



Minutes

of the **Paramotor Committee** meeting
at the Annual Meeting of the
FAI CIMA Commission

To be held in **Maison du Sport Internationale**
Lausanne
on **Thursday November the 23rd 2017** at **14:00**

1. Opening & introduction of delegates

Present:

Wojtek DOMAŃSKI (POL) - chair

Barney TOWNSEND (GBR)

Nayot KURUKITKOSON (THA)

Ryoya IGARISHI (JPN)

Aref AL-SHAMMARI (KSA)

Alf NIPE (NOR)

Toon HYLEBOS (BEL)

Hany Shaker AFIFI (EGY)

Didier EYMIN (FRA)

Pascal VALEE (FRA)

Krzysztof ROMICKI (POL)

Jana BOBKOVA (CZE)

Also GBR holding proxy from Austria

2. Matters arising:

BRA request to consider continental records option to be included in S.10. This was sent to Wolfgang previously. BT to review S.10 and propose where to include/amend.

FRA will propose to remove PF2 class from championships.

3. Future competitions - bids, indications, comments,

A) 2018 - 10th World Paramotor Championships

- THAILAND - Lopburi - 27.04.2018 - 06.05.2018
- Classes PF1, PF1f, PF2, PL1, PL2. Teams 6+1f.
- Entry €375, TLs €100 (10% discount before 28th Feb)

Presentation from Nayot KURUKITKOSON.

<http://wiki.fai.org/download/attachments/31686700/WPC+2018+Progress+Presentation.pdf>

Organization will build on experience from organizing previous championships, in particular AOPC 2017. Experienced directors and 30+ competent and trained marshals. Will use the same location as AOPC2017. Support from local government, and businesses including Thai Airways. They are negotiating a deal with Thai Airways to give extra 10-20kg free of charge to competitors. There are indications that some countries will be using Sea Freight - this normally needs a forwarding company in Thailand - Competition organizers will help to arrange this. There are a lot of customs documents and certificates that are required. The organizers can store packages at their site for up to 4 months in advance of the competition. Question the relationship that DHL have with FAI - how can they help?

Options: 1 - Air freight. 2 - Sea Freight.

They have a water zone with rafts designed for holding either pylons or sticks - design of these has been improved since AOPC. 2 boats on standby with divers and team have been practicing rescues to ensure they arrive within 30 seconds. Nurse and Doctor will be on site with ambulance. Also training will be given to all pilots during training days, for how to land in water - releasing paramotor harness and also using breathing equipment if necessary. AOPC had more than 10 water landings and none needed breathing equipment from divers.

Note can be problems carrying gas cylinders from Agama systems on aircraft so might be best to buy in Thailand - Organizers will be providing the cylinders for competitors to buy when they arrive.

Accommodation options will be on competition website soon. Recommended not to camp because temperature can be 35 degrees + during the day, and 60% humidity. There are nice and affordable hotels within about 1km of the airfield site - prices still being negotiated but will be published soon in bulletin - probably around 30 Euro per night max. Pilots to arrange own transport from Bangkok to field. Recommended to rent a car from Bangkok airport.

Resort hotel will provide catering on half or full board basis if booked in advance.

Organizers will provide team tents. Possibly an option to temporary office containers with air conditioning if wanted. Two big generators and plan to provide power supply to team tents.

Organizers will not be providing public internet service. Organizers will sell cheap prepaid sim cards with internet bundles. Also recommend that every pilot carries a phone with local sim card anyway in case of landing out.

Scoring - Pascal Vallee suggested that we define a unified system of scoring so that we don't change for each championship.

B) 2018 - WPSC Egypt

- a. EGYPT - Faiyum - 27.10.2018 - 06.11.2018
- b. Classes PF1, PF1f, PL1, Teams 6+1f.
- c. Entry fees €400

Presentation from Hany Shaker AFIFI (EGY)

Joel Amiable competition director and Jose Ortega scoring. Building on experience from 2017. Organizers will provide transportation from airport to field. They have a deal with Egypt Airlines to help shipping costs - they will need to know 1 month in advance what pilots will be bringing.

Lake is salty but there is a local swimming pool reserved for rinsing wings if pilots crash.

4 star hotel booked exclusively for the event with pool etc. Reduced rate from €90 per day. Planning to provide pilots with an all-inclusive deal of approx. €500 for flights,

accommodation, and transport to the site. Entertainment provided with music in evenings, and tours of local antiquities.

4. FAI Sporting Code, Section 10 proposals

Paramotor Committee recommendations

	For	Against	Abstain	Notes
3	12	0	0	Accepted on basis of proposed amendment (a)
4	2	8	1	Rejected on the basis that section 4.24 of S.10 is specifically about flight safety. The amendments proposed relate to scoring advantages and so should be stated in A3/A4, not in 4.24.
5	1	9	1	As above.
6	3	5	3	Rejected on basis that scores do not need to be any more complicated to understand, it should be the responsibility of meet director to ensure
10	11	0	0	
11	7	3	1	Amendment voted (b)
13	10	2	1	Amendment voted (c)
14	4	6	1	
17	13	0	0	
18	9	4	0	
19	13	0	0	
20	9	2	2	

- a. Amendment: Recordings shall be made available to the jury in case of protest (11/11 votes to allow amendment)
- b. Amendment: Adjustment to previous text excluding a possibility to introduce non-serial modification even if confirmed officials by the manufacturer the manufacturer (10/10 votes to allow discussion of amendment)
- c. Amendment: limit proposal to PL2 only (9/12 vote to discuss amendment).

5. World League Cup

Presentation from Wojtek Domanski. Reminder that the world league cup dates run annually from 1st October to 30th September.

- Results 2017

PF1 was the only valid class.

Individual	Nation
1. Kittiphop PHROMMAT (THA)	1. Thailand
2. Alex MATEOS (FRA)	2. France
3. Ivan PESTUN (SVK)	3. Poland

- future evolution

6. Future of slalom tasks in classic competitions.

General discussion of different countries perspectives in respect to slalom. Noted 4 key options:

- a) no slaloms at all - what precision tasks instead?
- b) over water only - how to practice?
- c) without speed-bar - is it really safer?
- d) no change - is there safety an issue?

Generally responses were for a mix of A, B, and D. But there is lots of differing opinion. We have been suggesting for several years that countries propose new innovations for precision tasks that assess pilot skill without requirement for speed and various ideas discussed but none yet proposed for S.10. The feeling is that the proposal to remove all existing slalom from the catalogue will act as a catalyst to the development and proposal of new precision task formats for 2018. Option C is dangerous because it encourages pilots to make DIY modifications to their riser settings. We need to bear in mind the need for aspects of our sport that are easily transportable, and can be packaged into spectator-friendly events.

7. Any other business:

- Ann Welch Diploma -

Records set by pilots this year. To be discussed at main plenary tomorrow.

Minutes done by Barney Townsend