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# Minutes

of the Annual Meeting 2011 of the  
**FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)**

**held at the Hotel Mercure Kapuzinerberg  
in Salzburg, Austria  
on 19 th November 2011**

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## **1. Welcome and Roll Call of the Delegates**

The meeting of the General Aviation Commission (GAC) was called to order on Saturday, 19th November at 08:30 by the GAC acting President Mr. Vagn Jensen.

He also welcomed Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General.

Mr. Vagn Jensen asked the delegates for a minute of silence to honor friends who had passed away since the last meeting, including Mr. Hans Gutmann GAC President (Austria) and Mr. Waclaw Wieczorek (Poland).

A roll call of the delegates was taken by Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General.

The following five proxies were approved: Belgium to Luxemburg, and Portugal to Spain, Canada to USA, Finland to Denmark, Greece to Cyprus.

For the record, it was noted there were 28 votes present, including proxies.

This means for the voting: the absolute majority is 15 votes and 2/3 majority is 19 votes.

Apologies received from the GAC Honorary President Sven Hugosson.

The president asked if anyone wished to make a declaration of a conflict of interest, Spain declared a possible conflict of interest for the Technical Adviser for GNSS.

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

## **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in Lausanne Switzerland on 30 October 2010 were approved as written.

## **4. Report on GAC Activities during the Year**

Mr. Jensen congratulated Janos Benedek from Hungary for their success at the 8th FAI European Rally Flying Championship held in Dunakeszi (Hungary), 29 August - 03 September 2011. He thanked the organizers and all who participated in the event.

He also congratulated South Africa and gave special thanks to Tony Russell and his team for a well organized 20th FAI World Precision Flying Championship held in Brits (South Africa), 23-29 October 2011.

Mr. Jensen attended the FAI General Conference and the CASI meeting, in Belgrade (Serbia). He asked the Secretary General to go in to more detail in his report.

He thanked the President of Honor Pedro Cabañero for his advice and also Jiri Dodal for his ability to help in a difficult period. (See annex 4)

## **5. Report on FAI Activities during the Year**

Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General, reported on various FAI activities during the year.

The status of CIACA (*Amateur Build and Experimental Aircraft Commission*) is upgraded from a Technical to an Air Sport Commission. The CIACA is now in position to organize their own competitions.

Potential overlaps with CIMA's and GAC's areas of activities will be clarified.

The World Air Games will not take place in 2013 due to lack of bids.

The cycle for the WAG is extended to 4 years and the next WAG slot is in 2015, to avoid interferences with World Games (every 4 years too, next event in Cali, Columbia, in 2013).

Improving visibility of FAI activities and sports events for the press, the media and the public is very important. This is a prerequisite for having more countries and organizations interested in presenting bids for WAG and international championships. (See Annex 5).

## **6. Past International Competitions**

### 8th FAI European Rally Flying Championship 2011, Dunakeszi (Hungary)

Pedro Cabanero, Jury President, tabled his report on a very successful championship. (see annex 6). The report from Championship Director, Janos Benedek (Hungary), is available in annex 6.1.

### 20th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2011, Brits (South Africa)

Andrzej Osowski, Jury President, tabled his report on a very successful championship. (see annex 6.2).

The reports from the International Chief Judge, Paul Szameitat (Austria), as well as the report from the Championship Director, Tony Russell (South Africa) are available in annexes 6.3 & 6.4.

## **7. Subcommittee Reports**

### Air Navigation Race Subcommittee

Maurice Ducret, chairman of the Air Navigation Race Subcommittee, reported on the activities during the past year (see Annex 7.1). He noted that Germany organized the first ANR competition and it was a great success. He also mentioned the new and user-friendly ANR software. The software and user manual will be on the FAI website.

The first international introduction of the ANR will be held in Spain at the WRFC 2012.

### Precision Flying Subcommittee

Jirí Dodal, chairman of the Precision Flying Subcommittee, proposed several changes to the rules and regulations for Precision Flying (see Annex 7.2). The proposed changes were approved.

### Rally Flying Subcommittee

Andrzej Osowski, chairman of the Rally Flying Subcommittee, presented his report (see Annex 7.3). He also proposed some changes to the rules and regulations for Air Rally Flying (see Annex 7.3a). The proposed changes were approved.

### Records Subcommittee

Art Greenfield, chairman of the Records Subcommittee, proposed several changes to Section 2 of the FAI Sporting Code. The proposed changes were approved and will take effect from 01 January 2012 (see Annex 7.4).

At the last CASI meeting, a motion was passed unanimously to request GAC to adopt electrically-powered aircraft records within the Sporting Code section 2, as soon as possible.

The 5 week delay between CASI meeting and GAC meeting was not sufficient for an impact study and the item was not put at the GAC agenda.

The discussion about a fast track process of adoption showed that the impact study is a prerequisite, and a written procedure in between two plenary meetings is not an official FAI procedure.

Thus, Art Greenfield is in charge of studying the impact of the adoption of electrical-powered aircraft in the Section 2. The adoption, which will be based on Art's report, is delayed for one year, until the next GAC plenary meeting.

#### Around subcommittees reports.

Comments and requests by participants, around reports and proposals by subcommittees, were about (among others):

- Is hardening of penalties in international championships discouraging participation from low-experienced people?
- Some large countries have no pilots participating to any of Precision Flying / Air Rally championships.
- Some countries have no pilots attempting world records.
- Some countries which are interested in Precision and Rally have already organized some national championships. They would be delighted to get some help and advice to set up categories and adapted competitions for their national pilots even for those with no experience in flying competitions.

## **8.Future International Competitions**

### 18th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2012

There were two interested countries to host the 2012 WRFC namely Poland and Spain. It was decided that Spain will host the WRFC in 2012 and Poland in 2014.

Pedro Cabañero tabled the final bid to host the 18th FAI World Rally Flying Championship at Castellon Spain from 2 to 9 September 2012.

The local Rules and Regulations were approved and accepted. (See Annex 8)

### Hans Gutmann Memorial Flight June 2012

Jean Birgen from Luxemburg will be arranging a Hans Gutmann Memorial Rally. More details will be announced as soon as possible.

### 21st FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2013

Ralf Grunwald, delegate from Germany, gave a presentation for hosting the 21st FAI WPFC 2013, in Brand from the 9 to the 15 September 2013.

The final bid will be tabled at the next GAC Meeting.

### 9th FAI European Rally Flying Championship 2013

The delegates from Slovakia expressed an interest in holding the 9th FAI European Rally Flying Championship in 2013.

The final bid will be presented at the next GAC meeting.

### 18th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2014

Andrzej Osowski presented the local rules and regulations for the 19th FAI World Rally Flying Championship to be held in Torun Poland. (See Annex 8.1 )

The final bid will be tabled at the GAC meeting 2013.

## **9. Finances**

### Treasurer's report

Jirí Dodal, GAC Treasurer, reviewed the income and expenditures during 2010-2011 (see Annexes 9.1). The report is approved.

### Budget for 2012

Mr. Dodal also presented the proposed budget for 2012. The budget is amended in plenary meeting and approved. (See Annex 9.2)

## **10. Technical Representative Reports**

### Webmaster's report

Mr. Hans Schwebel reported for Mr. Chris Booyen, GAC webmaster (see Annex 10.2).

### Technical Advisor's report

Hans Schwebel reported for Mr. Jan Hanekom, GAC Technical Advisor, GNSS (See Annex 10.1).

No new loggers were approved.

France and Spain tabled a complaint that the testing of new loggers takes too long.

Spain declared that Jan Hanekom has a possible conflict of interests to approve new loggers, as Mr. Hanekom is a logger manufacturer and the only remaining expert from the original group of GAC experts.

The German delegate volunteers as a new expert.

The proposal to have a fast track procedure for approving the loggers, by written procedure after completion of the testing of the loggers, is discussed and rejected. The grounds for rejection are: this is not an official FAI procedure and there is a risk of having absent delegates not in agreement with a decision (for written procedure) made in the plenary meeting.

This is an issue for the GAC. The decision-making procedures seem no longer tuned with the actual pace of development in new technology and new green industry (GPS, electrically-powered aircrafts ...) to meet requirements of competitors or record pilots.

The Secretary General invited the GAC to make proposals for improving the decision-making procedures for example at the next Air Sport Commission Presidents meeting, or directly to the Executive Board.

## **11. Awards**

### Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

The Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma is awarded to Edward Bolen (USA).

## **12. Other Business**

The President asked the delegates if there was any other business to discuss, and there was none.

## **13. Elections & Appointments**

The commission held elections with the results as follows:

### Election of Bureau

President	Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas
1st Vice President/Secretary	Mr. Hans Schwebel
2nd Vice President/Treasurer	Mr. Janos Benedek

Immediately after being elected as the new President of GAC, Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas nominated Mr. Vagn Jensen as GAC President of Honour. The delegates then elected Mr. Jensen as President of Honour.

### Election of Subcommittee Chairmen

Precision Flying Subcommittee	Mr. Rodney Blois
Rally Flying Subcommittee	Mr. Andrzej Osowski
Air Nav Race Subcommittee	Mr. Maurice Ducret
Records Subcommittee	Mr. Art Greenfield

### Election of Technical Representatives

CASI	Mr. Jean Birgen
FAI Environmental Commission	Mr. Henry Lindholm
World Air Games Liaison Officer	Mr. Heini Schawalder
Webmaster	Mr. Chris Booyesen
Technical Adviser, GNSS	Mr. Ralf Grunwald
Technical Adviser, Long Range Air Racing	Mr. Jean Birgen

### Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges

The Secretary noted that the Jury and Judge lists are not up to date. The old lists are circulated to participants for update during the meeting.

The new lists are available. (See Annex 13)

## **14. Date and Time of the Next GAC Plenary Meeting**

Mr. Jensen noted that it would require a 50% majority vote to hold the next GAC meeting outside of Lausanne (Switzerland) and that Cyprus wished to host the meeting in 2012.

The delegates voted to hold the next meeting in Larnaca (Cyprus), 1-4 November 2012.

## **15. Adjournment**

Mr. Jensen congratulated the new committee

The new President Jean-Pierre Delmas thanked the delegates for their confidence.

Mr. Jensen adjourned the meeting at 16:45.

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