Minutes

of the Bureau Meeting of the FAI Aeromodelling Commission

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on 7th April 2016
Issue 1
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held at Maison du Sport International (MSI), Lausanne

on Thursday 7th April 2016 at 09.00 hours

In the chair: Mr Antonis Papadopoulos (Greece)  

President of CIAM  

Mr Bruno Delor (France) 1st Vice-President  
Mr Narve Jensen (Norway) 2nd Vice-President  
Mr Andras Ree (Hungary) 3rd Vice-President  
Mr Massimo Semoli (Switzerland) Treasurer  
Mr Kevin Dodd (Australia) Technical Secretary  
Mr Ian Kaynes (United Kingdom) F1 Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Peter Halman (United Kingdom) FF World Cup Co-ordinator  
Mr Michael Ramel (Germany) F2 Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Tomas Bartovsky (Czech Republic) F3 Aerobatics Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Dag Eckhoff (Norway) F3 Soaring Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Rob Metkemeijer (Netherlands) F3B/J World Cup Co-ordinator  
Mr Emil Giezendanner (Switzerland) F3C/N Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Johan Ehlers (South Africa) F3 Pylon Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Emil Giezendanner (Switzerland) Acting as F4 Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Tomas Bartovsky (Czech Republic) F5 Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Srdjan Pelagic (Serbia) SM Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Gerhard Wöbbekeing (Germany) Education Sub-Committee Chairman  
Mr Marius Conu (Romania) Observer  
Mr Ken H. Hirose (Japan) Observer  
Mr Tom Erik Sorensen (Norway) Observer  
Mr Suzuki Takashi (Japan) Observer  
Mrs Annick Hauser p.t. FAI Assistant Sport Manager
The President opened the meeting at 09.00 and welcomed the members of the Bureau and observers.

**Meetings Procedurals**

1. **Agenda Review**
   The CIAM secretary reported that some applications for FAI Championships bids were provided after the required due dates by some NACs. An item 3b to the agenda will be added for the relevant discussion.

2. **Minutes of the December 2014 Bureau meeting**
   No comments/remarks were offered and the Minutes were accepted.

3. **a) Schedule of Plenary Meeting, Technical Meetings and Awards Presentation Ceremony**
   The CIAM Secretary, Mr Massimo Semoli, displayed his Plenary Meeting PowerPoint presentation for review by the CIAM Bureau.
   The Technical Meetings locations were assigned but they can be adjusted later in accordance with the number of attendees for each meeting. For the time being, 67 persons have been registered as attendances from a total of 48 countries with 4 proxies.

   **b) Championships bids issue**
   Some NACs provided late, after the due date, the necessary documents for participating in the 2017 and 2018 FAI Championships bids at this year’s Plenary Meeting.
   After considerable discussion, it was agreed that:
   - the NACs with documentation received after the require date cannot be included in bids if other NACs who presented documentation on time are bidding.
   - when a NAC with late documentation is the only bid, the approval to allow the bid to proceed, will be voted on by the Plenary.

   **c) CIAM Drone activity**
   FAI is member of JARUS in EASA, FAI body will oversee the Drones activity. Previously FAI asked CIAM to manage the Drones activity and CIAM accepted this task.
   Based on this, the CIAM President suggested a CIAM subcommittee be formed for managing drones, which Bureau approved. It was suggested that if the Plenary Meeting approves the new subcommittee, it could start on the first of January 2017 and the NACs can propose the names to be elected next year.
   The name of “Drone” is any model aircraft used for recreational use. Therefore, the term “Drone” has to be used carefully and a proper name has to be chosen. The Bureau prefer to use F8 instead of F3, the Plenary Meeting can propose a name as well.

4. **CIAM Bureau Officers nominations and elections**
   The F1 Free Flight, F3 RC Aerobatics, F3 RC Soaring and F3 RC Helicopters, Subcommittee Chairmen confirmed they intend standing for re-election. The Space and Education Sub-Committee Chairmen notified their intention not to stand for re-elected.
   The CIAM President thanked Mr Johan Ehlers who took the role of “Acting as F4 Sub-Committee Chairman” in substitution of Mr Graham Kennedy who was not able to continue with the role.

5. **Open Forum about “Live Scoring Systems” and “Drones Activities under CIAM”**
   The first section should take 20 minutes with the presentation of the Live Scoring Systems developed by Ukrainian organisation “Nosphere” and by Switzerland organisation (Mr Bernhard Schaden) which supported the F3P competition at 2015 WAG in Dubai.
   The second section will be presented by the First Vice-President who prepared a PowerPoint presentation. It will be explained what FAI/CIAM have done with Drones so far and what is required in the future to overcome concerns and possible problem areas with Drones.
6 Date for 2016 December Bureau meeting. Dates for 2017 Bureau and Plenary meetings
Bureau Meeting: The December Bureau meeting will take place at Lausanne on the 2nd and 3rd December 2016.

Post Meeting Note:
The FAI Head Office confirmed the following dates:
Bureau Meeting: 27th April 2017
Plenary Meeting: Friday and Saturday 28nd & 29nd April 2017

WAG 2015

7 Evaluation
The CIAM president will present a report at the Plenary Meeting.

Last week, FAI performed a two-day workshop with the aid of a facilitator company from Germany. The goals were to identify improvement for managing future WAGs. 23 NACs were present. The first day was devoted to receiving comments from Delegates and the second day workshoped ideas and comments which could be incorporated into having WAGs similar to Dubai in the future.
The key factors identified are:

- Clear and defined starting and end of the event
- Attract media and spectators
- Totally visibility of the event
- Increasing interesting videos (like camera on board)
- Cost Analysis

Another meeting will be held in June at FAI and the CIAM President asked the Bureau for suggestions to take to this meeting since the CIAM Presence at 2015 WAG in Dubai was successfully.

Mr Gerhard Woebbeking proposed to run competition for children. Mr Dag Eckoff proposed to use only one hotel for the lodging for all nations.

Reports

8 Reports of Subcommittee Chairmen
The reports are available as Plenary Meeting Agenda Annexes.
Peter Halman reported the F2C noise reduction process is going on as planned.
Dag Eckoff informed that the F3N activity is not in the report but it will be next year.
Ian Kaynes informed that the ranking report will be included next year.

9 CIAM Flyer Status Report. Emil Giezendanner, Editor
The CIAM President thanked Mr Giezendanner for his continued excellent work on the CIAM Flyer. Copies of the CIAM Flyer will be available at the Plenary meeting.

10 CIAM Treasurer’s Report:
10.1 2016 Budget
Income and Expenditure are in the report annexed to the Plenary Meeting Agenda.
No missing payment relevant to the Championships medals.
Mr Dag Eckhoff asked to inform about the budget costs of the future WAGs.
10.2 2017 Budget Proposal
It was presented on the screen. No comments and the Bureau approved.

10.3 Any other
The CIAM Treasurer will send his report to the delegates before the beginning of the Plenary Meeting.

11 Sporting Code. Report by the Technical Secretary
The Technical Secretary informed that there were 15 World Records and for one of them the record man had no FAI license.
Mr J. Ehlers informed that the South African proposal will be withdrawn at the Plenary meeting.

12 Scholarship Selection (item 20 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
Mr Wöbbeking presented the analysis and the voting for the four candidates for the 2016 CIAM Scholarship. Mr Wöbbeking was pleased to announce that the recommended candidate for 2016 was Konrad ZUROWSKI (Poland). The Bureau approved and the Plenary Meeting will be asked to approve the selection.

13 FAI Medals status
The CIAM Treasurer informed that no payments are pending from countries.

Sporting Calendar

14 Contest Calendar.

The CIAM Secretary showed the status of the championships on the screen.
There were no comments.

14.2 2017 and Future World and Continental Championships.
The CIAM Secretary showed the status of the championships up to 2019 on the screen.
Australia changed Firm from Tentative their offer for the 2019 FAI F3D WCh. Slovakia made a Firm offer for organising the 2018 FAI F1E ECh and Romania made an offer For Info for organising the 2018 FAI F3F WCh.
It was approved to consider also the F2D class for the F2 World Cup competition in Netherlands. Mr Halman will inform Christine Rousson.

From this year, it is mandatory to provide completed forms to be eligible to participate in a championship bid.
Some countries did not provide correct completed forms for participating in the bids, as discussed at item 3b.

14.3 Bulletin – 0 Approvals for 2017 Events organised between January and April.
Two championships will be organised early next year: 2017 FAI F3P WCh in France and 2017 FAI F1D ECh in Romania.
France is still discussing the Bulletin 0 with RC Aerobatics Subcommittee Chairman who has to define the panel of judges. The Bulletin 0 will be made available by the mid of May. Romania has to provide the bulletin 0 within the same date. The Bulletin 1 will be published in September.
Proposals

15 Plenary Meeting Agenda and Sporting Code Proposals
No comments from the Bureau.

16 Review of Bureau Proposals

16.1 Plenary Agenda Bureau Proposals

16.1.1 Review of the proposals as published on Plenary Meeting Agenda
No comments

16.1.2 ABR Volume restructuring
This year the ABR will be reconstructed. The draft document was sent to the
debates before the Plenary Meeting with no feedback being received. The
First Vice-President presentation needs to be modified for the Plenary Meeting.
The updated Presentation will be given to the CIAM Secretary.
The renumbering of the paragraph of each volume adding the class belonging
like F1D, F2A, etc. has been proposed by Mr Kaynes. The Technical Secretary
pointed out that these changes would have required a lot of effort and he is not
in favour.
The Bureau agreed to listen the Delegate opinions at the Plenary Meeting
about this proposal.

16.1.3 ABR B.7.2, B7.4 Entry Fee proposal
No comments.

16.1.4 ABR B.4.3 protest at World Cups and Open International events
No comments.

16.1.5 Penalties and disqualification
No comments.

16.2 Additional Bureau Proposals

For allowing FAI to prepare copies, it was agreed that the additional Bureau proposals
have to be sent to Mrs Hauser the first day of the Plenary Meeting by 3.00 PM.

16.2.1 Subcommittee members selection
Mr Halman discussed about his proposal for restructuring the entry fees. He
was referring to ABR volume B.7.2 to B.7.4. CIAM President replied that this
modification was already included to the new CIAM General Rules volume
which is intended to be brought forward to the Plenary as is. (vote en bloc). He
asked him if he is looking for a separate vote for that. Mr. Halman replied that
there is no such a need in case the entire volume as it is going to be presented,
is going to be accepted. The reference on the new volume is C.15.5.

16.2.2 Scholarship payments
Included in the Agenda.
No comments.

16.2.3 F3 FPV Racing Volume
Included in the Agenda.
No comments.

16.2.4 Scale Proposal – Number of Judges
Mr Ehlers sent the proposal to the Technical Secretary who managed it.
No comments.
16.2.5  Any Other
Mr Halman presented a new Bureau proposal about the F2D mechanics that has been discussed and approved within the F2 subcommittee. He prepared it and sent it to the Technical Secretary. No comments from the Bureau.

Interim Decisions

17  Bureau Approval of the Judges and Jury Composition changes for the 2016 F3A CCh
The change of the Judges and Jury composition for the 2016 FAI F3A Asian-Oceanic World Championship, as defined in the e-mail sent by the RC Aerobatics Subcommittee chairman on the 26th of March 2016, has been approved by the Bureau.

Issues

18  F3J Event at Dubnitsa – Unsporting Behaviour – Croatian Pilot
The CIAM President prepared a letter that has been approved by the Bureau which agreed to send it to the Competitor, the FAI Executive Board and the Croatian NAC.

19  Lost or damaged trophies (item 17.1 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
The CIAM Secretary explained the situation of the lost and damaged trophies. In particular, the procedure of awarding the World Cup trophies has to be improved for making it reliable and for reducing the probability of losing trophies.
The CIAM President asked the CIAM Secretary to provide a table about the status of World Cup trophies

Action: CIAM Secretary

20  F4 subcommittee management (item 21.1 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
Due to the health problems of Mr Graham Kennedy, Mr Johan Ehlers acted as Scale Subcommittee Chairman during the last year. The CIAM President thanked him for his support and the good work. The Bureau expected that Mr Johan Ehlers be a candidate for the election of the Scale Subcommittee Chairman role at the Plenary Meeting.

21  New Trophies
One new trophy has been donated after the 2015 Plenary Meeting last year and it was approved by Bureau to be awarded beginning in 2015:
It will be submitted for approval by the Plenary Meeting.

22  List of Judges and Technical Experts and Judges (item 31 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
The CIAM President explained the process for defining the lists electronically. Mr Visa-Matti has been involved in meeting the specific CIAM requirements.
The CIAM President will present to the Bureau via e-mail the relevant impacts and costs.
The Bureau approved.

Action: CIAM President
next Bureau Meeting

23  Overhaul the whole “Part Two, Records” (item 30 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
Mr Metkemeijer presented the draft of the document, “Part Two, Records” and it will be finalised by the end of May 2016. The CIAM President notified that for the 2017 the old Records section will be included in the restructured ABR document.
The First Vice-President, pointed out the need to treat the UAV records with proper care.
The Bureau approved.
Activities

24 Voting process using online tools (item 4 of Dec Bureau Meeting). Visa-Matti
This activity will continue even though Mr Visa-Matti will not be available to attend the meeting.

25 Maximum amount covered by insurance provided by a championship organiser (item 11.1 of Dec Bureau meeting). Bruno Delor
Mr Delor informed that it is not possible to identify a unique requirement for the various countries. The Bureau agreed to include this request in the Bid form and in the bulletin 0 of a championship since it is an important data for awarding a championship to a nation. The FAI Jury at a championship will verify that the appropriate insurance amount is in place. The CIAM President informed Bureau that within the Air Sport Commissions, the CIAM process for awarding a championship was acceptable. He took the task for including this data in the Bid form.
Action: CIAM President next Bureau Meeting

26 Status and transfer of the World Cup trophies (item 17 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
Discussed at item 19.

27 Entry Fee Consideration – proposal by Peter Halman (item 28 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
The proposal was already prepared and agreed. It is already included in the General Section of the new ABR restructured document.

28 FPV World Cup
This World Cup is in progress. 4 competitions are planned to date and others are in preparation. In France, 10 new clubs, practising FPV, have been established. Mr Eckhoff informed that in USA there are some FPV competitions but the First Vice-President pointed out that the organiser of them are not easy to be contacted. Moreover, the rules definition is carried out without involving AMA and the money involved are huge.

29 Drones Activities under CIAM and further actions (item 33 of Dec Bureau Meeting)
This item was discussed at the item 5. In addition, the Bureau agreed to establish a new dedicated Subcommittee and to identify 6 subcommittee members as soon as possible.

30 Visit to CIAM President to MAAC of Canada and AMA of USA.
The CIAM President will meet Mr B. Brown the present AMA President and MAAC at the Plenary Meeting. A new AMA President will be elected next year and the CIAM President planned to meet the president candidate and Mr Bob Brown in November.

Any Other Business

31 Any Other Business

31.1 As discussed at item 3, the new Bid process was not well understood by the delegates and many bid forms arrived late at FAI. Therefore, the CIAM Secretary and the First Vice President will prepare a simplified step by step description of the process to be published in the FAI website.
Action: CIAM Secretary and First Vice President next Bureau Meeting

31.2 The ‘Main Decisions’ report of this Bureau Meeting will be prepared by the CIAM President to be distributed at the Plenary Meeting. It will include the decision to introduce a Subcommittee for FPV Racing and the additional Bureau proposals.
Action: CIAM President next Plenary Meeting

31.3 The CIAM Secretary informed the Subcommittee Chairmen involved in the technical meeting at the Plenary Meeting, to send the Technical meeting reports to the CIAM Secretary by 15.00 tomorrow as well as to FAI, so copies can be produced and
distributed to the delegates during the Plenary Meeting.

**Action: Subcommittee Chairmen involved in the Technical Meetings next Plenary Meeting**

31.4 The RC Aerobatics Subcommittee Chairman reminded the problem about the prohibited devices in F3A.
The CIAM President reminded that two years ago this discussion started asking a contribution of the devices or Radio manufacturers.
The RC Electric Subcommittee Chairman pointed out to establish the allowed system and telemetry, without limiting the technological improvement.
The RC Aerobatics Subcommittee Chairman replied not to be against the technological improvement but for the time being such devices are forbidden.
The RC Helicopter Subcommittee Chairman informed that the majority of the Helicopter community is in favour of devices aiding the model flight.
The Bureau agreed to consider this as an issue to be resolved.

**Action: Bureau Members next Bureau Meeting**

31.5 The RC Electric Subcommittee Chairman informed about the problem of using telemetry during the F5B and F5D championships. The CIAM President asked if its use has to be approved by the EDIC group.

**Action: Bureau Members next Bureau Meeting**

31.6 The Free Flight Subcommittee Chairman pointed out that is not clear in the FAI contest registration form, the difference between the World Cup competitions and the Interim Series competition. The CIAM President asked for the clarification to be included in the mentioned form. The changes to the forms don’t require the Plenary Meeting approval.

**Action: Bureau Members next Bureau Meeting**

The CIAM President closed the meeting at 17.15