ranking cut off dates: Results from WPRS qualifying competitions are required to be sent to FAI within 7 days. It is the joint responsibility of pilots, team leaders, organisers and NACs to check on the website that results have been included.
- The Bureau is elected by the delegates and it is tasked by the Plenary to make decisions on behalf of CIVL members when necessary between these meetings. All decisions are taken in good faith and in the best interests of pilots and safety. In the future, the Bureau will ensure that information on all important decisions relevant to CIVL members is regularly disseminated via the Info list and/or the website as appropriate. See Bureau Meeting Minutes, 1st Feb, 07 on website.

Martin Scheel (SUI) observed that cloud flying was not the primary safety issue in competitions (though he agrees cloud flying is not safe), but pilots flying under pressure, causing them to take risks. FRA wanted it recorded that the French delegate, Stephane Malbos, said he was not aware of any formal Bureau decision made on team sizes/reallocation.

POR wanted clarification whether CIVL had communicated this decision to FAI as per Bylaw 5.4.3. This had not been done and it was recognised by the Bureau that this had been an omission on its part. USA commented that CIVL needs to move forward. Difficult issues had to be dealt with during 2006. For the future, if important decisions are made between the meetings, they should be better communicated to the delegates.

NED – if there is such an emphasis on safety can there be more time allocated for the Safety and Training committee. The president commented this has already been agreed for next year.

XMurillo on behalf of PWC organiser stated that Slovenia results missing at the time of the Nations Ranking cut-off date had been sent. President reiterated that results had not been received and reminders had been sent.

7 Report of the FAI Secretary General

New countries admitted to FAI are Chinese Taipei, Montenegro, Philippines, Armenia, Thailand and Bahrain. 3 new members have been elected to the FAI Board, Lee Jonghoon and Willi Arpagaus, business men from Korea and Switzerland, plus Mike Heuer (President of FAI Aerobatic Commission). FAI has been approached for media rights for events, which is welcomed and could result in high level sponsorship. It is hoped that online GPS tracking in competitions will help.

ATMOS is a database project which will allow pilots to download their GPS tracklogs, and can be used for decentralised competitions and even tracking/locating eagles and similar. The database will be open to all airports and it is hoped it will be used by all the commissions. Ballooning will be first to use it and CIVL will be next. CIVL would like to set up a working group, headed by Klaus Tanzler, to liaise with FAI about online (decentralised) competitions. KT is looking for experts to help him.

WAG – 2009. A significant number of interesting bids have been received, some from commercial event organisers rather than NACs. The shortlist will be announced on 8th Feb.

FAI is creating a central database of sporting licences that should be operational for use by contest directors later this year. The aim is to introduce within 2 years a rule that only licences registered on the FAI database are valid.

FAI is also on the verge of signing a sponsorship deal with a large international company which should help prevent NAC membership fees from rising.

Structure of FAI. Max Bishop reminded everyone that CIVL is not a separate legal entity, but part of FAI. Decisions taken by the Plenary engage the responsibility of the FAI as a whole and the CIVL Bureau in particular.

8 Review of the 2006 Championships, Reports from:

Croatia – Niels Jorgen Askirk

The European HG championship 2006 had 10 flyable days, with 8 tasks that ranged from average to good. The weather forecast was very accurate. Accidents occurred due to low level turbulence during outlanding - two were serious. There was one protest about the low airspace ceiling. The significant issue arising is there should never be an airspace limit potentially below cloudbase during championships.

Also, penalties for rule infringement should be set in advance and clearly understood. The Local Regulations should be as clear and definitive as possible and organisers must ensure they are fully understood by Team Leaders at the first briefing. The expertise of all the organisers and staff was excellent, particularly regarding Safety, Retrieve and Medical. There was excellent hospitality too.

Morzine – Leonard Grigorescu

The European PG championship was good overall. Poor weather forecasting initially was subsequently improved. Transport was good, but lightning strikes disrupted one of the lifts. There were retrieve problems early on, with only 1 telephone number, but there were no problems with the reporting back of pilots. The take-off was big enough and well run by take-off marshals. All competitors normally launched within 40 mins. There were 4 protests regarding the zero points penalty awarded for cloud flying. The Jury decision to award 50% of the points was not well accepted. CIVL juries should not change approved rules. Safety was generally good, but there were 9 accidents and incidents. Medical assistance was good, response time of the helicopter was also good but affected by responsibility for tourists in the area. There was a 2nd doping control on 6 pilots, which were negative. It was the 1st time report forms asked for response from pilots on safety and it was found to be useful. There were 5 valid tasks and 1 cancelled task.

Florida – John Aldridge

There were 3 World HG Championships in one: Class 5, Class 2, and Womens Class 1. It was an enjoyable competition with only 1 significant accident after the task been stopped. The numbers competing highlighted that Class 2 is not viable as a team competition at world level, and it seems that the womens competition may also not be viable in this respect in the future. There were 49 entries in Class 5 and that is now viable in its own right.

- 9 Ratification : PG Team size rule in S7 – John Aldridge**
John Aldridge requested a formality required by CIVL's internal regulations that a decision taken by the Bureau should be ratified by the Plenary. The decision was to revert to the 2005 reallocation procedure in S7B for 2006. Passed (17)
- 10 Ratification : Change of Meet Director for the Hang Gliding World Championship in Big Spring (Texas)** The Bureau asked the Plenary to agree its decision to allow a change to the meet director for this championship. The NAA (the USA NAC) has requested to change the MD to Davis Straub. Passed. (18)
- 11 Amendments to the CIVL Internal Regulations - John Aldridge (Agenda item 43, Appendix 3 attached refers)**
JA proposed minor changes to the amendments. See Appendix 12. The most notable amendment is:
6.2. Chairmen Chairmen of subcommittees are elected annually by the Plenary – to bring IRs in line with the FAI by-laws.
The amended proposal was passed with 22 votes out of 23.
- 12 Proposal - CIVL Internal regulations change: 3.7.2 Items not on the Agenda (Agenda Item 44)**
Any item not on the agenda may be added to it only if agreed to by at least two thirds of the Delegates present or represented by proxy.
Wording slightly amended, as above. Passed with 21 votes.
It was noted that the Internal Regulations need to be overhauled and simplified before next year. Action: CIVL Bureau.
- 13 To be approved by the Plenary : Local Regulations Big Spring 5 (Agenda item 13, Appendix 4 attached refers)**
Dennis Pagen reported that they did not hold a vote in the HG Subcommittee but the Local Regulations were discussed in a separate working group. He recommends they should be approved.
John Aldridge reported a version of the LRs was submitted to the CIVL president by the date required in S7A. The HG SC WG reviewed these and recommends they be approved subject to small changes (mainly in scoring/verification) to bring them in line with S7A. There is some confusion as the organiser has subsequently proposed additional changes, some not supported by the US NAC (ie policy in the event of a fatality, allowing nations a second team entry etc). These changes were submitted after the deadline date, so they have not been considered for approval, although some have been discussed. FRA said the LRs should have been made available for delegates to read and the Bureau agreed. USA said CIVL rules should more clearly specify the deadlines and rules on late changes. JA said it could not have been clearer in this case, and warned that changes made to the LRs after they have been approved by the Plenary may not stand up to appeal and could be declared invalid.
Delegates wanted a copy of the LRs so the vote was delayed. Subsequently a vote was taken and it was passed to approve the LRs (17). It was agreed that the CIVL Bureau would ensure the approved versions of LRs would be made readily available to all via the CIVL website. Also see:
http://www.fai.org/hang_gliding/LocalRegulations
- 14 Report of HG Pitch stability WG – Dennis Pagen (Agenda Item 14)**
The proposer (GER) agreed with the following amended proposal recommended to the Plenary by the HG Subcommittee Working Group:
1. From May 2007 onward there will be a mandatory measurement of sprog settings and recording without penalties. Data gathered from this program will be published for the benefit of the CIVL, the manufacturers and the pilots.
 2. As of May 2008 the CIVL will institute mandatory measuring of sprog settings with penalties.
 3. In the time between these dates, the CIVL will consult with manufacturers to establish measurement techniques and suitable measurement tolerances.
 4. The CIVL officials at the pre-meet in Greifenburg and the world meet in Texas will make the measurements.
 5. The CIVL will assure there is an informed presentation and discussion of this issue at the mandatory safety briefing before each meet.
- The recommendation was passed.
- 15 Report and Proposals of Records, Badges and Flight Verification Subcommittee - Scott Torkelsen (Agenda Item 17)**
A written report had been distributed with the Agenda. ST read through it, showed the pins and distributed a badge and sticker to everyone. A number of countries have started to use the CIVL Pins and Badge system in 2007 namely Canada, Germany and Holland. ST requested that delegates ensure the system is introduced in their countries, as it helps to encourage pilots (from novices to record holders) and increases recognition of the work of CIVL. A number of notable achievements and records were highlighted.
- 16 Report of WPRS formula and Ranking – Agust Gudmundsson (Agenda Item 19)**
This group had been waiting for the PG SC to finish working on Friday, so it had not begun its meeting until 8pm. It covered WPRS issues, but the Software discussion was deferred until later today and would be reported on tomorrow (Sunday). It will include consideration of FTV.

Agust Gudmundsson showed everyone the existing WPRS system with its many useful features including individual pilot details, competition details, historical rankings etc. Soon competition organisers will be able to register their competitions online and competitors will be able to register online. It will also show whether competition results are received and if not, why not – eg competition not valid due to bad weather. It will send automatic reminders to organisers to send the results and further reminders if results are overdue.

Main improvements to the WPRS formula:

- Rewarding Category 2 competitions 80% of the ranking points is dropped. This means that potentially, the winner can receive up to 100 points in top quality Cat 2 competitions. The competition quality element of the formula now better reflects pilot quality (number and ranking of pilots). This will be very noticeable in strong competitions like test events and some PWC paragliding competitions, resulting in a similar level of WPRS points awarded as Cat 1 events. Similarly, smaller competitions will reward pilots with fewer points than before.
- Ranking points will use 1 decimal instead of whole numbers, ie 67.4 points instead of 67.
- Pilot points within a competition are now normalised, proportional to the winner's score (total score in the results). Therefore, pilot points are relative to their performance within the competition, and no longer a simple linear function of pilot places in the results.
- Further improvements could include: using historical information, such as average number of pilots in competitions in last 12 months instead of fixed numbers for average number of pilots; and using pilots' ranking points directly instead of fixed steps of ranking pilots. Now the same formula can be used across all disciplines.

The Working group recommends to the Plenary:

- to implement the changes from 1st of March 2007.
- to recalculate existing data for use in the formula, but not change the data currently published and shown in the WPRS.
- To adjust the competition quality factor based on number of tasks such that 1 task gives a quality factor of 0.50, 2 tasks will be 0.80 and 3+ tasks will be 1.0. (Adopted after separate vote on this point)

There was discussion on eventually assessing the actual quality of tasks rather than only the number of tasks.

- Time devaluation will use the same formula as before (approx. 2.5% in first year, zero after year 3). It was discussed whether it should be a curve or in monthly steps. Using steps means all competitions in the same calendar month will devalue at precisely the same rate. The final decision will be made later, but before the implementation date. It will be notified on the CIVL website together with info on the new formula

The recommendations were passed 15 for 3 against

17 Report of Environment WG - Thomas Senac (Agenda Item 21, Appendix 12 attached, refers)

There has been work throughout the year via email. It is difficult to find a contact in every country so delegates were asked to forward contact details of interested parties to TS. Environmental issues will be a real concern in all countries if they are not already. The aim of this FAI commission is to raise awareness that free flight and care for the environment can be combined. Ongoing work includes translating articles to be put on the FAI website, and the FFVL environmental charter. More information and articles are sought. A code of conduct document is under construction by FAI. There is already a 'statement of compliance' item on Annex A checklist of competition guidelines. This can be good for impressing potential sponsors. The Bureau was asked to consider creating an environmental charter.

18 Discussion – Explaining the need for FAI Sporting Licence (Agenda Item 22)

This was satisfactorily explained in the PG SC (see Appendix 7 attached). FRA commented that perhaps CIVL could provide greater clarification.

19 Proposal - Paragliding Team Size and Team Scoring requirements (Agenda Item 23)

The Australian proposal was withdrawn.

20 Proposal - Qualification/Number of pilots/Team size – (Agenda Item 34)

The first part of the proposal - to regroup all information concerning the number of pilots per nation allowed to participate, the team size and the selection criteria in one chapter or subchapter of Section 7, next to each other – was passed. **Action: John Aldridge**

The second part of the proposal, for rewording S7A&B to clarify qualification criteria for Continentals, was amended as follows: *In Open Continental Paragliding Championships, if any extra spots remain available one month before the start of the competition, CIVL will accept entries from suitable pilots from other continents. Such pilots will have to fit the general qualification criteria of the meet and will be selected in their WPRS order with one women pilot accepted for every 4 males that are selected.* This was passed.

Action: John Aldridge

- Other points in the proposal were withdrawn as they are covered by PG SC recommendations.
- 21 Proposal - Team size and scoring 2nd proposal (Agenda Item 27)**
 The Swiss proposal to amend team sizes was voted on and defeated: 6 for, 16 against.
 The vote on the recommendation of the PG SC (also see Appendix 3) passed with 16 for, 6 against
- It was decided that the qualification criteria will be more stringent.
 - The base team size will be 3+1.
 - Reallocation will be in order from top ranked nation to the last ranked nation, if any places are still available, the process will start at the top again.
 - The 3 members that will score for the team will have to be nominated before the start of the competition.
 - Qualification criteria for both men and women will be agreed 1 year in advance taking into account the advice of the organiser and the CIVL steward at the test competition.
- 22 Proposal - Safety – Paragliders pilot qualification criteria – (Agenda Item 33)**
 This was withdrawn as it was recognised that different qualification criteria can be set in the local regulations.
- 23 Proposal - Paragliding Stopped Task Scoring Rule – Section 7B 2.20.7.4 (Agenda Item 24)**
 The PG SC did not agree with the proposal as it was written but did not put forward any changes.
 A vote on the proposal was taken and it was defeated, 7 in favour, 13 against.
- 24 Proposal - Female Entry into European Championship (Agenda Item 25)**
 Withdrawn by Australia as it was covered in the French proposal.
- 25 Proposal - Fixed Total Validity (Agenda Item 26)**
 To be covered as part of the Software SC report and proposals, then was later withdrawn.
- 26 Proposal to introduce new hang gliding competition classes – (Agenda Item 28)**
 This was withdrawn pending formation of a working group defining Sport Class.
- 27 Proposal about the allowable sector additions to possible GPS error – (Agenda Item 29)**
 Following explanation of PG views by Christian Quest, and further discussion, John Aldridge (UK) proposed an amendment to the proposal to stipulate a half a percent error margin, in S7A and B. Koos de Keijzer (NED) seconded the change. The proposal was passed.
- 28 Proposal about event officials flying the course line – (Agenda Item 30)**
 Up to 3 designated air marshals should be allowed to fly the course line provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria of entrants and excluding the meet director and the safety director. Original proposal amended to cover trialling the system at specified events: The European HG test competition in Greifenburg and the PG World Championships at Manilla. Results will be reviewed and discussed at the next plenary before it is allowed in any other competition. The proposal was passed.
- 29 Proposal - Safety ballast - (Agenda Item 31)**
 France accepted the recommendation of HG SSC: Any pilot equipped with a second parachute can exceed this limitation (25kg) by the value of the weight of his second parachute and its deployment system for Class 5. The weight limit with an additional parachute is 3kg above the 25kg limit.
 This was passed.
- 30 Proposal - Safety – Paragliders flying close to the ground – (Agenda Item 32)**
 France agreed with the PG SC recommendation: *The organisers must ensure that in normal conditions, in the final glide to goal, all pilots shall have sufficient height to throw their reserve parachute and land safely if any problem occurs.*
 The proposal was passed
- 31 Proposal - Sanction fees – (Agenda Item 35)**
 The proposal was withdrawn as FRA accepted the HG SC recommendation to defer a decision for one year.
- 32 Proposal - Records – (Agenda Item 36)**
 This was withdrawn to give more time for the Badges SC to examine this further. It will be brought to the Plenary again next year.
- 33 Proposal – Required announcement or photos for a World record (Agenda Item 37)**
 The proposal was withdrawn after clarification from the FAI. It appears that an earlier request for some photographic evidence to back up a record claim was in error. Max Bishop will investigate this. Scott Torkelsen commented on the 2nd part of the proposal.
- 34 Proposal - Pilot Registration – (Agenda Item 38)**
 Stephane Malbos will send a report to Agust Gudmundsson on the problems he encountered during the registration process as European PG organiser. Feedback from other organisers is welcomed. CIVL will work towards creating a standard software for registration. The proposal was withdrawn.
- 35 Discussion - Harmonisation of CEN and DHV (Agenda Item 39)**
 The PG SC reported this issue is not within its remit currently. It was discussed in depth in the PG SC (See Appendix 3) but was withdrawn from discussion in the Plenary.

36 Report and Proposals of Aerobatics Subcommittee – Yves Goueslain (Agenda Item 11, Appendix 5 attached, refers)

The report presented included a proposal for €2000 for Judging Training in 2007. The report & proposals were accepted, with one condition, that a report is produced after the 2007 training exercise, to submit to ARISF for joint funding.

37 Presentations of bids: – Scott Torkelsen (Agenda Item 41)

Bids were presented from Croatia for the 2009 World Paragliding Accuracy Championships, and from France, Italy and Mexico for the 2009 World Paragliding Championships. While none of the bid presentations exceeded the allotted 20mins allowed, some delegates requested an extra few minutes time for each, for Q&A.

38 Treasurer report and Budget – Louise Joselyn (Agenda Item 47, Appendices 8&9 attached, refer)

A detailed presentation of the summary accounts, showed income & expenditure for 2006 against budget and highlighted trends. The Bureau & Subcommittees proposed Budget for 2007 was also presented. A number of questions were raised and answered, and the report was passed.

39 Paragliding Subcommittee report on Competition bids

PG SC reported that it had studied the bids and had questioned the bidders in more detail on a number of issues, including budget targets. All bids were said to be acceptable

Meeting adjourned approx 6pm Saturday

Meeting reconvened 9am Sunday

40 Roll call

As Saturday, but it was noted that three country delegates (Guatemala, Mexico, Spain) were initially not present, but arrived before the first vote was taken.

41 Report and Proposals PG Accuracy Subcommittee - Louise Joselyn (Agenda Item 16, Appendix 10 attached, refers)

Many minor and a couple of more significant rule changes were proposed, including plans to trial a new scoring system in Cat 2 events in 2007. A budget of €3800 was proposed for Judging Training. A proposal that the Paragliding Accuracy European Cup series, which has been running for 3 years, change its name to Paragliding Accuracy World Cup, raised some questions about possible confusion with PWC. The report and proposals were passed with the conditions that LJ would contact PWC organiser as a matter of courtesy, and that 2007 test event for next year's European Championships in Serbia is requested to register for FAI sanctioning very soon.

42 Report and Proposals of HG Subcommittee - Dennis Pagen (Agenda Item 12, Appendix 6 attached, refers)

Recommendations (not covered elsewhere) included: that the Womens World Championships be run in concert with Class 2 (individual) and Class 5 Championships; the Fixed Total Validity proposal be referred to the Software and Scoring SC; and that the S7 SC proposals (less those that had been withdrawn) be approved. The report and proposals were passed.

43 Report and Proposals of PG Subcommittee - Leonard Grigorescu (Agenda Item 15, Appendix 7 attached, refers)

Recommendations (not covered elsewhere) included:

- Organiser Agreement for Cat 1 events should specify the qualification date for team ranking. Wording agreed as: *The date is to be set in the organiser agreement and will be the last day of the month four months before the month in which the competition starts but this shall not be less than 3 months.*
- Rules for submitting competition results to avoid problems and potential manipulation close to qualification date (NB Appendix 3 shows amended rules accepted by the Plenary). Discussion on possible penalties came to no agreement. The PG SC was tasked to review this again during the coming year.
- Recommendations for stated penalties for various rule infringements – however it was pointed out by JA that the wording was woolly and ambiguous and could be open to interpretation, leading to protests and complaints, and difficulties for the Jury. The PG SC was tasked with setting up a WG to review this and report back next year.

The following points were withdrawn:

Point 2 of the PG SC report was withdrawn as the Plenary proposal item 35 (Sanction Fees) had been withdrawn in favour of HG SC recommendation.

Point 6 of report was withdrawn as proposal on Women at Continentals (Annex 17) was withdrawn having been covered in Item 34 (above) - Annex 26 refers.

Point 8 of report – to use only 3D GPS in competitions - was withdrawn after discussion as it was also covered in the S7 SC report.

44 Report and Proposals of Safety & training Sub Committee - Klaus Tänzler (Agenda Item 20, Appendix 14 attached, refers)

KT reported that due to the overrunning of the PG SC, no-one attended the Safety & Training SC meeting. He feels that the structure of the SC should be reconsidered as most safety issues seem to be covered by the respective discipline SCs. Discussion on the need for simple, online system to collect and analyse accident and incident statistics from various sources, including Cat 2 events, and different National databases, if possible. JA pointed out that Safety Directors have responsibility to coordinate accident information and report to Steward and/or Jury President. Some information is available in these competition reports. Max Bishop highlighted Parachuting commission's system already in place and worth investigating. CIVL must become more actively safety conscious. KT to investigate and report back. No comments or feedback received on SafePro and ParaPro proposals, other than they should be extended to cover towing and aerobatics. AG will help find someone to set up a Working Group.

45 Proposal to add point to the Agenda

Austria stated there is a need to set a cut-off date for reallocation of places at Cat 1 competitions, as the current open system was unfair, favouring the home team and other teams that could afford to send an additional pilot just in case, or at the last minute. Proposal failed.

46 Report and Proposal of Section 7 Sub Committee - John Aldridge (Agenda Item 40, Appendix 10 attached, refers)

A number of amendments had been agreed. The amended S7 report was passed with the required 2/3 majority.

47 Award of the 2009 Championships, signature of the organiser agreements (Agenda Item 42)

Awards were made for:

- The PG Accuracy World Championship 2009 to Croatia 22-29th June. Entry fee is 250 Euros per pilot, 50 euros for female pilots and 150 euros for team leaders.
- The PG World Championship 2009 to Mexico. The dates need to be amended to only be 14 days, but they were stated as 24th January – February 7th 2009. Entry fee is US\$500 per pilot and US\$250 team leader. The test competition for the PG Worlds in Mexico will finish on the 2nd Feb 2007.

CIVL President pointed out no bids had been received for the 2009 World HG (Class 1) Championships. FK asked the Plenary, in accordance with Internal Regulations, paragraph 3.6.4, to approve that the Bureau should find a suitable bid.

It was passed.

FRA asked if it was too late to find also an organiser for a 2008 combined HG Class 2, Class 5, Womens World Championships. FK indicated it was not out of the question if a suitable organiser could be found, who was prepared to move fast to fix a test event for this year.

Japan announced that it is planning to present a bid next year for the 2nd Asian PG Championships in 2010.

48 Proposal – Steward reports to be presented to the CIVL delegates (Agenda Item 45)

Fernando Amaral (POR) spoke to support his proposal to make the reports open for all delegates so they can learn from this. John Aldridge stated jury reports are published and they have always been available on the website. He commented that the majority Bureau view was that Stewards' post-event Reports should remain confidential, to enable constructive criticism without fear of rebuke or litigation, if they were to obtain maximum value. JA qualified that the proposal should have no retroactive effect. The proposal was passed.

49 Proposal – Bureau decisions to be communicated (Agenda Item 46)

The proposal was amended to be "Decisions made by the Bureau during the year must be brought to the knowledge of the CIVL delegates at least every 2 months". The Plenary was informed that the Bureau had already decided that decisions will be sent every month via the website and the CIVL Delegates list. The proposal was passed.

50 Report of Scoring and Ranking software WG – Agust Gudmundsson (Agenda Item 18)

RACE – a new version is underway, with 6.2 being a maintenance release to fix some bugs. New formulas are being added and others removed. The Beta version is under test now, and feedback will help complete the report library. Final version will be tested in Manilla. This is probably the last updated version of RACE before moving to the new system.

ATMOS – still waiting to be free to use, with maybe a licence fee only to NACs. Timescale: should be in use during first half of the year. CIVL has had little input or control over its development.

Flight Scoring (FS), not to be confused with RACE: The first part for pilot ranking etc, is already in use. Also now operational are interlinked pilot, competition and results databases. It takes a modular approach and can be used remotely or online. New work will be trialled at Nordic Open this year, with new features including GPS dump, tracklog verification, and scoring (customisable). The new system enables additional functionality to organisers and pilots, such as automatic entry to FAI calendar of events, and pilot registration. An event's quality factors can be known before the competition starts. Eventually, it will allow automatic uploading of results directly by organisers.

The budget agreed last year, and deferred to this year, covers potential expenditure on ATMOS and FS. The report was passed.

51 Report about the WAG: Agust Gudmundsson (Agenda Item 48)

Agust Gudmundsson confirmed this will be held in 2009. CIVL disciplines proposed for inclusion are: HG & PG Aerobatics and Paragliding Accuracy and hopefully HG speedgliding.

52 Statement from Portugal (Appendix 13 attached, refers)

The Portuguese delegate read out a statement from the Portuguese Free Flight Federation (F.P.V.L.) concerning the Portugal aeroclub's decision to boycott the World PG Championships in Manilla.

53 Awards (Agenda Item 49)

John Dickenson was awarded the HG Diploma.

54 Nominations and elections of the chairpeople of the SSC (Agenda Item 50)

Scott Torkelsen (DK) was elected chairman of the PG SC. Dennis Pagen (US) was re-elected Chairman of the HG SC. Louise Joselyn (UK) was re-elected chairman of the PG Accuracy SC. Yves Goueslain (FRA) was re-elected Chairman of the Aerobatics SC. Klaus Taenzler (GER) was re-elected Chairman of the Safety & Training SC. John Aldridge (UK) was re-elected Chairman of the Section 7 subcommittee. Scott Torkelsen (DK) was re-elected Chairman of the Records, Badges & Flight Verification SC.

55 Elections (Agenda Item 51)

Flip Koetsier was re-elected CIVL President. John Aldridge (UK), Agust Gudmundsson (ISL), Scott Torkelsen (DK) and Jim Zeiset (US) were re-elected Vice Presidents. Louise Joselyn (UK) was elected Secretary. Wayne Sayer (US) was elected Treasurer, subject to NAA Approval.

The President thanked Leonard Grigorescu for all his valuable work over recent years, and expects to stay in touch in the future.

56 Bids for organising the next meeting (Agenda Item 52)

Bids were presented by Turkey and Mexico. A two stage vote (Mexico vs Turkey & Mexico vs Lausanne) resulted in Mexico (Manzanillo) being selected, with the necessary 2/3 majority, as organiser for the next Plenary Meeting. MB warned that CIVL should tighten up the meeting bid process.

57 Dates and venue of the Next meeting (Agenda Item 53)

The next Plenary Meeting will be held from 7 to 10 February, 2008.

58 Statement from Austria

The Austrian delegate read out a prepared statement on behalf of the Austrian Aero Club and the progress of its complaint concerning its position in the Nation Ranking at the time of the cut off for qualification for the World PG Championship in Manilla. The gist of the statement was as follows: *Austria believes that making our nation ranking 11th instead of 8th by not counting the PWC Slovenia results is unfair to Austria and to our pilot. We have withdrawn our appeal to the FAI and have tried to get this discussed here. As we cannot solve it here we announce that we will formally appeal CIVL's decision on this to the FAI tomorrow.*

59 President's closing remarks (Agenda Item 54)

FK thanked everyone for their contributions to what he considered to be a productive meeting. The CIVL Bureau will be making a concerted effort to ensure all its decisions are widely publicised, and hopes to avoid any more of the problems that have occurred over the past year. He thanked the French organisers for their outstanding efforts.

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