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FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION (CIAM)



MINUTES

of the April 2011 CIAM Bureau Meeting
to be held at Maison du Sport International (MSI), Lausanne
on Thursday 14th April 2011 at 09.00 hours

In the chair: Mr Bob Skinner (South Africa)

Mr Dave Brown (USA)
Mr Gerhard Wöbbeking (Germany)
Mr Andras Ree (Hungary)

Mr Massimo Semoli (Switzerland)
Mrs Jo Halman (United Kingdom)
Mr Sandy Pimenoff (Finland)
Mr Ian Kaynes (United Kingdom)

Mr Bengt-Olof Samuelsson (Sweden)
Mr Michael Ramel (Germany)
Mr Tomas Bartovsky (Czech Republic)

Mr Horace Hagen (USA)
Mr Rob Metkemeijer (Netherlands)
Mr Narve Jensen (Norway)
Mr Emil Giezendanner (Switzerland)
Mr Marcel Prevotat (France)
Mr Srdjan Pelagic (Serbia)
Mr Guy Revel (Czech Republic)
Mrs Madelyne Delcroix (France)
Mr Ken Hirose (Japan)
Mr Mihail Zanciu (Romania)
Mr Marius Conu (Romania)
Mr Marian Jorik (Slovakia)

pt Mr John Grubbström (Sweden)

pt Mr Stéphane Desprez

Mr Jean-Marc Badan

President of CIAM

1st Vice-President
2nd Vice-President
3rd Vice-President
Treasurer
Acting Secretary
Technical Secretary
Honorary President
F1 Sub-Committee Chairman
FF World Cup Co-ordinator
F2 Sub-Committee Chairman
F3 Aerobatics Sub-Committee Chairman
F3 Soaring Sub-Committee Chairman
F3B/J World Cup Co-ordinator
F3C Sub-Committee Chairman
F3 Pylon Sub-Committee Chairman
F4 Sub-Committee Chairman
F5 Sub-Committee Chairman
F7 Sub-Committee Chairman
SM Sub-Committee Chairman
Media Consultant – WAG selection WG
Assistant to the Secretaries
Observer
Observer
Observer
Observer
FAI President
FAI Secretary General
FAI Sports Director

At 9:10 the President opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Bureau and a number of observers.

1 Review of Agenda

Additional items:

(a) The 2nd Vice-President wished to discuss a Code of Conduct for the bureau

2 Minutes of the December 2010 Bureau meeting

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted by the Bureau.

The action relevant to the harmonisation of F5D and F3D will continue.

There was a brief discussion about whether a particular dictionary needed to be specified for the definition of disputed words in the English language used in the Sporting Code. This dictionary could be specified in the Sporting Code. The Bureau considered this unnecessary.

The F3D Subcommittee Chairman will continue the discussion on how to make the F3D finals more interesting for the spectators. It is planned to have a “display day” of Pylon Racing at the 2011 World Championships.

The President asked the Subcommittee Chairmen to further evaluate the minimum standards for Championship sites and to provide information to produce the final document. The 2nd Vice-President suggested that it should be considered as a live document that will be evaluated and updated every year.

Regarding the FAI Licence database, the Technical Secretary believes an identified process is necessary so that the FAI is informed annually of the names of the World Cup Co-ordinators. A proposal will be prepared for the 2012 Plenary Meeting. In the meantime; the President instructed the Subcommittee Chairmen to properly update the FAI about this information.

The F3J subcommittee Chairman had not yet found a replacement for Mr Paolo Panfilo as F3J World Cup Co-ordinator. In the meantime, Mr Bartovsky will continue to act as the Co-ordinator.

This year a number of Championship Bulletin 0s were published by the organisers on their website prior to approval by the Bureau. The President did not think this particularly problematical as Bulletin 0 is unofficial as not yet approved by the Bureau. However, in order to avoid confusion, the 1st Vice-President suggested to change the format of the information. The 2nd Vice-President suggested a name change to “Provisional Information” and the addition of a clear statement that only after Bureau approval at its December meeting can this information be considered official.

The President asked to the Secretary and Technical Secretary to identify a proper process for the issue of provisional, unapproved Championship information.

**Action: Secretary and Technical Secretary
December Bureau Meeting**

3 Schedule of Plenary Meeting, Technical Meetings and Award Presentation

Only one door will be open at the auditorium for the entrance and registration of the Delegates. Jean-Marc Badan, FAI, confirmed that the documents sent by the Secretary to FAI office have been prepared. FAI staff will be at the Olympic Museum in advance at 08.30. Some concerns about the queue at the entrance of the auditorium has been expressed by the President and Jean-Marc Badan replied that, if required, alternative actions will be undertaken.

The Minutes of the various Technical Meetings will be given on a USB stick to the Technical Secretary who will forward them to the FAI for printing.

The F3 Aerobatic Subcommittee Chairman asked for clarification on the voting procedure at the Technical Meeting. Sandy Pimenoff reminded the Bureau that the final decision is taken by the Plenary and the voting of the Technical Meeting is just advisory regarding the strength of the recommendation of the Technical Meeting or Sub-Committee. The Technical Secretary requested that the standard template of the report of Technical Meeting be followed and had prepared a further specific document for the Subcommittee Chairman to use and to report abstentions as this gave an indication of the strength of a proposal. If this was not to be followed then at least the number of voting persons should be recorded for each item requiring a vote.

Some World Cup trophies were not collected last year, therefore, they should be given to the appropriate Delegates this year.

The Technical Secretary reminded the meeting that the naming of championships which have junior classification needs to be amended.

4 CIAM Secretary role

Sandy Pimenoff outlined the history to the situation of the removal of the CIAM Secretary by the FAI following the instruction of the Italian NAC to rescind Mr Semoli as Italian Delegate. Mr Semoli conforms to the FAI residency rules and is now a bona fide member of the Swiss Aero Club. The Swiss NAC fully supports his nomination as Secretary of CIAM and the Swiss Delegate can confirm this. Jean-Marc Badan confirmed that there was no contravention in this process.

In addition, it was clear that the Secretary has a lot of support, confidence and trust from the Bureau members.

The Secretary thanked the Bureau members for their support and confirmed his willingness to continue as CIAM Secretary.

5 CIAM Bureau Officers nominations and elections

Dave Brown notified the Bureau of his intention to resign at this year's Plenary Meeting. F3 Helicopter Sub-committee Chairman Mr Horace Hagen stated his intention to retire this year and will not stand for re-election.

6 Scholarship Approval (item 29 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

Nominations for two candidates were received and evaluated by the Selection Group:

- Oliver Witt (GBR) (F5D Pylon Racing)
- Tom Linwood (AUS) (F2D)

Oliver Witt received the majority vote of the Selection Group and Bureau acceded to the 2nd Vice-President, Mr Gerhard Wöbbeking's request that the Bureau confirm the decision to recommend Oliver Witt to the Plenary meeting as the first recipient of the CIAM Scholarship.

7 Reports of Subcommittee Chairmen

The F7 Subcommittee Chairman notified Bureau of a change in the F7 Subcommittee member list. A revised F7 Subcommittee Report will be published with the Minutes of the Plenary Meeting.

8 CIAM and IJMC. Jet Subcommittee (item 9 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The President reported that the answer received from the IJMC was completely adverse to what had been expected based on previous communications. IJMC is not interested in being a CIAM Sub-committee. IJMC wishes to remain entirely independent and

autonomous but, at the same time, wishes to be able to add "FAI" to their own Championships to gain financial advantages for IJMC pilots. At the moment the President does not see any immediate solution, however, he said that he will visit the next IJMC championship in the USA in August for a face-to-face meeting.

Jean-Marc Badan reminded the Bureau that CIAM is part of the FAI and that the FAI is available to help the Commissions.

The 2nd Vice President suggested that instead of a Sub-committee, a Jet category be created in F3 Aerobatics and a proposal to this effect is on the Plenary agenda.

The Technical Secretary cautioned the meeting regarding the structure of new and future classes within the Code.

A number of comments were made regarding the experience with the electric motors that are employed in many classes across the various categories.

9 CIAM Flyer status report. Emil Giezendanner, Editor

The President thanked Emil Giezendanner for the excellent job he does with the CIAM Flyer. 200 copies will be distributed at Plenary Meeting.

10 CIAM Treasurer's Report:

10.1 2010 Budget

The medals for the 2010 F2 World Championship (held in Hungary) have today been paid by the 3rd Vice-President. The medals for the 2010 F3A AOCC (held in the Philippines) will be paid in the next few days.

The final figure of last year's account balance will change slightly.

10.2 2011 Budget

CIAM has enough medals for 8-9 years.

A new stock of model specification certificates is required earlier than was anticipated and will cost approximately 1500 CHF.

In December, the Technical Secretary had requested the Sub-committee Chairman to notify her whether changes to the certificates were required but she did not receive any response. Even if there are no changes, the Technical Secretary requests that the Sub-committee Chairmen respond.

It was agreed to wait to see if there are any changes from the Plenary meeting and the specification cards will be updated as a consequential change as is the usual case.

The President asked each Subcommittee Chairman to provide the Technical Secretary of any changes required to their specific area of the certificates by the 1st of May 2011.

**Action: Sub-Committee Chairmen
1st of May 2011**

The certificates will be printed by the beginning of 2012.

10.3 2012 Budget proposal

The Budget Proposal is included in the Treasurer's report.

11 Sporting Code. Report by the Technical Secretary

Referring to item 16, Sporting Code and Related Items, of the 2010 December Bureau meeting:

- (a) As a consequence of a decision of Plenary 2010, World Cup rules may now include all the classes in the appropriate category - F1, F2, F3A, F3B, F3J, SM. Consequential changes may be needed to their World Cup rules. The Technical Secretary had not had replies from those Subcommittee Chairmen. The F3A Subcommittee Chairman said that there was an F3A World Cup proposal on the Plenary agenda.
- (b) The Technical Secretary will progress with the FAI in due course, the request for email confirmation back to the submitting authority of electronically submitted proposals.
- (c) The Technical Secretary's task of investigating non-international classes and the management process of the Code is still work-in-progress.
- (d) Specification Cards – taken under item 10, Treasurer's Report.
- (e) The Technical Secretary will prepare some proposals for the December Bureau Meeting.
- (f) Prompted by a query regarding F3B winches, the Technical Secretary will investigate how tolerances are expressed throughout the Code and will liaise with Mr Bartovsky, F3 Soaring Sub-committee Chairman.
- (g) Plenary proposals: The Technical Secretary asked Mr Wöbbeking if the German proposal for F3K 5.7.14 could be withdrawn as the rule exists in the 2011 edition of the ABR volume. This withdrawal was agreed.

The F1 Subcommittee Chairman remarked that the proposal for F1D had been presented in the wrong year. The Technical Secretary said that Finland submitted this as a clarification. The 3rd Vice-President said this could be negotiated during the F1 Technical Meeting.

12 Numbering system of technical volumes (item 17 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The Technical Secretary apologised that progress has not been made in the Working Group that she leads but this was solely because of workload and resources. She observed that the Working Group must not only look at the numbering of the rules but also at a full re-structuring of the Sporting Code that will eradicate the current anomalies and give a firm and logical base to our Sporting Code to support our sport in the future. She believes this task to be very complex and the project needs to be considered as longer term one. Of course the Code can always be improved but it has served CIAM well for a number of years and thus we can take the time to have it properly re-structured to avoid any major changes in the future.

The President suggested that it might be appropriate to consolidate the two Working Groups (championship/classes reduction and the re-structuring of the Code) into one Working Group. However, it was agreed that Mr Michael Ramel who was in the Championship/Classes Working Group also join the Code Restructure Working Group.

The 1st Vice-President stated that there is an overlap of the two Working Groups causing confusion. For him, restructuring is the key point; the numbering of classes and championship reduction are consequences of the re-structuring.

Mr Pimenoff emphasised that there should be a clear deadline otherwise it will be a never ending process.

The F1 Subcommittee Chairman indicated that he was prepared to withdraw the "paragraph re-numbering" proposal from the Plenary agenda after discussion at the F1 Technical Meeting.

The President requested the Code Restructure Working Group to produce a preliminary report for the December Bureau Meeting.

**Action: Code Restructure Working Group
December Bureau Meeting**

13 Anti-doping process (item 5 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The Technical Secretary is in contact with Mrs Segolène Rouillon at the FAI Office and can now report that the issue of Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) certificates for approved submissions is back on track and decisions are expected to be issued shortly after receipt of a TUE submission. Nevertheless a problem remains with the FAI rules where a TUE certificate, which contains sensitive information, is issued to the competitor but is also copied to his NAC, but the submission is required to be made by the competitor directly to the FAI. The Bureau does not think it is ethical to send a copy TUE certificate to the NAC.

Jean-Marc Badan will check to see if this is a WADA rule that has to be followed.

14 Review of Bureau Proposals

There are no Bureau proposals to be considered this year at the Plenary meeting.

15 F6 Sporting Code proposals approval process (item 16 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The F3 Soaring and F3 Aerobatics Sub-Committee Chairmen were tasked to define a process for checking F6 proposals prior to them being submitted by Bureau on behalf of the F6 Working Group for the Plenary agenda. In December 2010 they had checked the relevant proposals for the 2011 Plenary meeting and this will be the process for the future.

**Action: Technical Secretary
Annually**

16 2011 Contest Calendar. 2011 World and Continental Championships. 2012 and future World and Continental Championships.

16.1 The Secretary presented the status of the World and Continental Championships.

The F3A Subcommittee Chairman asked if it were possible to invite South Africa as an official team to a Continental Championship. The President replied that there is nothing against it as long as there are vacancies. However, the FAI regulations allow the combination of regions.

16.2 The Secretary asked if Bulletin 1 of the Scale World Championship to be held in Spain in 2012, and already approved by the Bureau, may be distributed. The President suggested to put it only on the organiser's website to be easily accessible. After voting, the Bureau approved distribution of Bulletin 1 now, and to re-distribute it at the beginning of 2012.

Jean-Marc Badan emphasised that the Sporting Calendar is on the FAI website and competitors can find all official information about championships.

16.3 The USA withdrew its offer for the 2014 F3J World Championship.

There is an offer from Serbia for the 2013 F1D Continental Championship.

17 Aeromodelling Medals status

Handled with the budget at item 10.

18 Bid Presentations (item 38.2 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The bid presentations are in hand.

19 Evaluation of World Cup contest locations (item 21.2 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The abuse of World Cup competitions being hosted in one country on behalf of a different country requires controlling.

The F1 and F2 Subcommittee Chairmen will provide a proposal for the 2011 December Bureau meeting. If the proposal is accepted by the Plenary meeting in 2012, then it will

become effective in 2013 and will, therefore, affect the World Cup submissions for 15th November 2012.

**Action: F1 and F2 Sub-Committee Chairmen
2011 December Bureau Meeting**

20 Championship Organisation – Organiser Agreement document

The FAI has a standard Organiser's Agreement (OA), which may be modified after discussion with competition organisers.

When the FAI receives the information of an accepted bid, its staff prepares the OA to hand out to the organisers for completion and signature. The FAI, therefore needs some basic information: place, date, organisers etc. For 2011, the FAI had not received the information in advance and as a result the OA are not ready for distribution at the Plenary meeting and will be mailed later. For next year the FAI has asked to have the information in a timely fashion to allow effective distribution.

The Secretary General emphasised that the OA helps when there are problems but it does not prevent problems. It is a legal protection for the FAI and the Commissions.

The 1st Vice-President reminded the meeting that in December 2010, the Bureau agreed that the FAI OA is too biased towards the rights of FAI and CIAM needs an OA tailored to suit its needs.

The 2nd Vice-President will work with the FAI on an OA that is acceptable to both sides. The FAI needs to be contacted regarding additional media coverage and they will endeavour to find a solution with Flying Aces.

By signing the Organiser's Agreement, the organiser is bound to comply.

21 Visit to Championship sites by Bureau (item 3.2 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

It has already been established that it is costly to have Championship site visits.

In December it was discussed how the Bureau can override a Plenary decision about the awarding of championships. CIAM needs to create a mechanism for the situations when a country cannot, for whatever reason, run the awarded championship but another country may be available to take over.

22 Reduction of number of classes or championships (item 16 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The 1st Vice-President reported that the Working Group had prepared a list of questions to reach a final conclusion regarding how to reduce the Championships to a manageable number.

The Technical Secretary suggested that we could think about rationalising the allocation of Championships; for example some classes run only a World Championship so listing a Continental Championship in alternate years for those classes is pointless. Perhaps new championships could be combined with other championships within the same category or run immediately after an existing championship to use the same set of judges, resources and infrastructure.

The Technical Secretary believes that CIAM classes need proven stable rules before being granted Championship status which is a two-step process in any case from provisional rules to official rules and then to Championship status. The “fast-tracking” of Championships has exacerbated the situation.

Mr Pimenoff said that saturation point had been reached in the number of Championships held each year and that CIAM needed to take action.

A mechanism where a class is taken out of the Championship listing if no nation has bid for it two years in a row may be a solution.

The Technical Secretary added that increasing the number of participating countries could be a way of self-limiting the number of Championships held.

Jean-Marc Badan will provide historical statistical information about competition entries to help CIAM to come to decision.

**Action: FAI Office
2011 December Bureau Meeting**

23 Limits of Championships costs (item 38.1 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

In the 2010 December Bureau meeting the F3A Subcommittee Chairman was mandated to prepare a proposal regarding F3A maximum entry fees and will pass it to the Secretary as soon as he has prepared it.

**Action: F3A Subcommittee Chairman
2011 December Bureau Meeting**

24 2009 F2 European Championship in Serbia – Status of refunds

Serbia has begun to refund the outstanding monies owed to five countries from the 2009 cancelled F2A & F2C European Championships. The final payments must be finalised by July.

Serbia has decided that all future bids will come from the NAC.

25 Composition of FAI Jury panels – Working group of I Kaynes, J Halman, A Ree.

A finalised proposal will be submitted for the 2012 Plenary agenda.

26 Judge List definition from Subcommittee Chairmen (item 3.2 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The appropriate Sub-committee Chairmen were required to analyse whether their class rules required amendment regarding the rotation of judges. The number of judges in the list may differ from class to class. The President instructed the Subcommittee Chairmen involved to prepare proposals by 15th November.

**Action: Subcommittee Chairmen
2011 December Bureau Meeting**

27 NAC nominations for judges and S/C members: modifications

Item removed.

28 FAI Jury members handbook (item 7.3 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The 1st Vice-President had been required to prepare text to be included in a potential CIAM Jury Handbook but had been unable to progress this.

The current edition of the FAI Jury Handbook dates from 2001. The Technical Secretary asked the FAI when a new edition might be issued as some points are out-dated. Jean-Marc Badan welcomed any suggestion to improve the Jury handbook.

The basic idea of the possible CIAM Jury Guide was to extend the responsibility and work of the International Jury especially prior to a championship.

The F5 Subcommittee Chairman said that it is not desirable for the FAI Jury to be involved in the organisation. The F3 Aerobatics Subcommittee Chairman replied that intention is for "quality assurance".

The F2 Subcommittee Chairman suggested that the FAI Jury Handbook should include the requirements of the specific Commissions.

The Secretary General drew the attention of the meeting to a possible conflict of interest if the "quality control" should be made by a person on the FAI Jury. The F7 Subcommittee Chairman suggested that the appropriate Subcommittee Chairman could be delegated for the quality control of a competition.

The Space Modelling Subcommittee Chairman stated that it is better for the FAI Jury to be proactive and transparent.

29 CIAM Webpage

The Secretary had briefly discussed with Jean-Marc Badan the problems with the Sporting Calendar and requested that a link on each of the future Championships, back to the "Bid Table" on the CIAM homepage would be very helpful.

The file repository is the focal point for all the documents but it is currently restricted to Bureau members. There may be a facility for open access under the new structure of the FAI website.

Jean-Marc Badan stated that the FAI is in the process of creating a new website and the intention is to publish the new online website in the spring. However, but the old server crashed few days ago. After 4-5 days of black-out the FAI website is working again but the Commission pages and links are being made available progressively.

The new website will have some of the features of the old website with very many new features, including various types of access across a number of fields and new collaborative tools with a regular public website and restricted sections.

In terms of CIAM's needs for the website, there is only a very limited time left to give feedback to FAI and the Secretary was appointed as the taskmaster for the project and Bureau members and Subcommittee Chairmen are requested to give their views/wishes to him. Jean-Marc Badan will meet with the CIAM Secretary in May to discuss CIAM's needs. The Secretary General urged CIAM to specify its needs and the FAI has the function need to implement them.

30 Special Awards (item 32 of Dec Bureau Meeting)

The President circulated a mock-up of the proposed "Bureau Award" that he had been tasked to design. The Bureau unanimously approved the design.

31 Dates for 2011 Bureau meeting and dates for 2012 Bureau and Plenary meetings

2nd and 3rd December 2011 - Bureau meeting

Thursday 19th April 2012 - Bureau meeting

20th -21st April 2012 - Plenary at the Mövenpick (the Olympic Museum will be closed for refurbishment).

32 Any Other Business

- 32.1 The 2nd Vice-President pointed out the importance of a code of conduct for the Bureau.

Recently CIAM had faced issues regarding (i) Serbia refunds, (ii) the CIAM Secretary role and (iii) the F3B Championship organisation (China).

The Delegates need a clear and fair explanation of any problem and the President may call upon the Vice-Presidents for help. The Vice-Presidents are always willing and available to help. The President asked the 2nd Vice-President to supply a proposal by December 2011.

**Action: 2nd Vice-President
2011 December Bureau Meeting**

- 32.2 Mr Pimenoff has recommended to the FAI Executive Board that the Commission Secretaries should be independent of their NACs during their term of office. Aviation world organisations such as IATA, ICAO, IFALPA all maintain this principle. Mr Pimenoff asked the FAI President to take this up with the FAI Executive Board and Mr Grubbstrom agreed to do so.

The FAI President said he appreciated the difficulty of Mr Semoli but reiterated that the FAI is in the service of NACS and if the NAC takes this sort of drastic action then it is similar to the withdrawal of the Sporting Licence. If a NAC withdraws support then the FAI has no choice but to do what it did. It went on to try to find new solutions to the problem. The principle is likely to be discussed at the ASC Meeting in an effort to avoid a similar situation in the future.

Mr Semoli agreed that the NAC has priority but the decision very adversely affected the work of a Commission. In principle he should have resigned his CIAM Secretary post immediately he was removed as Delegate but that would have been catastrophic for CIAM so continued to work.

The CIAM President endorsed these comments and thanked again all the people who helped to solve this painful situation.

- 32.3 The FAI President announced that the FAI and the Executive Board are intending to organise in 2014/15 an Airsport Conference week in October to coincide with the ASC Conference. It is proposed that all the ASCs meet at the same time and place, with an airshow, seminars and meetings including the Plenary Meetings with a big conference on the Friday and Saturday. This would be huge event but it is problematical because currently the ASCs meet at different times. FAI requested CIAM's views.

It takes 180 man days a year to service the ASCs and one week in one place would be more economic and easier for FAI to accomplish. The vision is that this will be an annual event.

The Secretary General explained that the organisation of all the Commission takes huge resources for the FAI staff all through the year and this idea means that the whole FAI staff could be used during this week and have more time the rest of the year to develop FAI.

The 1st Vice-President said this would present FAI with a good opportunity for strategic development of FAI: where it wants to go and how to get there. the visibility would be much bigger. We can then see where we want the airsports to go and not seeing where the airsport take us.

- 32.4 With the current naming strategy for Championships there are now duplicated names for some categories' Championships.

Jean-Marc Badan warned CIAM to be careful with the names of championships which have to be understandable to most of the people. It was agreed that the F designation could be applied as a sub-title to the Championship name. This would be enough differentiation for the competitors and cognoscenti while not detracting from the marketing name. The 2nd Vice-President thinks there are different views between FAI and CIAM: our sportsmen want to know what class championship it will be and the public wants to have an understandable name.

Jean-Marc Badan advised against having the Championship naming rule in the Commission's Sporting Code as it is too difficult to change.

Jean-Marc Badan will make a proposal for an amendment of rules for naming to the Executive Board but CIAM needs to generate the proposal first.

The President closed the meeting at 17:50