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|  | **FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE  BALLOONING COMMISSION - CIA**  **2022 CIA Jury Board Meeting**  **Wednesday March 15, 2023, at 08:30**  **BLASER Swiss Lube HQ**  **Winterseistrasse 22, 3415 Hasle-Rüegsau (CH)** |

**Meeting Agenda**

**CIA Jury Board members:**

Chairman Jean Claude Weber (LUX) JWE

Members: Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) HA

Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Hiropon

Les Purfield (GBR) LPP

John Grubbstrom (SWE) JG

1. **Roll call, apologies for absence.**

The meeting will be a HYBRID session with a ZOOM presence allowed for JB members unable to physically join the meeting.

1. **Confirmed Event Juries 2023.**

**66th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett – 2023, Sion, Switzerland 31.08 – 09.09.2023**

* Pres.: JC Weber (LUX)
* Jakob Burkard (CHE)
* Sandor Hidas (HUN)

This event will not take place as planned. The event organiser having decided to “send back the sanction to the CIA”, the CIA Bureau has decided on January 10, 2023 to re-open the bidding process.

**5th FAI Women WHABC 2023, Northam (AUS) 02-09-09.2023**

* Pres.: Debbie Spaeth (USA).
* Hiromi Furukawa (JPN).
* Ruth Wilson (AUS).

**6th FAI Junior WHABC 2023, Grudziadz, Poland ~~22.09 – 27.09.2023~~ 21.08. – 26.08.2023**

* Pres.: John Grubström (SWE)
* Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
* Sandor Hidas (HUN)

Note: The Canadian CIA delegate has confirmed to the JB chairman that the 2023 North American HABC in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu in Canada has been cancelled by the event organiser.

1. **Nomination, confirmation and selection of event juries 2024.**

***67th Gordon Bennett, Germany*** *2024 Nominations welcome but not yet required*

***25th WHABC, Hungary*** *2024 Nominations required for the 2023 Plenary*

*Nominated Jurors’ Acceptance letters required*

*Note: The Jury Board Handbook states the following:*

***Organizing NACs, wishing to propose Jury Members for their event, must propose with the sanction application for their event*** *twice the number of approved Jurors (from the CIA's list of approved Jurors and qualified for the relevant category of event) than they wish to have on the Jury (six persons for a Jury of three, ten persons for a Jury of five).*

*The proposed* ***Jury Members’ written acceptance confirmations*** *should ideally be presented to the CIA Event Development Service (EDS) with the event sanction application, but* ***must be received by the*** ***CIA Event Development Service (EDS****)*

* ***for World- and Continental Championships at least 60 days before the CIA Plenary meeting the year before the year scheduled for the Event,***
* ***for all other CAT1 events, including the Coupe Gordon Bennett, at least 60 days before the CIA Plenary meeting the year of the event.***

*At the CIA Plenary meeting the year before the year scheduled for the Event, for World- and Continental Championships, and at the CIA Plenary meeting the year of the event, for all other CAT1 events, including the Coupe Gordon Bennett, the CIA Jury Board shall*

* *select from the proposed Jurors (if any) the eligible Jury President and Members, according to their qualifications, their experience, their availability and the number of Juries they served on during the previous two years,*
* *retain the non-selected eligible Jurors (if any) as alternate Jury Members to serve in case of necessary replacement,*

*If the organisers fail to propose any event Jury Members or if they fail to provide the proposed Jury Members’ written acceptance confirmations, the Jury Board shall select the Jury President and/or Jury Members from the CIA Approved Jurors list from all eligible juror levels, according to their qualifications, their experience, their availability and the number of Juries they served on during the previous two years,*

*The CIA Jury Board shall recommend the selected Jury and alternate Jury Members (if any) for appointment to the CIA Plenary.*

1. **New Juror and regrading applications**

**MAURY SULLIVAN (USA) Intermediate Level**

Maury Sullivan’s upgrading application for Intermediate Level was received and discussed during the ZOOM JB meeting on Dec. 22, 2022. It appears that Maury passed the tests with 97% but did not show protest hearing experience on his application. As this is an upgrading requirement, it was decided to table the application until the CIA JB meeting in March 2023.

LPP to write to Maury asking if he has any evidence of hearing a protest as Director, Deputy Director or Steward at a National or CAT 1 Event.

**SAKATA Shigeo (JPN) Entry Level**

Was requested on December 24, 2022 to provide his Application Form with the corrected required information and the signature of the CIA delegate from Japan.

Has been deleted from the CIA Approved Jurors List earlier this year for not replying to the JB’s request to declare wishing to remain active. He is now re-applying but without any new Test.

1. **Juror experience criteria**

In view of the growing recruiting problems, the lack of events and the lack of events with protests, the JB should consider to eventually update the criteria in order to adapt the experience requirement to allow for other kinds of experience to be considered. Discussion.

1. **Cancellation vs Termination issue**

The JHB states the following in respect of stopping and terminating an event:

***3.1. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JURY DURING THE EVENT***

***Sporting Codes and rules and regulations***

*The President of the Jury has the right to require the organizers to abide by the FAI Sporting Code and the published rules and regulations for the event. If the organizers fail to do so, the* ***President*** *has the right to* ***stop*** *the event until a Jury Meeting has considered the situation. The* ***Jury*** *has the right to* ***terminate*** *the event if the organizers fail to abide by the FAI Sporting Code or the published rules and regulations.*

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.

***4.9 SUSPENSION, CANCELLATION OF EVENTS***

***4.9.1 Force Majeure***

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

*The occurrences that could not be anticipated and which are beyond the reasonable control and spheres of responsibility of either the Organiser of an FAI Event or the FAI (or replace by any of the parties of an FAI Organiser Agreement). Such occurrences include but are not limited any abnormally inclement weather, flood, lightening, storm, fire, explosion, earthquake, subsidence, epidemic or pandemic or other natural physical disaster, war, military operations, riot, strike, terrorist action, civil commotion and any regulation or ruling of any relevant government, court or competent national or international authority and others events or occurrences of similar nature and impact, which objectively prevent the staging of the Event or the parties to perform their obligations.*

***4.9.2 First Category Events***

***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.*

***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.***

Discussion:

Does the FAI have the legal right to cancel an event? Or can the FAI only cancel the sanction for the event? Anyhow, as the decision to cancel (previously “terminate”) the event no longer rests with the event jury, it is suggested to adapt and update the JHB accordingly.

1. **Jury reports.**

*2021 Cat 1 Events Report Debriefing Protests*

**65th Gordon Bennett 2022** *Yes Yes None*

**24th WHABC 2022** *Yes Yes None*

Jury Reports and Event Debriefings for both events have been published on the CIA webpage.

Discussion if the EVENT DEBRIEFING REPORTS should be published with the Jury Reports.

1. **Action on recommendations in Jury Reports.**

JB chair requested the CIA Secretary on Dec. 24, 2022 to forward the Jury Reports and Event Debriefing Reports for the two events above to the following SCs and WGs for consideration and action:

* RSC and AA, AX, S1, Scoring WGs
* NTSC
* EDS
* CIA Event Organiser Support Subcommittee
* CIA Competitor Subcommittee

Discussion of actions or comments received.

1. **Changes in rules.**

Sporting Code, MER, FAI Statutes and By-Laws

Hiropon to report

1. **Jury Handbook update and discussion.**

Sporting Code GS and S1 modifications

JG to report

1. **Update of CIA jurors lists.**

* Update of CIA Jurors and Jurors Email lists
* Update of Jury Statistics / Names & Events file

1. **AOB**
2. **Next meeting.**
3. **Jury Board members 2023**

Suggested JB composition:

Chairman Jean Claude Weber (LUX) Jury Reports

Members: Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) Statistics: Jurors & Events

Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Communication : Jurors & CIA

Les Purfield (GBR) Jurors Testing

John Grubbstrom (SWE) Jury Handbook & Rules

EoD JWE Dec. 28, 2022