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# Minutes

of the  
**Annual Meeting**  
of the  
**FAI Amateur Built & Experimental Aircraft  
Commission (CIACA)**

held in Lausanne,  
Switzerland  
**on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

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## 1. Introduction and welcome

Opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed the delegates to the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission. He extended a particularly warm welcome to Rob Hughes, FAI Senior Sports Manager who attended the meeting as the FAI Headquarters representative.

The following delegates were in attendance:

### President:

- Alfons HUBMANN (Switzerland)                      CIACA President

### CIACA Delegates:

- Hermann EIGNER (Austria)                      2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

- Catherine DARTOIS (France)                      1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

- Christian TEUBER (Germany)                      Delegate

- Ridvan OZDEMIR (Turkey)                      Delegate

- Batuhan MUMCU (Turkey)                      Observer

- Elaine FECHER (Germany)                      Secretary

### FAI Representative

- Rob HUGHES                      FAI Senior Sports Manager

## 2. Apologies for absence, proxies, conflict of interest

An apology for absence had been received from Werner Maag, Switzerland. No proxies had been received and no conflicts of interest were expressed.

## 3. Minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> CIACA meeting

The President thanked Mrs. Fecher for her help in preparing the minutes. No corrections have been received and the minutes were approved by the delegates. The agenda for the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting was also accepted unanimously with no items being added.

## 4. Actions pending from previous meetings

**Action 1-2012:** Mr. Roenn (Sweden) did not supply the general information on the possibilities of EU funding for educational and social initiatives and thus

**Action 2-2012:** Alfons Hubmann is going to distribute access information to CIACA members today.

**Action 3-2012:** The sporting codes are dealt with in a separate section below (Section 11).

**Action 4-2012:** Information has now been posted on the website. However, as funds are still not available and no request for a brochure has been received by the President, no brochures have yet been printed.

## **5. CIACA President report**

Mr. Hubmann informed the delegates that he has built up a close working relationship with the FAI during his efforts to establish CIACA as a Sporting Commission, emphasising sporting codes and records. He represented CIACA at the General Conference in Antalya, Turkey in October 2012 and once again gave a presentation as still many of the representatives at the conference are unaware of the role of CIACA. He is also continuing to work closely with EAS Europe Air Sports and EFLEVA European Federation of Light, Experimental and Vintage Aircraft.

The three working groups which were established at the last meeting have proved varyingly successful. The educational and social initiatives group to be chaired by Carl Roenn has not yet got off the ground. Catherine Dartois started to collect and distribute programmes / sporting code sheets for fly-in competitions. Hermann Eigner has been looking for new power sources and technologies; he has been in discussing these items every two to three weeks with Alfons Hubmann, who is involved in the SolarImpulse programme and is therefore involving in sporting codes for world records and flying competitions.

In the FAI, there are approx. 100 national aero clubs of which only approx. 30 have named CIACA delegates. It is the President's goal to double this number to 60 within the very near future.

## **6. FAI General Conference 2012**

The General Conference 2012 was held in Antalya, Turkey. Rob Hughes informed the delegates that the minutes and all relevant documents are available on the FAI website.

The major changes which have taken place in the past year are in the financial sector. Accounts have been consolidated and it is hoped to turn around the loss made in 2011 (ca. CHF 168,000.--) to a profit in the near future.

There has also been a change in strategy with more emphasis being put on regional management and the establishment of a South & East Asian and a South America group.

Excepting CIACA, all the technical commissions have now been replaced by expert groups which are called upon as and when the situation requires.

A commercial company, FAME, has been set up to deal with air sports marketing and special events.

A data base overhaul is also planned which will mean that sporting licence verification will be possible via a central system. It should eventually be possible to print out the licences using this central system but as this is a source of income for the NACs, it may take some time in coming.

Breitling has been named as one of the major FAI sponsors; in some areas it has indeed a monopoly (watch and jewellery during world/continental events).

There have also been changes at the FAI office with Rob Hughes taking on the post of Senior Sports Manager and Annick Hauser his assistant. A new IT manager has also been appointed (Visa-Matti Leinikki).

## **7. World Air Games (WAG)**

WAG were originally planned for 2013. However, due to the present economic situation, no country could be found to host WAG in 2013. It was thus decided to postpone WAG until 2015. This also has the effect of not co-inciding with the World Games.

The initial bidding process for WAG 2015 has been opened and to date 2 proposals have been received. The procedure will enter the second phase mid-June. The CIACA delegates expressed the need to know as quickly as possible where the WAG 2015 will take place as appropriate national competitions have to be organised so that candidates are available to participate in the WAG. The WAG organisation itself also needs time. The general programme presented in Turin can be used as a base but the competitions have to be adapted to local conditions.

## 8. CIACA Awards 2011

**Phoenix Diploma**                      No nominations received

**Phoenix Group Diploma**              No nominations received

**Henri Mignet Diploma**              1 nomination : Jean Pierre Marie & Jean Pierre Delage, FRA : JPM 03 Loiret

Catherine Dartois presented this nomination (cf. accompanying file) and the delegates voted unanimously to award the Henri Mignet Diploma to Jean Pierre Marie and Jean Pierre Delage for the JPM 03 Loiret.

## 9. CIACA Educational and Social Initiatives

Carl Roenn, Sweden, had offered to supply general information on the possibilities of EU funding in this field but, unfortunately, the President has not yet received his report.

National organisations should continue to try to establish such initiatives as they are a very potent means of bringing the pleasures of amateur-building and flying to the younger generation.

## 10. New technologies and their progress for aviation

Hermann Eigner informed the delegates that 2012 has seen few new projects in this field. He showed the delegates a few short videos, including the maiden flight of e-volo (multicopter) and Equator Aircraft, an electrical amphibian. Little progress has been made with hydrogen-fuelled aircraft due to the dangerous nature of the fuel. Mr. Eigner will continue to monitor progress and report back to the Commission at the next annual general meeting.

Alfons Hubmann informed the meeting of developments in the flexible solar cell field and showed examples from Switzerland.

## 11. FAI Sporting Codes for CIACA events

Catherine Dartois gave a presentation on the work she had done on sporting codes since the last annual general meeting. As the work load was very large, Ms. Dartois concentrated on judging standards for just one group - eco championship, based on French RSA rules - which could easily be adapted to cover electrical challenges.

Mr. Hubmann thanked Ms. Dartois for the work done but suggested that emphasis should initially be put on setting up records, particularly in the solar sector, as Solar Impulse is at present carrying out several flights which could be record-worthy.

A discussion arose on definition difficulties. Christian Teuber raised the problems of the ornithopter - human-powered, rotorcraft - and the fact that several new technologies are partially covered by existing sporting codes developed by other commissions. Another definition problem is the difference between electrical and solar flight. Rob Hughes suggested that the CIACA working group should contact the FAI sporting codes experts to clarify the situation.

Mr. Hughes then went on to inform the delegates that 2 sporting codes already existed (solar and human-powered) which were run by CASI but which could be taken over by CIACA. All it requires is an official request. The delegates requested the President to make an official request to CASI for these sporting codes.

**ACTION 1: Alfons Hubmann**

According to Mr. Hughes both codes are excellent and could be used as templates for other categories within the scope of CIACA. He also suggested that the working group chaired by Ms. Dartois should concentrate on just one set of rules at a time as setting up a code is very hard work. Any new sporting code must fulfil the general rules set down by the FAI.

It was agreed that the working group chaired by Ms. Dartois should continue the work on the sporting codes and that Mr. Hubmann and Ms. Dartois would regularly exchange news and ideas on their work on records.

#### **ACTION 2 : Catherine Dartois & Alfons Hubmann**

### **12. Update on other relevant bodies**

Mr. Hubmann informed the delegates that a close working relationship exists with EFLEVA when dealing with regulatory matters in Europe. He also has profitable contacts to national associations. CIACA delegates well represented and actively involved in ELFEVA and still occupy two seats in EAS working group where numerous political and general problems are discussed.

### **13. Public relations**

Competitions and records need to be promoted at CIACA / FAI and national organisation level. Political aspects need to be dealt with at national / local level as these vary with the country and region. Involvement in educational and social initiatives as well as pilot training are the best way to bring our sport closer to our communities.

Promotions using the FAI website are co-ordinated by Faustine Carrera. The rights of all videos/photos displayed on the website belong to the FAI.

### **14. CIACA budget 2013 - 2014**

Mr. Hubmann informed the meeting that CIACA now has a budget. For 2013 it is CHF 5800.-- and will be used primarily to cover the costs of the President's attendance at the General Conference. As CIACA does not generate any income at the moment, the budget is financed by the FAI. In the long-term, the Commission hopes to finance itself through money raised from competitions.

A budget of CHF 6300.-- for 2014 was agreed by the FAI General Conference.

### **15. Date and place of next meeting**

The 39<sup>th</sup> CIACA meeting will take place in Friedrichshafen on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and will be organised by the OUV, Germany.

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Approved by Alfons Hubmann

Accompanying files:  
Nomination Henri Mignet Diploma, JPM 03 Loiret