

2022 Event Development Service (EDS) Meeting Minutes

Rome -16th March 2022

Committee

Lindsay Muir (GBR) (chairman)

Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

Arkadiusz Iwański (POL)

Andrew Baird (USA) Chair, Competitors Sub-Committee

Maury Sullivan (USA) Chair, Event Organisers Sub-Committee

Apologies for absence

Debbie Spaeth (USA) - chairman PR sub-committee

Observers:

Zoltan Palhegy, Lynn Sullivan, Ricardo Aracil, Branko Ambrozic, Claude Weber, Cheri White, Lynn Sullivan, Tamas Baco, Sam Parks, Hiromi Fukukawa, Bengt Stener, Christoph Fraisl, David Gleed, Troy Bradley, Seb Eimmers, David Strasman

Review of 2021 Events

Despite COVID the events which took place in 2021 were successful (Junior Worlds, European Championship, Gordon Bennett Race).

Review of events sanctioned for 2022

World Championship, Slovenia (postponed from 2020)

First round of invitations is still open and closes at the end of April and seems to be progressing well. Due to the conflict in the Ukraine, the competitors from Russia and Belarus have been barred from taking part. It was very good to hear that the Americans have agreed to pay their entry fee of the Ukrainian pilot(s).

The Swedish pilots have lost their sponsor for the worlds due to the crisis in the Ukraine and are concerned that they may not be able to compete. It would be better if they made an entry and then withdrew.

The committee is concerned that any competitor who cannot compete as a direct consequence of the war in the Ukraine should not be penalised under rule 5.6.6.4 ("No Show").

65th Gordon Bennett Race, St Gallen, Switzerland

The invitation process appears to be progressing well.

Review of sanction applications for Sporting Events for 2022

21st Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfieres & 26st Coupe du Monde des Dames.
Central European Cup

The applications look complete and will be submitted to the Bureau for approval in line with Annex 7 of Section 1 of the Sporting Code.

Review of events sanctioned for 2023

- 6th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Poland
- 4th FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Australia – postponed from 2021

Both events have been sanctioned and there is little to say at the moment.

Review of sanction applications for 2023

Sanction applications have been received from Canada to host the 8th North American Hot Air Balloon World Championship. This event has not held since 1994 and was last held in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu in 1988.

An "Intension to Bid" has been received from the US for the 11th World Gas Balloon Championship. The proposal is to host this in Albuquerque. It was first staged in 1976 in Germany and last held in 2004 in Bitterfeld, Germany.

For information.

Section 1 of Sporting Code

- 5.3.2 *World Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.*
- 5.3.3 *Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent.*

Review of sanction applications for 2024 World Championship

Two applications have been received from Mallorca and Hungary. The Sanction applications are on the CIA Dropbox.

Spain

Dates: 15th - 20th October 2024

Entry fee: 1850 – 2500 euro

Max Number of Competitors – 100

NACs in 1st Round – 2

Number of rounds – 2

Director – David Bareford

Policy on entry fee refunds – No refund after closing dates

Entry Fees: All options include propane, opening & closing tickets for 4

Option 1 - 1850

Option 2 - 2500 Includes 6 nights hotel, all meals and drinks, parking

Option 3 - 2350. As in 2 but no drinks.

Szeged, Hungary

Dates 8th – 14th September 2024

Entry fee – 990 euro.

Director - Paolo Oggioni (ITA).

Max Number of Competitors – 115

NACs in 1st Round – 3

Number of rounds - 2

990 euro which includes:

Propane for 2 practice and for all task flights, electronic map, Opening Ceremony, dinner on the Awards Ceremony, breakfast, lunch for 4. Free camping facilities on the airport.

To be voted on by the delegates at the Plenary meeting.

Intension to bid

Intension to bid for the 2026 World Hot Air Balloon Championship received from Canada.

Committee members 2022-2023

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