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Minutes

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

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Scott Torkelsen, Vice President

Jim Zeiset, Vice President

Leonard Grigorescu, Secretary

Stephane Malbos, Treasurer

Paula Howitt, CIVL Coordinator

1 REVIEW OF THE 2005 CHAMPIONSHIPS

A) PARAGLIDING WORLDS, BRAZIL GOVERNOR VALADARES

There were 10 flying tasks out of 12 days, no fatalities and it was the first time a woman has won a task in a Category 1 Paragliding competition.

There were problems with visas/transport. If officials had been able to make their own arrangements, travel agents would have informed them that they needed visas. The Bureau is still happy for organisers to make arrangements, but in future officials should check and take care of visas and other requirements themselves.

John Aldridge will add to the Jury & Steward Handbook and to Section 7 that officials should check all requirements and that organisers must work with officials for travel arrangements. On the homepage of any Category 1 competition there should be a regularly updated page giving details of visa requirement.

The press wanted to fly a Paragliding tandem and also in a Cessna. A Jury member went in the 'plane to say what was safe. This worked well but could be less successful with a less experienced jury member. Because media coverage is to be encouraged there has to be some flexibility. This should be agreed between the organiser, steward and team leaders. There should be some guidelines for this in the Local Regulations.

Action: John Aldridge

B) PARAGLIDING ACCURACY WORLDS SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO, (Niskia Bania)

It was a very good competition, the Serbia and Montenegro NAC President was very pleased, as were the pilots and officials.

The Jury President was asked to make a speech at the Opening ceremony. The Jury/Steward handbook should specify that every CIVL official should be prepared to make a short speech at the opening and closing ceremonies if necessary.

Action: John Aldridge

2 REVIEW OF THE TEST COMPETITIONS RUN IN 2005 / CHECK OF LOCAL REGULATIONS FOR 2006

A) TEST COMPETITION 2005 WOMEN'S WORLDS, CLASS 2 AND CLASS 5 WORLDS, FLORIDA USA

Several problems were identified in the practice competition. This had created a lot of work for the Bureau but progress is being made.

It was decided not to enforce the requirement for physical numbers on gliders for this meet as the rule in S7A is ambiguous. It will be amended as part of the S7A proposed changes.

The problems with US pilots not being qualified because of the lack of CIVL sanctioning for Category 2 meets is being addressed by the USHGA and was raised in their recent BOD meeting.

The competition results have been finalised only after several months because of problems with checking FAI licences. There are still outstanding queries.

The Local Regulations were approved by the Bureau and the next Plenary will be asked to ratify this.

Action: John Aldridge

B) TEST COMPETITION FOR THE 2006 EUROPEAN HANG GLIDING, CROATIA

This was a good competition with 126 competitors (which was more than the 2005 Worlds). There were 2 Stewards – Flip Koetsier and Juraj Sladky as trainee Steward. The organisers responded well to concerns raised during the competition. The date problem needs to be sorted but the organisers have been slow to respond.

The Local Regulations were approved by the Bureau and the next Plenary will be asked to ratify this.

C) TEST COMPETITION FOR PARAGLIDING EUROPEANS 2006, MORZINE, FRANCE

There were fewer than 60 pilots probably because the calendar was crowded at that time. There were 2 Stewards – Leonard Grigorescu and Stéphane Malbos as trainee Steward. One problem was there were no Local Regulations and the Meet Director announced he would use the World Cup rules.

There was one accident, resulting in a broken arm. A helicopter was called and the answering time was satisfactory. A paramedic was on launch. As an extra safety feature, next year there will be a mobile radio mast on top of an appropriate mountain (depending on where the task goes).

Another problem was that the meet was not really run as a test competition as a sufficient budget could not be found. Still it is thought it will be a success.

The Local Regulations were approved by the Bureau and the Plenary will be asked to ratify them.

D) WORLD AEROBATICS 2006, VILLENEUVE, SWITZERLAND

Olivier Burghelle went over his report. Either Olivier Burghelle or the Bureau should take care of registration of the pilots in the competition next year.

Olivier Burghelle reported a proposal that the number of rounds to make a competition valid for Hang gliding and Paragliding aerobatics in Category 1 and Category 2 championships should be 2. It will be sent to the working group for consideration for the next Plenary.

The document that is currently on the FAI website for Aerobatics should be referred to as an annex in S7A and S7B, not as a standalone. All the aerobatics details should be taken out of the main part of S7B.

It is also a recommendation from Olivier Burghelle to separate the organisers guidelines and pilot rules.

Leonard Grigorescu will put the change in the minimum number of rounds on the Aerobatic Working Group agenda for the Plenary.

Team sizes were discussed and agreed.

It was recommended that in future, separate championships are held, one for hang gliders, one for paragliders, because running a united championship results in having 2 rest days between rounds, which slows down things too much.

Paula Howitt will check with Yves Goueslain whether to include Synchro and Solo in the same rankings.

There are currently two ranking systems WAP and WAPR. One is updated yearly, the other is the same as the Hang gliding and Paragliding systems. This has been slow to be implemented, but the database is all ready: the data just has to be entered.

Action: John Aldridge, Paula Howitt, Leonard Grigorescu

3 PROGRESS REPORTS ON TEST COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Although it is the organizers responsibility to produce local regulations in line with S7, the organisers of some future competitions did not, which meant the Bureau had a lot of extra work to create suitable LRs for the organizers. In future the Bureau will insist of providing LRs based on the proposed template to be agreed at the Plenary.

A) PARAGLIDING WORLDS 2007- MANILLA, AUSTRALIA

The Local Regulations for Manilla 2007 will have to be approved at the 2006 Plenary. Chris Fogg has been in regular contact with Flip Koetsier and is supportive. Scott Torkelsen and Leonard Grigorescu will deal with the rules with copies to John Aldridge for approval at the Plenary.

Action: Leonard Grigorescu, Scott Torkelsen, John Aldridge

B) HANG GLIDING WORLDS 2007, BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, USA

There had been concern that after the problems in Florida 2005 that there may be similar difficulties for the Texas Worlds in 2007. Flip Koetsier will contact USHGA and Art Greenfield to keep them apprised of the situation but he is optimistic that a better relationship has been established.

The Bureau approved the change of date proposed by the organizers (7th-18th August 2007). The new dates are subject to Plenary ratification.

Action: Flip Koetsier, Jim Zeiset, Leonard Grigorescu

C) WORLD PARAGLIDING ACCURACY 2007 - LITHUANIA

Local Regulations have to be approved by the 2006 Plenary. Leonard Grigorescu will ask Riikka Vilkuna and Louise Jocelyn to prepare the rules in time for that meeting.

Action: Leonard Grigorescu

4 OFFICIALS FOR THE 2006 AND 2007 COMPETITIONS

WOMEN'S, CLASS 2 & CLASS 5 WORLDS, FLORIDA USA 18th-27th May 2006

Steward – Paula Howitt (UK)

Jury President – John Aldridge (UK)

Jury member – Stéphane Malbos (France)

Jury member – Agust Gudmundsson (Iceland)

HANG GLIDING EUROPEANS, CROATIA

16th-30th June 2006

Steward – Juraj Sladky (Slovakia)

Steward – Heather Mull (Australia)

Jury President – Flip Koetsier (Netherlands)

Jury member – Vitor Pinto (Portugal)

Jury member – Rodrigo Maldonado (Guatemala)

PARAGLIDING EUROPEANS, MORZINE, FRANCE

1st-16th July 2006

Steward – Leonard Grigorescu (Romania)

Steward – Paula Howitt (UK)

Jury President – Noel Whittall (UK)

Jury member – Scott Torkelsen (Denmark)

Jury member – Rasa Grigoraitiene (Lithuania)

WORLD AEROBATICS VILLENEUVE, SWITZERLAND

August 16th-28th 2006

Steward –

Jury President – Olivier Burghelle (France)

Jury member – Dennis Pagen (USA)

Jury member – Yet to be selected

TEST COMPETITION FOR PARAGLIDING WORLDS 2007, MANILLA, AUSTRALIA –

5th-11th March 2006

Steward – Leonard Grigorescu (Romania)

PARAGLIDING WORLDS 2007, MANILLA, AUSTRALIA

27th Feb- 10th March 2007

Steward – Leonard Grigorescu (Romania)

Steward – Scott Torkelsen (Denmark)

Jury President – Yet to be selected

Jury member – Yet to be selected

Jury member – Allan Barnes (New Zealand)

TEST COMPETITION FOR HANG GLIDING WORLDS, TEXAS, USA

7th-18th August 2007

Steward – Heather Mull (Australia)

PARAGLIDING ACCURACY WORLDS, TRAKAI, LITHUANIA 11th-20th February 2007

Steward – Riikka Vilkkuna (Sweden)

Jury President –

Jury member –

Jury member –

Action: Leonard Grigorescu will contact all organisers and officials

5 COMPETITIONS TO BE AWARDED AT NEXT PLENARY

Bids will be awarded for the following championships to be held in 2008:

- European Hang gliding
- European Paragliding
- European Accuracy Paragliding
- World Hang gliding class 2, class 5 and women class 1
- PG Asia Oceania
- Pan American Paragliding
- Hang gliding World Aerobatics
- Paragliding World Aerobatics

Action: Flip Koetsier will contact FAI to publicise this.

6 MEDALS FOR THE 2006 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The number of medals necessary for the 2006 championships was discussed.

The aerobatics championships require a large number and this was discussed. There was also discussion about whether there will be women pilots in sufficient numbers to justify the awarding of medals at some events.

In paragliding *aerobatics* it is proposed there will be a maximum of 2 female participants per team in future events. This is conditional upon the Plenary approving the proposed amendments to S7B which currently states X+1 (female)

By 1st December Flip will send the number of medals that we are sure about to the FAI. Extra medals that we might need on or shortly after the registration deadlines of the competitions will be ordered then according to the numbers of registered pilots.

Action: Flip Koetsier

7 SUBCOMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND HOW THEY WORK

There was a discussion about how Subcommittees and Working Groups work. At the Plenary 2006 Flip Koetsier will encourage subcommittees and working groups to work throughout the year.

Agust Gudmundsson is to draft guidelines for subcommittees and working groups on how they should operate as well as the format for reports and timing for producing them.

In general, items to change any parts of S7 should include an explanation of what the problem is, with references.

Leonard Grigorescu will remind all the subcommittees and working groups of matters outstanding from the 2005 Plenary.

Leonard Grigorescu will chase up Subcommittees and Working Groups reports regularly.

Action: Agust Gudmundsson, Flip Koetsier, Leonard Grigorescu

8 SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

HANG GLIDING SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a short report highlighting hang gliding safety standards. The Bureau had also received a DHV proposal on this subject. It will be passed to the Hang Gliding Subcommittee and put on the Agenda.

Action: Leonard Grigorescu, Dennis Pagen

PARAGLIDING SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a short report. There are some ambiguous rules regarding women and team sizes. This will be put on the agenda for S7B for the Plenary.

Leonard Grigorescu and Stéphane Malbos will work on creating a standard local regulations template.

Agust Gudmundsson and Leonard Grigorescu will work on proposals to change S7B. They will send them to John Aldridge as well as any other subjects they may want to raise in the Subcommittee, so these subjects can be addressed.

Action: Leonard Grigorescu, Agust Gudmundsson, John Aldridge, Xavier Murillo

PARAGLIDING ACCURACY SUBCOMMITTEE

Louise Jocelyn had produced an excellent informative report.

Regarding encouraging Public Relations (PR), Stéphane Malbos will help Louise Jocelyn and Jean-Marc Badan (in charge of PR at FAI) to cooperate. There will be a Paragliding Accuracy chapter on the future CIVL web-site. There is already an opportunity for the Subcommittee to post items on the CIVL website via either Stéphane Malbos or Paula Howitt.

Action: Stéphane Malbos

Judges training: Stéphane Malbos will pursue FAI about ARISF funding to ensure we get the money we were promised. ARISF will continue its support (paying half of the training cost) for 4 yrs.

Action: Stéphane Malbos

The Bureau suggested that judges could also be trained, for example, as assistants in competitions.

It was pointed out that NACs should be interested in training their own judges.

The Bureau will recommend to the Plenary that for 2006, CIVL will still pay 50% of eligible ARISF funding, and that in future years our contribution could be reduced by a percentage to encourage local funding.

Action: Stéphane Malbos

Leonard Grigorescu will contact Louise Jocelyn and Riikka Vilkkuna to work on the Local Regulations for 2007. The Bureau confirmed that they will ask the Plenary to mandate this group to make the necessary changes for 2007. Leonard Grigorescu will also search for Jury members for the future world championships.

Action: Leonard Grigorescu

John Aldridge will liaise with Louise Jocelyn about S7C changes. A list will be circulated with the next Plenary agenda and can be voted on as a whole.

Action: John Aldridge

The Bureau suggests Louise Jocelyn contacts Scott Torkelsen regarding the possibility of implementing new kind of records.

AEROBATICS WORKING GROUP

The Bureau will propose to the Plenary that the Hang gliding and Paragliding Aerobatics Working Group will be made the Hang gliding and Paragliding Aerobatic Standing Subcommittee.

Action: John Aldridge, who will make the necessary modifications to the CIVL Internal Regulations.

In principle, we agree to support the new Subcommittee.

Yves Goueslain will have to prepare a budget to ask for funds from ARISF to finance judges training. As in Paragliding Accuracy, in future years the CIVL contribution could be reduced by a percentage to encourage local funding.

The CIVL Bureau agrees to pay for the Subcommittee meeting expenses once. After that, the Subcommittee will have to meet at the Plenary, at competitions or via the digital highway.

SAFETY AND TRAINING STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE

The Bureau noted the report and its safety concerns.

Note – add to the Safety and Training SSC Agenda the need to define what is a serious accident.

Leonard Grigorescu will go through the Plenary minutes to find out what else has been missed.

Action: Leonard Grigorescu

RECORDS, BADGES & FLIGHT VERIFICATION STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE

Scott Torkelsen will contact Jean-Marc Badan about achievement badge design possibilities and costs and will present his findings to the Plenary. He will also forward a list of proposals for changes to S7D to John Aldridge and list these on the RB&FV SSC agenda.

Action: Scott Torkelsen

SCORING AND RANKING SOFTWARE WORKING GROUP

There was an excellent report on scoring system and ranking scheme with a lot of progress made but not as much as Agust Gudmundsson would have liked. The Bureau was very impressed with the proposals and look forward to hearing more at the Plenary meeting. It may then become clearer how much money this system may require.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS WORKING GROUP

Tomas Senac, from France, was appointed to chair a new Environment Working group after he submitted his CV and proposals.

He may start to implement some of these proposals in a limited fashion, ie contacting people and building a network of interested parties. Any proposals implying financial obligations would have to be agreed upon by the Bureau first.

He will contact the FAI Environmental Commission chairman, Michael Goth, and find out what is expected from him and how he can contribute to the Commission.

9 PUBLIC RELATIONS

A lot of valuable work has been put into the website and by the end of November it should be ready to be advertised to the public and pilots.

It was suggested that every month a summary of Bureau work be published on the web, but it was decided there would be little interest.

The Bureau was very pleased with the book "And The World Could Fly" and Flip Koetsier was proud to be able to present them to many influential people at the recent General Conference.

In future Category 1 competitions, after the successful bid contract is signed, Flip Koetsier will routinely contact the NAC to outline their responsibilities and will take that opportunity to suggest that they initiate media coverage.

Stéphane Malbos will find a document already produced by Patricia Lamy for FAI: "Media And Marketing – Events Organisation And The Media". This document could be included in the organisers handbook. It could also be sent to all successful bid organisers. Since the meeting the document has proved to be outdated. Stéphane Malbos will check with FAI to see if and how this document can be updated and dissiminated.

Action: John Aldridge and Stéphane Malbos

10 WPRS

Agust Gudmundsson sent Stéphane Malbos the WPRS Philosophy as it was on previously on the CIVL web. Paula Howitt will check this document and update it if necessary before publishing it on the website.

Action: Stéphane Malbos, Paula Howitt

11 IPPI CARD

The Japanese had asked that they can print the IPPI Card on the back of their national license. It was decided not to allow it, as the IPPI Card is an internationally recognized document and should have the same look worldwide.

CIVL has been approached by CIMA to use the name and the design of the IPPI card for paramotors. It was agreed, providing the card makes it clear in what discipline the pilot is qualified.

Flip Koetsier will contact the President of CIMA to inform him of this decision.

Action: Flip Koetsier

12 AWARDS

Only one proposal from Italy was received for the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Diploma. No proposal was received for the Pepe Lopez Medal.

Action: Leonard Grigorescu will update the Plenary Agenda.

13 COMPETITIONS MATTERS

A) BIDDING PROCESS

In the Plenary 2005 it was voted to allow both the Hang gliding and Paragliding Subcommittees to be able to veto a bid on the grounds of safety. This has the effect of removing some power from the delegates.

The Bureau will propose to the Plenary that the rule needs revising.

Action: John Aldridge, Leonard Grigorescu

B) DROPPING A TASK

It was discussed whether Category 2 competitions can allow in their Regulations that competitors are allowed to drop one or many tasks when the final result of the competition is calculated.

It was decided this would not be compatible with using results to qualify pilots for Category 1 competition. This will be added to the proposed S7 changes.

Action: John Aldridge

C) MINIMUM TASKS TO VALIDATE A CATEGORY 2 EVENT

A delegate queried why the WPRS formula scores a competition with only one task flown when 2 are required for it to be valid. It was concluded the formula may be capable of scoring this but, according to S7, there have to be at least 2 rounds for a competition to be valid.

D) COMPETITIONS WITH MORE THAN ONE ROUND

It was felt that allowing Category 2 events to be run as multi-round competitions has the practical effect of defeating the basic requirement for these events to be International Sporting Events as defined in the GS.

It was proposed to amend the Category 2 rules in S7 that sanctioned competitions can only be one event. As a result, multi-round national competitions over several week-ends cannot be sanctioned as a whole, but can still be sanctioned individually. This will be put on the agenda for the Subcommittees.

Action: John Aldridge, Leonard Grigorescu

E) USHGA PROPOSALS

These were considered and discussed, and the Bureau will recommend the acceptable ones to the relevant Subcommittees.

Action: John Aldridge

F) OFFICIALS IMAGE

Scott Torkelsen will investigate the production of specific FAI polo shirts for CIVL jury members and stewards. All orders from the FAI shop for the 2006 season will go through him.

Action: Scott Torkelsen

14 REPORT FROM THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Flip Koetsier reported that CASI has modified the "3 year rule" and that Category 2 competitions and record flights will be excluded from this rule. Changes will come into effect at the update of the General Section. Exact wording will be in the minutes of the CASI meeting and will be distributed by Flip Koetsier as soon as he receives them.

It was agreed John Aldridge will attend the CASI meetings. If he cannot get funding from the UK for this, CIVL will pay for his expenses. Flip Koetsier will inform CASI.

There had been a proposal to clarify whether a Jury President has the power to stop a meet. Max Bishop had confirmed that the Jury President does already have wide-ranging powers under GS 4.3.2.4 and 4.3.4.1.2 and there is no need for changes in the GS.

Action: Flip Koetsier

15 DOCUMENTS

A) JURY AND STEWARD HANDBOOK

John Aldridge will update this and send it to Stéphane Malbos for updating on the website

Action: John Aldridge, Stéphane Malbos

B) GUIDELINES FOR AWARD CEREMONIES

John Aldridge will write a "Guidelines for Award Ceremonies At FAI Championships" to include in S7A,B and C. He will use the current FAI document as a basis for this.

Action: John Aldridge

C) CIVL LONG TERM PLAN

This needs to be updated and circulated to the Bureau.

Action: John Aldridge

16 ACCOUNTS

Stéphane Malbos presented the accounts.

In November 2004, the Bureau had agreed to reduce the IPPI Card price of 25%, and rebate an extra 25% of IPPI card sales to FAI, but this had been left off the agenda for the 2005 Plenary. This will be proposed to the Plenary in 2006.

John Aldridge asked that the account shows which disciplines has contributed how much. It was agreed upon and if possible will be included in the report sent to delegates in December. (Since the meeting it has not proved possible to do this without changes being made by the accounting system used by FAI. Those changes are being implemented and it will be possible to show this allocation from 2006.)

The Bureau agreed to pay Paula Howitt a regular amount every month and balance it twice a year.

It was decided to give Olivier Burghelle 300 euros towards the cost of hosting the Bureau meeting.

It was agreed to ask Cosette Mast, FAI employee in charge of our account, to change the account to be in Euros from Jan 1st 2006. The Plenary will be asked to ratify this decision.

Action: Stéphane Malbos, Leonard Grigorescu

John Aldridge questioned if there was a level of expenditure below which the Bureau can authorise payment. It appears that expenditure can only be authorised up to the budget approved by the plenary. John Aldridge will research FAI Statutes to see if it is necessary to amend these to avoid the possibility of the Bureau being in conflict with the CIVL Internal Regulations.

Action: John Aldridge

17 MORE MANPOWER FOR CIVL BUREAU

It was discussed whether we should pay someone to deal with better communication and PR but it was decided now was not the time.

18 PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL

The GS requires the organising NAC of category 1 events to extend a courtesy invitation to the CIVL president.

It was proposed that CIVL budget provides for travel of the CIVL President to attend some Category 1 competitions to meet the pilots and promote CIVL work as the full cost of such travel is not normally met by the organiser.

It was agreed to include this in the budget proposals to the Plenary.

Action: Stéphane Malbos

19 **PLENARY 2006**

The Plenary Meeting of the CIVL will be held on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th February 2006 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Written proposals for inclusion on the Agenda should reach the CIVL President (f.koetsier@worldonline.nl) and the CIVL Secretary (leonard@minisat.ro) no later than the 12th December 2005.

The agenda and information (including the budget for 2006) will be published on 21st December 2005.

Leonard Grigorescu will prepare the agenda for the Subcommittees and Working Groups.

To keep down costs it was agreed to only book 2 large rooms for the Hang gliding and Paragliding Subcommittees. All the other subcommittees and working groups will improvise for meeting rooms.

Action: Leonard Grigorescu, Flip Koetsier