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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting 2015 of the **FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)**

**held at the Royal Garden Hotel- Ponta Delgada
San Miguel, Azores, Portugal
on the 8th November 2015**

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1. Welcome and Roll Call of the Delegates

The meeting of the FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC) was called to order on Saturday, 8th November 2015 at 09:10 by the GAC President Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas. He welcomed all 34 delegates and observers, as well as Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki representative from the FAI Head office.

At the opening the Azores TV was also present.

A roll call of the delegates was taken by Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki

There were 2 proxies 1. USA to Spain; 2. Slovakia to Czech Republic

For the records, it was noted that there were 17 and 2 proxies total of 19 votes present. This means for the voting the absolute majority is 10 votes and 2/3 majority is 13votes.

Apologies received from New Zealand and Luxemburg.

Mr. Delmas asked if anyone wished to make a declaration of conflict of interests. No conflict of interests was noted.

A minute's silence was held, to remember the following persons who passed away during the last year.

Howard Cox, Uk , Robert Slosiar Slovakia Republic ,Ross Scherer and Dairish Craidy from New Zealand

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Lausanne, Switzerland on the 15th November 2014 were unanimously accepted as written.

4. Report on GAC activities during the year

President Jean-Pierre Delmas reported on the GAC activities over the past year.(Annex 4). He thanked Allen Hansen and Vagn Jensen from Denmark and congratulated them on a very well organized and successful 22nd FAI World Precision Flying Championship. For the first time China has sent some competitors to the WPFC. He also thanked Jean Birgen for a successful Hans Gutmann Memorial Flight in Hungary.

Mr. Delmas attended the President's Meeting at the FAI /HO. Concerns and issues of WAG Dubai were discussed.

FAI General Conference Rotterdam.

Vagn Jensen received the Charles Lindbergh Diploma and more about outcomes of this conference will be provided by HAI Head Office representative.

Main Points on agenda:

- a. Increased pilot participation in WPFC

- b. Long range flight
- c. CAT 2 events
- d. CAT1 events to be expanded to new countries
- e. China developing GA activities
- f. FAI issues tabled: competition structures, budget, new competition agreement, hi-tech tools for easier communication, etc.

Mr. Delmas again reminded the commission about the challenge of drawing in more women in Air Sports.

In conclusion Mr. Delmas stated his resignation from the GA commission for personal reasons, after 4 years of office as president.

He thanked everyone for this honour and opportunity.

5. Report on FAI by the FAI representative Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki

Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki reported about the FAI conference held in Rotterdam.

Mr. Leinikki tabled an extensive report on various important FAI matters.

a. He reported on membership numbers up to date - 114 countries are registered, and two new countries in 2015 namely Algeria and Kosovo.

He also mentioned that air sports and organization are changing growing and developing and this will affect FAI in the future.

b. He then expanded on the importance of the FAI Head office administration and organization. In the development of Air Sports, a summary of its category events in 2014 was presented, as well as a detailed category of events since 2000.

A pre-vision calendar was presented.

FAI TV production and distribution was summarized and tabled as well as the planned expansion and development of IT Service.

c. Mr. Leinikki also addressed administrative matters and tabled the sources and use of funds. FAI sports and branding strategy was high-lighted.

d. The FAI World Air Games concept and future expansion, development and strategies were set out in detail. He mentioned that the WAG 2015 in Dubai are well set up and will begin in 3 weeks time.

e. The report also addressed Record and Performance issues.

f. The importance of consistency in rules and regulations in the FAI was outlined, to secure the validity of FAI. (Annex 5)

6. Past International Competitions

22nd FAI World Precision Flying Championship 19-25th 2015, in Skive, Denmark

Mr. Jiri Dodal President of the Jury tabled his report on a very successful Championship held in Skive, Denmark (Annex 6.a)

Mr. Krzysztof Lenartowicz tabled the report on behalf of the International Chief Judge Andrzej Osowski (Annex 6.b)

Mr. Allen Hansen Championship Director tabled his report (Annex 6c)

7. Subcommittee Reports

Rally Flying Subcommittee

Mr. Paul Szameitat, Chairman of the Rally Flying Subcommittee, presented his report (see Annex 7.1). He also proposed some changes to the Rules and Regulations for Air Rally Flying. He also thanked Frank Eckard from South Africa for revising the rules and regulations into a more understandable English. The proposed change was approved. (See Annex 7.a)

Precision Flying Subcommittee

Mr. Rodney Blois, Chairman of the Precision Flying Subcommittee, proposed small changes to the Rules and Regulations for Precision Flying (see Annex 7.b). The proposed changes were approved.

Air Navigation Race Subcommittee

Mr. Maurice Ducret, Chairman of the Air Navigation Race Subcommittee, reported on the activities during the past year. He highlighted the WAG 2015. This is the first time that ANR are invited to the WAG, 16 countries will participate. (Annex 7c)

Records Subcommittee

Mr. Art Greenfield, Chairman of the Records Subcommittee, was unable to attend the meeting. The members of Records Subcommittee, Art Greenfield, Marcel Meyer and Chris Booyen proposed administrative changes (Annex 7d) to Section 2 of the FAI Sporting Code, in direct response to the new version of the General Section which will go into effect on January 1, 2016.

The proposition is approved.

The new version is available in Annex 7e

8. Technical Matters Report

Technical Adviser GNSS

Mr. Marcus Ciesielski tabled his report on behalf of Mr. Ralf Grunwald GAC Technical Advisor (Annex 8 a) He also tabled the change on the FAI Sporting Code section 2-annex 4. The report and the changes were approved.

Webmaster

There was no report from the webmaster Mr. Michel Frere. All the webmasters duty for the last year was handled by the FAI.

Environmental issues

Mr. Delmas talked about environmental issues. In the future there will be more Electrical airplanes mostly for training and aerobatics.

World Air Games

Mr. Heini Schawalder tabled his report. During this year he worked very hard and visited Dubai a few times to insure a very good NAR at the WAG in December 2015. (Annex 8c)

Long Range Air Racing

Mr. Jean Birgen reported on a successful Hans Gutmann LRAR (Annex 8 d)

Mr. Birgen announced that the 2016 LRAR is planned to fly to Georgia

9. Future International Competitions

FAI World Air Games 1-12.12.2015 Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The ANR has been invited to participate. (Annex 9 b)

The events Director will be Mr. Maurice Ducret

20th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2016, in Santa Cruz, Portugal

The bid for the WRFC was tabled by the Portuguese delegates; the bid was approved (Annex 9 c)

23rd FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2017, in Austria

The confirmed bid and documentation was tabled by the Austrian delegate Manfred Kunschitz. (Annex 9d)

21th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2018, in Slovakia

Mr. Dodal from the Czech Republic tabled Slovakia's interest to host the WRFC 2018. Slovakia will table the final bid at the next GAC meeting 2016

24th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2019, in Spain

Spain are interested to host the 24th FAI WPFC 2019
Spain will table the preliminary bid at the next GAC meeting 2016

22nd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2020

France is interested to host the 2020 WRFC, more details at the next meeting

10. Other Competitions

There was a discussion about Extra Long Race Rally.
More information will be announced at the next meeting.

11. Finance

Treasurer's report

Mr. Jiří Dodal, GAC Treasurer, reviewed the income and expenditures during 2014-2015 (see Annexes 11a). The report was approved.

Budget for 2016

Mr. Dodal also presented the proposed budget for 2016 (see Annex 11b). The budget was approved.

12. Awards

Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

No candidates were submitted.

The Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma was handed over to Mr. Vagn Jensen (Denmark) at the FAI annual conference in Rotterdam.
Congratulations.

13. Other Business

Anti-Doping

FAI anti-doping programme affects all the athletes participating in our competitions and/or holding an FAI sporting licence.
GAC fully endorses the FAI position on doping.

14. Elections & Appointments

Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki assisted with the election.
The commission held elections with the results as follows:

Election of Bureau

President.....	Mr. Rodney Blois
1st Vice President/Secretary	Mr. Hans Schwebel
2nd Vice President/Treasurer.....	Mr. Jiri Dodal

Election of Subcommittee Chairmen

Precision Flying Subcommittee	Mr. Allen Hansen
Rally Flying Subcommittee.....	Mr. Paul Szameitat
Air Nav Race Subcommittee	Mr. Maurice Ducret
Records Subcommittee.....	Mr. Art Greenfield

Election of Technical Representatives

CASI	Mr. Jesus Mas
FAI Environmental Commission	
World Air Games Liaison Officer	Mr. Heini Schawalder
Webmaster	Mr. Michel Frere
Technical Advisor, GNSS	Mr. Ralf Grunwald
Technical Advisor, Long Range Air Racing	Mr. Jean Birgen

Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges

The Jury and Judge lists were updated and approved.
(See Annex 14a & 14b)

Commission President of Honour

Vice - President Jiri Dodal proposed to confer to outgoing President Jean-Pierre Delmas the title of Commission President of Honour. The Proposal was unanimously approved.

15. Date and time of the next GAC Plenary Meeting

Two bids were received, namely from Cyprus and France. There was a third bid from Chinese Taipei which was not presented but it was still mentioned as possible plenary site. Cyprus was voted to host the next GAC meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Larnaca, Cyprus from 3-5. November 2016.

16. Adjournment

The new President Rodney Blois thanked the outgoing President Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas for a very good leadership over the past 4 years. He also thanked the Aero Club of Portugal for hosting and organizing the meeting. A special thanks to Filipa and Joao for their input and hard work, to make this a very successful and enjoyable meeting. He also thanked all the delegates for their input.

Mr. Rodney Blois adjourned the meeting at 18:20.

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