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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting 2019 of the
FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)

**held at the Legoland Hotel, Aastvej 10
7190 Billund, Denmark
on the 9th November 2019**

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1. Welcome and roll call of the Delegates

- a) The meeting of the FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC) was called to order on Saturday, 9th November 2019 at 09:03 by the GAC President Mr. Rodney Blois. He welcomed all 39 delegates and observers, as well as Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki representative from the FAI Head office.
- b) A roll call of the delegates was taken by Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki

It was noted that Mrs. Esther Rimensberger was nominated to handle all matters on behalf of Mr. Maurice Ducret, Switzerland.

- c) There were 3 proxies: from the UK to South Africa
Slovenia to Austria
Greece to Cyprus

For the records, it was noted that there were 19 voting delegates and 3 proxies, total of 22 votes present.

This means for the voting the absolute majority is 12 votes and 2/3 majority are 15votes.

- d) Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki asked if anyone wished to make a declaration of conflict of interests.
No conflict of interests was noted.

e) Apologies received from George Benecos from Greece and Maurice Ducret from Switzerland

2. Approval of the Agenda

There was 1 extra point to add to the agenda 8 e (International Chief Judge's handbook).
The secretary Mr. Schwebel asked for the approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Helsinki, Finland on the 17th November 2018 were unanimously accepted as written.

4. Report on GAC activities during the year

President Rodney Blois reported on the GAC activities over the past year. (see Annex 4).

- a. He thanked the Aero Club of Spain, especially Mr. Juan Alvarez Caramazana as championship director as well as his team on a successful FAI WPCF 2019 held in Castellon, Spain.
- b. He thanked the Aero Club of Portugal, especially Mr. Joao Francisco as Championship director and his team for a successful FAI WANR held in Santa Cruz, Portugal.
- c. He also thanked Jean Birgen for again organizing the Hans Gutmann Memorial Flight from Luxembourg to Turkey, Israel, Bosnia & Herzegovina and back to Luxembourg.
- d. Mr. Blois informed the delegates that the FAI General Conference was moved from Morocco to Lausanne and will only be held in December
- e. He announced that after the GAC meeting the first ANR in China, the competition will take place in Datong Shanxi Province, North West of Beijing in November.

5. Report on FAI by the FAI representative Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki

- a.) Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki FAI representative reported the change of venue from Morocco to Lausanne for the 2019 FAI General Conference.
- b.) He also told the meeting about the financial problems that have evolved due to the withdrawal of the main sponsors Breitling and Red Bull
- c.) He also informed the delegates of the date change for the WAG from 2020 to 2022 in Turkey
- d.) Antidoping

(See Annex 5)

6. Past International Competitions

a) 24th FAI World Precision Flying Championship from 10th to the 16th June 2019 in Castellon, Spain

- I. Mr. Jiri Dodal, Czech Republic, President of the Jury, tabled his report on the FAI World Precision Flying Championship held in Castellon, Spain (see Annex 6aI)
- II. Mr. Hans Schwebel, South Africa, International Chief Judge. It was not necessary to table his report, as all delegates have received the report as annexes to the agenda. (see Annex 6aII)
- III. Mr. Juan Alvarez Caramazana, Championship Director. It was not necessary to table his report. All delegates have received his report as annexes to the agenda. (see Annex 6aIII). All reports were approved.

b) 2nd FAI World Air Navigation Race Championship from 8th to 13th September 2019, in Santa Cruz, Portugal

- I. Mr. Schawalder, Switzerland, President of the Jury, tabled his report on the 2nd FAI World Air Navigation Race. (see Annex 6bI)
- II. Mr. Maurice Ducret, Switzerland International Chief Judge was unable to attend the meeting to table his report. Mr. Schawalder reported on behalf of Mr. Ducret. (see Annex 6bII)
- III. Mr. Joao Francisco, Portugal, Championship Director, tabled his report (see Annex 6bIII)
All reports were approved

7. Sub-committee Reports

Rally Flying Sub-committee

Mr. Frank Eckard, Chairman of the Rally Flying Sub-committee, presented his report. Most of the sub-committee meeting dealt with some new proposed changes of the Rally rules, as well as the tabling of the final bid from South Africa to host the 22nd FAI WRFC, in Stellenbosch. The proposed rule changes, as well as the final bid from South Africa were both approved
Also, some of the landing rules will be changed to be the same as the precision landing.
(see Annex 7a.)

Precision Flying Sub-committee

Mr. Allen Hansen, Chairman of the Precision Flying Sub-committee, proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for Precision Flying. Also, some changes for the landing rules were proposed. The proposed changes were approved. (See Annex 7.b)

Air Navigation Race Sub-committee

Mr. Maurice Ducret, Chairman of the Air Navigation Race Sub-committee, was unable to attend the Meeting. Heini Schawalder and Armin Zuger reported on the activities during the past year. There were 30 proposals from different countries to propose changes to the Rules and Regulations. The committee decided to leave the rules and regulations as is. There will be a discussion again at the next meeting. (See Annex 7c)

Records Sub-committee

Mr. Art Greenfield, Chairman of the Records Sub-committee, reported that Marcel Meyer (SUI), former FAI employee in charge of all records, is the other Records Sub-committee member. Chris Booyen (RSA), who had been a member for many years, had stepped down. He asked delegates to contact him if they knew of other persons interested in participating on the subcommittee. The subcommittee had not been called upon by FAI headquarters to rule on any record applications since the last meeting, and no changes to Section 2 are being proposed at this time. He asked that the delegates be aware of several proposals on the agenda for upcoming General Conference that would increase the homologation fee for records flown under Section 2 of the Sporting Code. Those fees would increase from 200 CHF to as much as 2000CHF.

Post-meeting note : FAI General Conference approved an increase of Record fee from CHF 200.00 to CHF 300.00

8. Technical Matters Report

Technical Adviser GNSS

Mr. Ralf Grunwald GAC technical advisor tabled his report. (See Annex 8 a)

Environmental issues

There were no environmental issues.

Long Range Air Racing

Mr. Jean Birgen reported on a successful Hans Gutmann LRAR 2019 (Annex 8 b)

Mr. Birgen announced that the 2020 LRAR is on the drawing board. We wish Mr. Birgen all the best for the planning.

International Chief Judge's Handbook

Mr. Schwebel announced that there is no ICJH available. For better information and communication, he would like to put together (with Ralf Grunwald and Paul Szameitat) such a Handbook. At the next meeting the Handbook will then be presented.

9. Future International Competitions

a) 22nd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2020, in South Africa.

Mr. Frank Eckard from South Africa presented the final bid including the local rules. Also, the changes of the rules and regulations were presented.

The local rules and the rules and regulations changes were accepted. (see Annex 9a)

b) FAI World Air Games 2020 / 2022 Turkey

Mr. Heini Schawalter reported on the FAI WAG 2020. He announced that the 2020 WAG have been postponed to 2022. He gave a report on the competition airfield in Turkey. (see Annex 9b.)

Post-meeting note: WAG 2022 will be cancelled

c) 25th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2021, in France

Mr. Jacky Carriquiriberry from France presented a preliminary bid to host the 25th FAI WPFC in France (Annex 9c)

The final bid will be presented at the next GAC meeting in 2020

d) 3rd FAI World Air Navigation Race 2021, in Greece

Mr. Hadjidemetriou from Cyprus announced that Greece is interested to host the next ANR. More details will be tabled at the next GAC meeting.

e) 23rd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2022, in France

The delegates from France announced that they are also interested in hosting the 23rd FAI WRFC 2022.

More details will be presented at the next GAC meeting in 2020

f) 26th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2023, in Czech Republic

The Czech Republic is interested in hosting the WPFC in 2023
More details will be announced at the next meeting 2020

g) 24th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2024, in Italy

Mr. Filippo Papale from Italy presented a reported that Italy is interested in hosting the 24th FAI WRFC in 2024. The preliminary bid will be presented at the GAC meeting 2020

h) China has announced to host an invitation ANR competition in November 2019

i) President Rodney asked the delegates of the countries represented, to come forward for more bids to host the GAC competitions.

10. Other Competitions

11. Finance

Treasurer's report

a) Mr. Jiří Dodal, GAC Treasurer, presented the income and expenditures during 2018-2019 (see Annexes 11). The report was approved.

Budget for 2019

- b) Mr. Jiri Dodal also presented the proposed budget for 2020 (see Annex 11). The budget was approved.
- c) The sanction fee of E 50.00 was not changed

Mr. Jiri Dodal announced that he will not be able to stand again as the treasurer, after 10 years of service to GAC.

Mr. Rodney Blois thanked Mr. Dodal for the excellent service to FAI/GAC as treasurer and vice-president and wished him all the best for the future.

12. Awards

Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

The Slovakia National Aero Club nominated Mr. Jan Chudy for the Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma. Mr. Schwebel read the reasons for the nomination. The nomination for the diploma was approved.

13. Other Business

Anti-Doping

- a) GAC fully endorses the FAI position on doping.

14. Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges

Mr. Schwebel received new applications from different countries.

The Jury and Judge lists were updated and approved.
(See Annex 14a & 14b)

15. Elections

Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki assisted with the election.

The commission held the elections with the results as follows:

Election of Bureau

President.....	Mr. Rodney Blois
1 st Vice President/Secretary.....	Mr. Hans Schwebel
2 nd Vice President/Treasurer.....	Mr. Ralf Grunwald (newly elected)

Election of Sub-committee Chairmen

Precision Flying Sub-committee.....	Mr. Allen Hansen
Rally Flying Sub-committee.....	Mr. Frank Eckard
Air Nav Race Sub-committee.....	Mr. Maurice Ducret
Records Sub-committee.....	Mr. Art Greenfield

Election of Technical Representatives

CASI FAI Environmental Commission	Mr. Rodney Blois
World Air Games Liaison Officer	Mr. Heini Schwalder
Technical Advisor, GNSS.....	Mr. Ralf Grunwald
Technical Advisor, Long Range Air Racing	Mr. Jean Birgen

16. Location and date of the next GAC Plenary Meeting

Mr. Schwebel tabled the final bid from South Africa to hold the GAC meeting from the 22nd to the 24th November 2020 in Stellenbosch, after the 22nd FAI WRFC. The final bid was approved. (Annex 16a)

Portugal tabled a presentation to host the GAC Meeting in Funchal, Madeira Island, Portugal 2021. (Annex 16b)

More details will be at our next Meeting.

President Rodney Blois announced that from next year the election of the office bearers will be for a 2 year term to have a better continuity to run the GAC.

17. Adjournment

The President Rodney Blois thanked the Aero Club of Denmark for hosting and organizing the meeting. A special thanks to Vagen Jensen, Annegret, and Allen Hansen and their team for their input and hard work, to make this a very successful and enjoyable meeting. He also thanked all the delegates, alternate delegates and observers for their input.

Mr. Rodney Blois adjourned the meeting at 15:40.

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