**2023 Event Development Service (EDS) Meeting Minutes**

**Switzerland - 15th March 2023**

## **Committee**

Lindsay Muir (GBR) (chairman)

Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

Arkadiusz Iwański (POL)

Benoit Pelard (FRA)

David Strasman (GER)

Andrew Baird (USA) Chair, Competitors Sub-Committee

## Roll Call / Apologies for absence

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

Debbie Spaeth (USA) - chairman PR sub-committee (conficting meeting)

Observers:

Zoltan Palhegy, David Gleed, Sebastian Eimmers, Mark Sullivan, Sabu Ichiyoshi, Ricardo Aracil, Branko Ambrozic, Claude Weber, Cheri White, Tamas Baco, Christoph Fraisl, Eunyoung Roh, Branko, Balc Tamas, Bengt Stener, Christoph Fraisl, Troy Bradley

## Review of 2022 Events

### Worlds Championship, Slovenia

This event had been postponed from 2020 and was generally well organised. There were no obvious safety issues. The was a major hiccup with Watchmefly as the server crashed. Thankfully this issue was sorted out very quickly. There were a few negative comments about some of the tasks.

As the event was very flyable the propane cost to the organiser was very high.

### Gordon Bennett Race

The was an issue with the registration of one team which took quite a while to sort out.

Due to changing weather the launch period was bought forward but this went smoothly, and the race went well.

The promotion of the race was very good.

## Review of events sanctioned for 2023

#### 2023 European Hot Air Balloon Championship

There is no European Hot Air Balloon Championship as no host came forward.

#### Pre-World Championship

### There will be a pre-Worlds in 2023 and most of the officials at this event will also be at the Worlds. The event will be run using the Watchmefly. The invitations have been sent out and will accept 60 competitors.

* Dates: 7th -14th September 2023
* Location: Szeged, Hungary

### Junior World Championship, Poland

The event is currently in the first round of the invitation process, and it looks on course to fill all the available places. The organisers are happy with the way everything is progressing.

### Women’s Worlds, Northam, Australia (postponed from 2021)

The event is currently in the first round of the invitation process, but it does not look as if all the places will be filled. The is a lot of support from the organisers to find equipment, vehicles, crew etc. The organisers are happy with the way everything is progressing.

### Gordon Bennett Race

After Switzerland withdrew from being the host of the 2023 Gordon Bennett Race the CIA Bureau invited NACs to bid to run the event. They were given a very short time period to put a proposal together and there were 2 very competitive bids from Poland and the USA. After reviewing the bids it was finally decided to award the 2023 Gordon Bennett Race to the USA.

Albuquerque has hosted the Gordon Bennett Race in the past and annually runs a long distance gas balloon race.

The invitation process to the NACs closes at the end of March 2023.

* Dates: 6th -14th October 2023
* Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
* Event Director: Tomas Hora
* Entry fee: US $500

International Pilot Shipping/Lodging Allowance of $2000 USD & 14 Hotel Nights or $4000.00 USD-pilots secure own lodging.

## Review of events sanctioned for 2024

#### World Championship, Szeged, Hungary

Preparation for this event is running to schedule. There will be a pre-Worlds in 2023 and most of the officials at this event will also be at the Worlds.

* Dates: 8th – 14th September 2024
* Location: Szeged, Hungary
* Event Director: Paolo Oggioni (ITA).
* Entry fee: 990 Euro

Includes propane for 2 practice and for all task flights, electronic map, Opening Ceremony, dinner on the Awards Ceremony, breakfast, lunch for 4 persons/team, free camping facilities on the airport.

## Review of sanction applications for Sporting Events for 2025

### 2025 European Hot Air Balloon Championship

Austria has submitted a sanction application to host the 2025 European Championship.

* Location: Wieselburg, Austria. 17/08/2025 – 23/08/2025
* Entry fee: 450 Euro

Includes: Opening and award ceremony dinner for 4 people, pilot shirt, printed competition map.

Propane for training and competition is **“not included”.** Competitors will only pay the current purchase price at the time of the event.

* Event Director: Martin WEGNER (GER).
* Max number of competitors: 85 (includes medal holders).
* NAC pilot invitations in the 1st Round – 2 per country.

## Review of sanction applications for 2026

**NONE**

## Sanction Fees and Performance Bonds

The committee felt that there should be a review of the Sanction Fee and Performance Bond price structure.

## AOB

## Number of Invitations per NAC in the First Round

In 2022, a motion proposed by CSC, to fix the number of Invitations per NAC in the First Round to 2 in General World Championships was passed. There was a discussion to decide whether this should also apply to all category one events and if not, if there was some formula that could be developed to determine the number according to the total number of places available. No conclusion was reached.

## Committee members 2023-2024

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## Online Sanction Application Forms

For the last few years this sub-committee has been trying to set up and “on-line” sanction application form but without the expertise to do this. A suggestion has been made that this could be created in Watchmefly. The idea is that the Event Organiser could complete an “on-line” form with all the data, this will be reviewed by EDS and finalised before being available, firstly to other concerned committees / personnel (e.g. CIA Bureau, Jury Board, Safety sub-committee). Eventually, when the form is finalised and the event sanctioned, the event details could be visible to anyone on Watchmefly.

EDS has been presented with an estimate to develop this form and some associated links. The estimate for this work is AUS $5000.

**Motion 1**

We propose a motion to the CIA for AUS $5000 to invest in the development of an online sanction application management system in Watchmefly.

## Event Development Sub-Committee and Event Organisers Sub-Committee (EOS) merger

Following a discussion between the chairman of EDS (Lindsay Muir), the chairman of EOS (Maury Sullivan) and Claude Weber (vice-President) it was decided that the objectives of both sub-committees heavily overlapped and that it was better if the 2 merged.

## Motion 2

We propose a motion that Event Development Sub-Committee and Event Organisers Sub-Committee (EOS) merge to become 1 sub-committee.