



**Report to IGC on the Annual meeting of the
FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)
Lausanne, 24th October 2017**

Present NACs:	Australia, Germany, France, Hong Kong, Russia, Switzerland, UK and USA
ASCs:	CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, IGC, IPC.
Representatives:	CIMP and EnvC
CASI Bureau:	Antonis Papadopoulos, Alicia Hirtzel, Art Greenfield, Mike Close, Marina Vigorito
FAI EB:	Frits Brink, Alvaro Orleans Borbon, August Gudmunson, Bengt Lindgren, Mary Anne Stevens, Jean Claude Weber.
FAI HO:	Markus Haggeneay, Milena Schoetzer
Absent:	Hungary, Italy, ICARE and GAC
Observer:	Mr. Pierre Portman, FAI President of Honor

The CASI President welcomed the participants to the CASI Plenary meeting and then then gave the floor to the FAI President, Frits Brink, who welcomed all the participants and apologised for the absence of the Secretary General. He gave some details of the actions of the Executive Board over the last few days indicating that these were exciting times for the FAI. He confirmed that Thomas Bach, IOC President, would be present at the Awards Ceremony.

FAI Sports and Events Director Mr. Markus Haggeneay spoke in the name of the Secretary General and updated the audience about the Air Games Tour, the World Air Game bidding process and activities related to SE Asia and the Middle East. He congratulated the three commissions involved in the World Games in Poland (CIMA, IPC and CIVA) for their cooperation, working well together sharing the effort, the budget and resources.

Multi-Sports Events: Mike Close, Chair of the Working Group gave an update to the interim report following the changes made at the Mid-term meeting. Two options were proposed concerning the selection process: ASC responsibility alone or joint NAC and ASC responsibility.

After some discussion, the second option was approved and it was decided that either entity could refuse the selection of the other. No justification would be required but, in the case of an appeal, justification would probably be necessary.

Sporting Licence: Stephane Malbos, chair of the group, felt that an ideal situation would be for the Sporting Licence to be issued universally so that everyone can join FAI with no veto from the NAC and at the same cost for all. He then suggested that CASI write a statement to be addressed to the FAI pointing out the problems encountered this year and suggesting solutions for next year. It was decided to set up a small Task Force to continue this work.

The following people are members of the Task Force:

- Stephane Malbos representing the ASCs
- Sergey Ananov, Elsa May and Bruno Delor representing the NACs
- Plus two members of the EB to be determined

Jury Handbook: Marina Vigorito, Chair of the Working Group thanked Stephane Malbos for updating the Jury Handbook, checking all the references to the General Section that were out of date. As it is simply a guideline it was proposed to change the words SHALL to SHOULD. Some Commissions use Jury Members who are not on site so the word REMOTE was added where necessary. It was decided that Stéphane Malbos, Marina Vigorito, Gillian Rayner and Jean-Claude Weber would recheck the document at the end of the meeting. As this document remains a guideline, it was reminded that Commissions can add their own specific rules and establish their own Jury Handbook

General Section amendments:

2.3.4 Definitions of glider

IGC made a proposal to have the definition of glider back on the General Section. After several discussions, it was clear that there was a strong disagreement because the majority of the ASC representatives reported that also other definitions are missing, after the rewriting of the General Section made some years ago. It was agreed to withdraw the proposal and refer it back to the ASC Presidents Group so that a joint proposal could be put forward next year. The Minutes of the CASI meetings will be amended, since indicates a wrong rationale behind the proposal.

3.1.4. Sporting License Form

The proposal was discussed and it was determined that a NAC can deliver a paper version of the Sporting License, that can only serve to justify an entry in the SL database and not be used as an official document.

3.1.7 Other form of Sporting License

It was unanimously to amend the wording as follows:

OTHER USE OF SPORTING LICENCE DATABASE DATA. A NAC may use information from the FAI Sporting License database such as FAI ID, while producing other internal documents such as membership cards and proficiency certificates.

4.4.3. Multi-Sport Events

The final wording as below was adopted unanimously.

4.4.4.3. Multi-Sport Competitions. Entry is by invitation from the Organiser to participants nominated by the FAI according to the following processes:

4.4.4.3.1. The selection process for participants representing a NAC is that the relevant ASC(s) may set the minimum performance standard required for participation and/or limit their numbers. After the NACs have nominated their participants, then the ASC(s) has the right to refuse any nomination.

4.4.4.3.2. The selection process for other participants is by nomination by the relevant ASC(s). The issuing authority for their Sporting License has the right to refuse the nomination.

4.18 Age Categories

Proof of age and the documents required was discussed as the proposed text refers to passports or other forms of official evidence. Not every person holds a passport, for example, travel in Europe does not require one. Other forms of official evidence vary from country to country so it is difficult to be sure, that a document presented is official. The General Section 3.1.5. already refers to such documents but in a different manner: The holder of a sporting licence may be required to produce an official document bearing his photograph and signature in proof of identity, so it was decided to refer to that paragraph.

The proposal was approved unanimously as worded below:

Each ASC may define Age group classifications that will be followed for Category 1 or Category 2 events. (Seniors, Juniors, Under-18, Under-20, etc.). A competitor shall be eligible to compete in an age group competition under FAI Rules if he is within the age range specified in the relevant age group classification. A competitor must be able to provide proof of his age. A competitor who fails or refuses to provide such proof shall not be eligible.

5.4.2.4. Jury President

This proposal concerns the possibility for a Jury President to stop an event and to suggest to the FAI Secretary General to cancel the event. Since the organizer agreement is a contract signed between FAI and the local organisers, the Jury President has no authority to cancel a contract. In addition, there could be many legal and financial aspects to be considered that are not under the control of the Jury President. For this reason, only the General Secretary can cancel an event, a Jury President can only stop an event for serious sporting or safety reasons. It was discussed whether to have this in the General Section or in the Organiser Agreement or both. It was proposed to refer to the Organiser Agreement in the text of the General Section. At the present, the final wording is not finalized yet. It was made clear that the President of the ASC concerned has the duty to send a copy of the Organiser Agreements to the Jury Presidents appointed for the relevant 1st Cat. event.

7.6. Records on the Same Day

Exi Hoenle, IPC President indicated that the proposal did not fit with Parachuting records as they refer to rounds which may take place over two days. A motion to adopt the proposal as modified below, which would enable each ASC to adapt it to their own requirements, was put to the vote.

“RECORDS ON THE SAME DAY On any date that a record is broken more than once, only the best performance of any claimant will be awarded a new record unless otherwise specified in a specialised section of the Sporting Code. If two or more aircraft flying in a group and in the same conditions achieve exactly the same performance and simultaneously beat a record, the performance may be registered as a record in the joint names of the claimants or members of that claiming group.”

7 were in favour of the changed proposal, 4 against and the remaining participants chose not to vote. The motion was not carried as it required an absolute majority of those present and this was not achieved.

Elections

CASI Delegates and Representatives had a second meeting on Friday 27th October, right after the General Conference, for the election of the Bureau and the confirmation of the Task Force.

Present NACs: Australia, Chinese Taipei, Germany, France, Hong Kong, Russia, Switzerland and USA

ASCs: CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVL, IGC and IPC.

Nominations for President

Only one valid nomination was received and Antonis Papadopoulos

Accepted the nomination and was therefore elected.

Nominations for 1st Vice President

Four valid nominations were received

- Rob Hughes accepted the nomination for Alan Cassidy
- Andy Chau refused the nomination
- Mike Close accepted the nomination
- Marina Vigorito accepted the nomination

After a vote, Marina Vigorito was elected to the position.

Nominations the 3 Vice Presidents

- Sergey Ananov accepted the nomination
- Rob Hughes accepted the nomination for Alan Cassidy
- Andy Chau refused the nomination
- Mike Close accepted the nomination
- Bruno Delor refused the nomination
- Art Greenfield accepted the nomination
- Alicia Hirzel accepted the nomination
- Rainer Exi Hoenle accepted the nomination
- Stephane Malbos refused the nomination

After a vote, Art Greenfield, Sergey Ananov and Alicia Hirzel were elected to the position of Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary

The only nomination received was that of Gillian Rayner who accepted and was approved unanimously.

Marina Vigorito

IGC Representative to CASI