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Hasle-Rüegsau, Switzerland
15th – 18th March 2023

2023 Statues, By-Laws and Sporting Code WG Meeting
Wednesday 15th March 2023 10:45 – 12:30

Meeting Minutes

1. Working Group members present:

Members: Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
JC Weber (LUX) -Zoom-

Appologies: Mark Sullivan (USA)
Les Purfield (GBR)

Observer: David Gleed (CAN)

2. Review of CSC Motion (SC01 5.6.1.2) to the 2022 Plenary

To direct S1 Working Group to modify the sporting code with immediate effect to reflect that for General AX World Championships: The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of two competitors to each eligible NAC.” Reminder: The “equal number” is the FIRST round Immediate effect means any event that has not yet been sanctioned.

The Working Group proposed the following wording.

5.6.1.2 The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of competitors to each eligible NAC. (Motion 1)

It is up to the organiser to decide the equal number. And this is one of the criteria Delegates would be voting for.

The background of this motion was the suitable number to be secured for the Round 2 invitation. If the organiser will have the Worlds with 70 pilots, not much place left for the

Round 2. If the organize will have the Worlds with 150 pilots, we don't need to limit for 2 entries in Round 1.

3. Review of CSC Motion (SC01 5.6.1.6) to the 2022 Plenary

To direct the S1 Working Group to change to the sporting code with immediate effect, such that The host NAC of a General AX World Championship shall be granted one additional 'wild card' invitation to use for their NAC." Notes: The 10% rule is still in effect. "Immediate effect" means beginning with events sanctioned at this Plenary.

The Working Group proposed the following wording.

5.6.1.6 An organiser may invite one competitor as a "wild card" of their choice.

***The 10% rule (S1 5.6.4.3) does not apply for this invitation. (Motion 2)**

We don't believe that the wild card needs to be limited only for the General Worlds, but should be for all events.

4. Review of General Section Changes

GS 4.8.2.3 Return of Entry Fee

If an event does not take place, entry fees shall be returned in full. If the event does take place, but for reasons of force majeure, it is cancelled or stopped, unused fees, as determined by the relevant ASC, shall be paid back. Before a cancellation decision is made, the relevant ASC shall consult the FAI Secretary General who will inform and consult as necessary. Actions will be assessed on a case by case basis.

GS 4.8.4 Participant Withdrawal

A competitor or a team which withdraws from an event after having had their entry accepted may be entitled to a full or partial refund of the entry fees paid, in accordance with criteria established by the relevant ASC and/or the rules for the event. Such criteria must be clearly stated in the First Category event bid regulations issued by the relevant ASC.

GS 4.9 SUSPENSION, CANCELLATION OF EVENTS

The GS (version 2023) does not mention **terminating an event** but deals now with issues of **cancellation** for reasons of Force Majeure in 4.9.1, **cancellation** before the event in 4.9.2.1, and **cancellation** during the event in 4.9.2.2.

It is to be noted that the new GS version (2023) now also deals with **suspension or cancellation before the event** (not explicitly covered in the previous versions of the SC GS).

During the event, the **Jury President** has the right to require the organiser to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event (as is in the JHB) and, if the organiser fails to do so, the **Jury** has the power to **interrupt** the event (JHB states that the **President**, not the **Jury**, has the right to **stop** the event). If the situation remains unsatisfactory, the **Jury** has the right to request the **cancellation** of the event (contrary to the JHB, the Jury no longer has the right to **terminate** the event). The decision to **cancel the event** is now taken by the FAI EB or its "representant" after consultation of the concerned NAC and ASC.

GS 4.9.1 Force Majeure

At any time, an event may be **suspended or cancelled** for reasons of force majeure.

GS 4.9.2 First Category Events

GS 4.9.2.1 Before the Event

The event may be **cancelled by the FAI** at any time before the date of event for reason of

- Persistent breach by the organiser, in the preparation of the event, to the undertakings given in the bid and/or failure to abide by the FAI regulations as well as reasonable directives or instructions
- Significant risk to the safety of the participants
- Incapacity of the organisers to establish and maintain financial viability
- Any other situation in which the safe and appropriate conduct of the event is no longer objectively warranted.
- The organiser shall be given a reasonable deadline to remedy the situation prior to cancellation.
- Should a cancellation be considered upon suggestion of the ASC, then the ASC President shall inform the FAI Secretary General. The issue may be forwarded to the FAI Executive Board.
- The decision to cancel is taken by the Executive Board and is always made in consultation with the ASC concerned.
- If a decision is made to cancel the event, the entry fees is returned in accordance with FAI Sporting Code General Section.
- A cancellation of the event is deemed to be a cancellation of the Organiser Agreement by the FAI.

GS 4.9.2.2 During the Event

In addition to being the chairman at jury meetings, the Jury President has the right to require the organiser to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event. **If the organiser fails to do so, the president of the jury has the power to interrupt the event until the situation has been reviewed by the jury. If the situation remains unsatisfactory, the jury has the right to request the cancellation of the event and give advice on the return of the entry fees. The decision to cancel the event and to return or not the entry fees is taken by the Executive Board or its representant after consultation of the concerned NAC and ASC.**

5. Review of SC01 document actions.

5.5.6.1 If an event does not take place, entry fees shall be returned in full ~~If the contest does not take place, is cancelled or stopped except for reasons of force majeure, entry fees shall be returned in full~~ by the organizing NAC.

5.5.6.2 If the event does take place, but for reasons of force majeure, it is cancelled or

stopped, unused fees, as determined by the CIA, shall be paid back. Before a cancellation decision is made, the CIA shall consult the FAI Secretary General who will inform and consult as necessary. Actions will be assessed on a case by case basis.

5.5.6.23 A competitor or a team which withdraws from an event after having had their entry accepted may be entitled to a full or partial refund of the entry fees paid, in accordance with criteria established by the CIA and/or the rules for the event. Such criteria must be clearly stated in the First Category event bid regulations issued by the CIA. ~~A competitor who or a team which withdraws from an event after having had their entry accepted may be entitled to a full or partial refund of the entry fees paid, in accordance with criteria established by the CIA.~~

5.6.1.2 The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of ~~at least two~~ competitors to each eligible NAC.

5.6.1.6 An organiser may invite one competitor as a “wild card” of their choice.

5.6.4.3 No NAC shall have more competitors than 10% of the total number of competitors the organiser is prepared to accommodate. The current medal holders, invited under rule 5.6.1.5 and the “wild card”, invited under rule 5.6.1.6 are not included in this limit.

5.10.3 In addition to being the chairman at jury meetings, the Jury President has the right to require the organiser to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event. If the organiser fails to do so, the president of the jury has the power to interrupt the event until the situation has been reviewed by the jury. If the situation remains unsatisfactory, the jury has the right to request the cancellation of the event and give advice on the return of the entry fees. The decision to cancel the event and to return or not the entry fees is taken by the Executive Board or its representative after consultation of the concerned NAC and ASC.

ANNEX 7 - FIRST CATEGORY EVENT BIDDING and SANCTION PROCEDURES.

1.2 World, or Continental Regional Championship - General:

~~Intentions to bid shall not be accepted more than six years before the year of the event.~~

Other minor editorial and formatting changes, along with renumbering the GS 2023 references that have changed.

6. Internal Regulation changes for 2023

As the 2022 version of the Internal Regulations were not published, the following approved change is included but not show as a change.

12.4 THE EUROPEAN HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

12.4.1 *The 1st Challenge Cup was donated in 1982 by the Luxembourg National Aeroclub.
The 2nd Challenge Cup was donated in 2021 by the Swiss Ballooning Association.*

3.2.3 Quorum

A minimum of twenty five percent of the delegates, appointed by FAI Members and approved by the FAI General Conference, must be present at any time if the acts of the meeting are to be valid.

This is defined as present in the room and being eligible to vote in a secret ballot.

Delegates on video link where the secretary has not initiated a procedure for secure electronic voting cannot be deemed to be present at the meeting.

3.5.1 Preparation

A detailed Agenda for each Commission meeting shall be prepared at the direction of the President and shall be sent to the FAI Secretariat in time to allow the distribution to all approved Commission Delegates and the FAI Members by the FAI Secretariat not later than forty five days before the date fixed for the meeting.

For new items to be added to the agenda, at least two-thirds of the voting Delegates present must agree.

The Commission's plenary meeting cannot make final decisions on items that do not appear on the agenda.

~~A detailed Agenda for each meeting shall be prepared at the direction of the CIA President, and shall be sent by the FAI Secretariat to all CIA members, as defined in IR para. 2.1, with the notice convening the meeting. The CIA Plenary Meeting cannot make final decisions on items that do not appear on the agenda~~

3.6.3 Any other business

The Chair shall ask the members near the start of the meeting to give written notice of any items they wish to raise.

A vote on such an item shall be based on the majority of votes of voting delegates present.

~~Any item not on the Agenda may be discussed only if agreed to by at least two thirds of the delegates present, and a vote on such an item shall be valid only if at least half of the vote carrying members are present~~

~~The Chair shall ask the members near the start of the meeting to give written notice of any items they wish to raise.~~

7.1.4 Sanction Fees Payment Procedures

Sanction Fees are due and payable upon first request by the FAI. ~~at the latest at the CIA Plenary Meeting where the sanction is granted.~~ Extensions of this deadline can only be authorised by the CIA President.

Sanction fees unpaid at that date invalidate the bid, and the CIA Bureau is empowered to consider any other rejected or new bid.

Sanction fee payments shall be made ~~to the~~ following FAI instructions. ~~account:~~

~~Bank data:~~

~~SWIFT CODE: CRES CHZZ 10A
Bank: Credit Suisse Private Banking
Rue du Lion d'Or 5-7
Case postale 2468
CH-1002 Lausanne, Switzerland
Bank A/C Name: Fédération Aéronautique Internationale
A/C Numbers: US\$: 0425-457968-32-1 IBAN : CH04 0483
5045 7968 3200 1
CHF :0425-457968-31 IBAN : CH65 0483 5045 7968 3100 0
EURO :0425-457968-32 IBAN : CH31 0483 0545 7968 3200 0~~

~~by International Money Transfer Order or SWIFT Transfer with the following remarks:~~

~~- CIA SANCTION FEE for (name of event), approved on (date)~~

~~- Without charge for the beneficiary~~

12.6 THE ALAN FRAENKEL & JOHN STUART-JERVIS MEMORIAL TROPHY

The brother of one Pilot, late Viktor Fraenckel, sponsored a special trophy to commemorate the two accomplished airmen that lost their lives.

In 2022 Victor Fraenckel asked to present this traveling trophy to the winning team of the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett to acknowledge the accomplishment and airmanship of the entire team.

7. 2023/2024 WG members and Chairperson

The WG recommends to approve the following members:

Chair: Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Members: Mark Sullivan (USA)
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
JC Weber (LUX)
Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

8. Summary of motions:

Motion 1:

That the Working group proposal for the change to the following rule be approved.

5.6.1.2 The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of competitors to each eligible NAC.

Motion 2:

That the Working group proposal for the change to the following rule be approved.

5.6.1.6 An organiser may invite one competitor as a “wild card” of their choice.

***The 10% rule (S1 5.6.4.3) does not apply for this invitation.**

Motion 3:

That the proposed changes to the Sporting Code Section 1 be approved as published.

Motion 4:

That the proposed changes to the Internal Regulations be approved as published.

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