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Mungyeong, South Korea
February 26 to 29, 2024
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1. Attendance
The delegates were welcomed by
- CIVL President, William Hughes
- Korean NAC President, Park Chan Duk
- Korean Paragliding Association Gin Seok Song
- FAI General secretary Markus Haggeney

The Hybrid (physical and online) Plenary specific procedures were explained. Only Delegates physically present can vote.

CIVL Administrator ran roll call.
Delegates /Alternates present. 16 votes
- Alfari Botol Widiasmara Indonesia
- Asgaf Umar Indonesia
- Brett Janaway United Kingdom
- Cristiano Armando Barao Pereira Portugal
- David Virshki Kazakhstan
- Esa Alaraudanjoki Finland
- Fabio Loro Italy
- Goran Dimiskovski North Macedonia
- Igor Eržen Slovenia
- Jamie Shelden United States
- Kamil Konečný Czechia
- Popa Valentin Ioan Romania
- Thomas Milko Brazil
- Thomas Senac France
- Yoshiki Oka Japan
- Yunjo Han Korea, Republic of
- Zeljko Ovuka Serbia

Proxies: 14 votes
- Austria to Portugal
- Bosnia I Herzegovina to Italy
- Bulgaria to Korea, Republic of
- Canada to United States
- Chile to Brazil
- Croatia to Slovenia
- Germany to Czechia
- Lithuania to United Kingdom
- Montenegro to Serbia
- Poland to Romania
- Spain to France
- Sweden to Finland
- Switzerland to North Macedonia
- Thailand to Indonesia

Others
- Andy Cowley CIVL Treasurer
- Elena Filonova CIVL Administrator
- Gin Seok Song Observer Korea
- Enkhmandakh Sukhee Observer Mongolia
- Telmuun Odgerel Observer Mongolia
- Leonard Filoti Grigorescu FAI I bidder Romania
- Mirza Daniel FAI I bidder Romania
- Ramona Paune FAI I bidder Romania
Attendance online was inconsistent both due to time zone and failing connection. No notes of the delegates present online were taken.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Yoshiki Oka, Cristiano Pereira, Martin Jovanoski, Igor Erzen and Brett Janaway declared a conflict of Interest

3. Additions to the Agenda

Additions need a 2/3 qualified majority of the plenary to be included in the agenda. They were voted one by one.

- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-38AA-Proposal-USA-PGA-Team-Priority – 26 Yes 4 Nay -Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-41A-HGPG-diploma-nomination-HUN – 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe 25 I Adjust certification lead time for CCC glider - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29A-Adjustment-SC7C - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29B-Junior-and-Women-KO-system-for-Category1 - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29C-Team-scoring-at-Category1-competition-after-applying-KO-rule - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29D-Using-electronic-measurement-system - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29E-complaint period when online is used final version - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29F-Bureau-proposal to set maximum number of pilots in PG XC competitions – 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-25I-Bureau-proposal – allow Bureau to change LR regarding equipment limitation. - 28 Yes; 2 Nay - Passed

4. Approval of the minutes of the 2023 Plenary meeting

- Annexe 4.
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes 30 unanimously
  Nay 0

5. Report of the FAI Secretary General

- FAI Secretary General Report – Markus Haggeney presented his report which can be found in Annexe 5.

6. Report of the CIVL President

- CIVL President, Bill Hughes, presented his Report – Annexe 6.

7. Report of Bureau decisions that need the Plenary approval

- Annexe 7. -
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes - 30
  Nay - 0
8. Report of the CIVL Treasurer
   • Treasurer Report – Annexe 8.

9. Approval of the 2023 accounts
   Vote. Simple majority.
   Yes 30
   Nay 0

10. Discharge of Bureau responsibility for decisions since last Plenary
    The CIVL shall accept responsibility for all acts carried out by the President, the Bureau and the
    Committee Chairs of CIVL under the terms of the FAI Constitution and CIVL Internal Regulations
    and in good faith.
    Vote. Simple majority.
    Yes – 30 unanimously
    Nay 0

11. Review of the 2023 Championships and Test-Events
    • Review – Annexe 11 A.
    • Live-tracker Manager Report – Annexe 11 B.

12. Review of the Multisport Events
    For information.
    • The 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China – Annexe 12.

13. Report from the Hang Gliding XC Committee
    • Committee Chair Report – Annexe 13.

14. Report from the Paragliding XC Committee
    • Committee Chair Report – Annexe 14.

15. Report from the Paragliding Accuracy Committee
    • Committee Chair Report – Annexe 15.

16. Report from the Paragliding Aerobatic Committee
    • Committee Chair Report - No written report was received.

17. Report from the Safety Officer
18. Report from the IT and Software Officer

- IT and Software Officer Report – No written report was received. A verbal report was given.

19. Report from the Records and Badges Officer

- Records and Badges Officer Report – No written report was received. A verbal report was given.

20. Report from the Competition Coordinator

- Competition Coordinator Report – Annexe 20.

21. Report from the Jury and Steward Coordinator


22. Report from the Communication Officer

- Communication Officer Report – Annexe 22.

23. Report from the Environmental Liaison Officer

- Environmental Liaison Officer Report – Annexe 23.

24. Report from the NACs Liaison Officer

- NACs Liaison Officer Report – Annexe 24.

25. Proposals from the CIVL Bureau

- Internal Regulations – Annexe 25 A. -
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 30
  Nay 0

- Team size & Fairness in PG XC Worlds – Annexe 25 B.
  The proposal was withdrawn

- Steward executive power – Annexe 25 C. The proposal was amended at the Open meeting. The amended proposal was voted.
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 27
  Nay 2
  Abstained 1
• External aid to competitors – Annexe 25 D. The proposal was amended at the Open meeting. The amended proposal was voted.
   Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
   Yes 29
   Nay 1

• Hike & Fly Committee and Section 7 L– Annexe 25 E.
   Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
   Yes 30
   Nay 0

• Hike and Fly adjustment to WPRS -Section 7 E – Annexe 25 F.
   Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
   Yes 30
   Nay 0

• Unsportive behaviour and other misconduct — Annexe 25 G.
   Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
   Yes 30
   Nay 0

• Create a Sports Class ranking system— Annexe 25 H. The proposal was amended at the Open meeting. The amended proposal was voted.
   Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
   Yes 29
   Nay 1

• Adjust certification lead time for CCC glider — Annexe 25 I.
   Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
   Yes 30
   Nay 0

• Allow Bureau to change LR regarding equipment limitation — Annexe 25 J.
   Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
   Yes 28
   Nay 2

• Set maximum number of pilots in PG XC FAI 2 competitions — Annexe 25 K.
   Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
   Yes 30
   Nay 0

26. Proposals from the Hang Gliding XC Committee

• **None received**

27. Proposals from the Paragliding XC Committee

• **None received**
28. Joint proposals from the Hang Gliding and Paragliding XC Committee

- None received

29. Proposals from the Paragliding Accuracy Committee

- Annexe-29A-Adjustment-SC7C -
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 28
  Nay 0
  Abstained 2

- Annexe-29B-Junior-and-Women-KO-system-for-Category1
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 26
  Nay 1
  Abstained 3

- Annexe-29C-Team-scoring-at-Category1-competition-after-applying-KO-rule
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 23
  Nay 1
  Abstained 7

- Annexe-29D-Using-electronic-measurement-system
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - passed
  Yes 20
  Nay 8
  Abstained 2

- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29E-complaint period when online is used
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 27
  Nay 3

30. Proposals from the Paragliding Aerobatic Committee

- Sporting Code modifications – Annexe 30A.
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 27
  Nay 0
  Abstained 3

- Min fee for PG Acro events of 12 pilots – Annexe 30B.
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 30
  Nay 0

31. Proposals from the Safety Officers

- No incidents declaration – Annexe 31
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 30
  Nay 0
32. Proposals from the Software Officer
   - None received

33. Proposals from the Records & Badges Officer
   - None received

34. Proposals from the Jury & Steward Coordinator
   - None received

35. Proposals from the Communication Officer
   - None received

36. Proposals from the Environmental Liaison Officer
   - CIVL Environmental Policy proposal – Annexe 36A
   - CIVL Environmental Policy document – Annexe 36 B
   - CIVL Environmental Policy Self-Assessment Template – Annexe 36 C
     Vote – simple majority
     Yes 30
     Nay 0

37. Proposals from the NACs Liaison Officer
   - None received

38. Proposals from National Airsport Controls (NACs) and Federations

   **Country Indonesia**
   - Multi Events – Annexe 38 A.
     The proposal was withdrawn

   **Country Germany**
   - Airworthiness – Annexe 38 B.
     The proposal was withdrawn. The working group will be created.

   **Country Brazil**
   - 25% of foreign pilots in multi-Nationals – Annexe 38 C.
     Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**
     Yes 15
     Nay 13
     Abstained 2

   - Event dates – Annexe 38 X.
The proposal was withdrawn

**Country Sweden**
- Freeze WPRS for Maternity Leave– Annexe 38 D.  
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
  Yes 28  
  Nay 0  
  Abstained 2

**Country Poland**
- Communication and safety– Annexe 38 E.  
  It is not a proposal. The ideas will be sent to committee to work on them.

**Country Slovenia**
- PGA Flying order based on WPRS ranking– Annexe 38 F -  
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
  Yes 27  
  Nay 0  
  Abstained 3

**Country Slovenia, Chile and Colombia**
- Masters category and WPRS ranking– Annexe 38 G  
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**  
  Yes 16  
  Nay 13  
  Abstain 1  

  - Masters category in Records – Annexe 38 H  
    The proposal was withdrawn

**Country Bulgaria**
- Exemptions – Annexe 38 I – 19 against 5 abs  
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority – **Failed**  
  Yes 6  
  Nay 19  
  Abstained 5

  - Goal line orientation – Annexe 38 J  
    Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**  
    Yes 2  
    Nay 24  
    Abstained 2

**Country France**
- PG Worlds / Fairness – Annexe 38 K  
  The proposal was withdrawn

**Country Argentina**
- Cap Pn for PG XC – Annexe 38 L  
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
  Yes 26
Nay 2
Abstained 2

Country United Kingdom
- Start charging fee for hosting event on CIVL system – Annexe 38 M
  The proposal was withdrawn

- Reduce rank to 1000 and points to 30 and 20 for FAI 1 in PG XC – Annexe 38 N
  The proposal was withdrawn. The screening committee will be directed to ensure maximum participation of women in teams. That is, women who may not meet the eligibility criteria will still be permitted to compete for the in the event for their team if they demonstrate sufficient proficiency to participate in an FAI 1 event. Additionally, the screening committee may limit the class of glider that a pilot is authorized to use.

- Freeze WPRS for the first year – Annexe 38 O
  The proposal was withdrawn. The Bureau is tasked to engage a proper WG to correct the proposal to achieve the right effect (slow down to almost 0 time devaluation for the first 6 months and make it smooth in the end of the period).
  Yes
  Nay

- Increase Launch Window Time – Annexe 38 P
  The proposal was withdrawn

Country Spain
- WG to Rank Regional events – Annexe 38 Q Bureau will create a WG
  No vote is needed. Bureau will create a Working group.

- Junior Sub categories XC – Annexe 38 R – The proposal was amended Bureau is tasked to define and implementing age filters in WPRS with lower limit 19.
  Vote – simple majority
  Yes 30
  Nay

- Expiration time for PG Wings – Annexe 38 S
  It was noted that competition organizer can set such a rule in Local rules of the event.
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority: Failed
  Yes 2
  Nay 26
  Abstained 1

Country Portugal
- Forbidden words on Radio – Annexe 38 T
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 27
  Nay 0
  Abstained 3

Country Romania
All proposals were withdrawn. Some of ideas of Romanian proposals were merged into PGA committee and Slovenian proposals for PGA.

- Knock out – Annexe 38 U
  The proposal was withdrawn.
  Yes
Nay

- Maximum number of rounds – Annexe 38 V
  The proposal was withdrawn
  Yes
  Nay

- PGA Category 1 events – Annexe 38 W
  The proposal was withdrawn
  Yes
  Nay

**Country Italy**

- Joint HG Class 1 Continentals and HG Class 5 Worlds – Annexe 38 Y
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority
  Yes 25
  Nay 4
  Abstained 1

**Country Croatia**

- PGA Knock out after 8 rounds – Annexe 38 Z
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**
  Yes 4
  Nay 14
  Abstained 12

**Country USA**

- PGA-Team-Priority – Annexe 38 AA
  Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**
  Yes 1
  Nay 22
  Abstained 7

39. Bids for Category 1 Championships

**2024**

- The 4th FAI World Paragliding Aerobatic Championships

  - Turkey – Annexe 39 A.
  Vote, Simple majority.
  Yes 30
  Nay

**2026**

- The 18th FAI European Paragliding XC Championships

  - North Macedonia – Annexe 39 D
  Vote, Simple majority.
  Yes 29
  Nay
  Abstained 1
The 7th FAI Pan American Paragliding XC Championships
- Mexico – Annexe 39 F - Mexico was not allowed to bid as no Cat 2 events were held in that flying site.

- USA – Annexe 39 E
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes 8
  Nay 7
  Abstained 15

The 3rd FAI Asian Oceanic Paragliding XC Championships
- Kazakhstan – Annexe 39 G
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes 22
  Nay 0
  Abstained 8

9th European Paragliding Accuracy Championships
- Romania – Annexe 39 H.
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes 25
  Nay 0
  Abstained 5

The 1st FAI Pan-American Paragliding Accuracy Championships
- Chile — Annexe 39 I.
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes 24
  Nay 0
  Abstained 6

The 5th FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championships
- Thailand – Annexe 39 J
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes 22
  Nay 0
  Abstained 8

Hang Gliding Championships Class 1 & 5 Women
- France - Annexe 39 K. The Bureau allowed the bid as there were events in this place before COVID.
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes 26
  Nay 0
  Abstained 4

The 2nd FAI World Junior Paragliding XC Championships
- North Macedonia – Annexe 39 L - Letter of intent was voted and approved. Bureau is tasked to define the parameters of the event after the 1st Junior Worlds will be held. The Plenary voted to confirm the place and the organizers.
  Vote. Simple majority.
  Yes 28
40. Provisional budget

- Narrative – An oral report was given by Andy Cowley.

41. Nominations for Awards

**Hang Gliding and Paragliding Diploma**

- Nomination Hungary – Annexe 41 A.
  - Vote. Simple majority. No proxy.
  - Yes 14
  - Nay 0
  - Abstained 2

**Pepe Lopes Medal**

- Nomination from Italy – Annexe 41 B.
  - Vote. Simple majority. No proxy.
  - Yes 15
  - Nay 0
  - Abstained 1

**FAI Air Sport Medal**

- To some 2023 Cat 1 organisers – Annexe 41 C.
  - Vote. Simple majority. No proxy.
  - Yes 16
  - Nay 0

42. Venue of next Plenary meeting

- Budva, Montenegro – Annexe 42. The dates of the Plenary 2025 - 6-9 March

43. Any other matter

- The French delegate suggested to create a WG to consider inclusion of disabled pilots in PG XC and PGA
- The UK delegate underlined the acuteness of Harness issue. The Bureau needs to get involved.
- The Brazil delegate suggests bids should be better reviewed in commissions before voting. Committee chairs should steer this process.
- The Bureau shall prohibit adding last minute proposals for the Plenary.
- The PGA event in Korea G-Games was desanctioned after careful case study. The reasons the change of AMD during the event and the use of judges not qualified to act in their positions.
- Light weight class – a subject to be looked into again. See survey.

44. Nomination and election of Bureau members and Committee Chairs
Thomas Senac (FRA) was elected to be the chair of Hike & Fly Committee by acclamation. Cristiano Pereira (PTR) was nominated as Secretary of the Bureau and was unanimously approved. Fabio Loro (ITA) was nominated as co-chair of the Paragliding XC committee and was unanimously approved.

45. Closing remarks of the CIVL President

Thank you for participation. CIVL Bureau will work on internal regulations to improve voting procedures.