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To: All NAC Presidents and Commission Presidents

Sporting Licences and Membership FAI General Conference 2019 Items 21 & 22

On the 9th of August, 2018, a One FAI workshop, attended by the EB, NAC representatives and the ASC Presidents, identified the FAI Sporting Licence as being one of three core issues requiring review.

The objectives established for this review were to:

- Strengthen the global air sports community:
- Ease the financial burden on the NACs and activate FAI's participants

A presentation was subsequently made at the General Conference in Luxor, 2018, expanding on this work and proposing a three-tier Sporting Licence system.

The continuation of this work will now form part of the *FAI 2020 : Refreshing FAI* project, taking the opportunity to update the Sporting Licence and to also consider a new way of determining membership subscriptions.

This paper provides a brief review of the presentation from Luxor to refresh your memory and to facilitate discussions under Items 21 & 22 of the General Conference agenda for Lausanne, 2019.

One FAI Workshop

Concerns expressed in the One FAI workshop included the continuous reductions in the number of reported Air Sport Persons (ASPs) within the NACs and challenge from ASPs as to the value provided by their NAC and FAI.

An additional concern, identified in 2019, was the fraudulent use of enlarged and framed FAI Sporting Licences pretending to be legal, ICAO-style licences, authorising commercial aviation activities. As a result of this illegal activity, one Member has been held responsible for "licencing" a commercial activity following accidents and injury to customers of the illegal service provider. The problem is the word "licence"; to the uninitiated this seems to imply a government-level approval.

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Updating the Sporting Licence

Sporting licences are very useful for organizing our sports. By acquiring a sporting licence ASPs declare that they will abide by NAC/FAI rules and accept NAC/FAI authority when participating in FAI-sanctioned activities.

Notably, persons who officiate at FAI-sanctioned activities (*Organizers, Judges, Jury, Stewards, Task Setters, Official Observers etc*) are not currently required to hold a Sporting Licence. Yet these persons apply the FAI rules and, in some cases, exercise FAI authority under those rules.

The work on developing the Sporting Licence has continued in 2019. The concept, including the development of a standard fee across all NACs for the Membership Subscription, was further developed in 2019 and shared with the Commission Presidents Group, with a meeting of the Asian NACs, at the Asian Summit in Bangkok, and a number of other NACs.

As a result of feedback from these meetings, the three-tier concept is retained and, to facilitate this approach, there are three EB proposals for Statute changes included in the SWG Report to the GC 2019. These are:

- The inclusion of the definition of an ASP in the Statutes,
- The update to the Sporting Licence to include “participants”, and
- The introduction of a “FAI Supporter”.

It was proposed to have a formal proposal for the other tiers of Sporting Licence for the General Conference 2019. This has not been achieved because the feedback received identified that additional, careful, thought needed to be put into the overall proposal followed by further consultation with FAI members and Commissions.

The presentation that will be provided in Lausanne is the start of this process of consultation in coordination with the *FAI 2020 : Refreshing FAI project*.

For the future, as proposed at the General Conference 2018, the Sporting Licence will be expanded to accommodate the level at which a person is participating in air sport activities.

This revised Sporting Licence is proposed to be known as a FAI Sports ID to move away from the legal implications of the term “licence” .

In addition, a FAI Officials ID is proposed for all those who exercise authority under the FAI rules at sporting activities.

Membership Subscriptions

The existing membership subscription scheme, developed some 20 years ago, needs revision. Expanding the Sporting Licence pool provides an opportunity to consider updating the Membership subscriptions to ease the financial burden for the NACs and activate FAI's individual participants.

This proposal will be further explored at the General Conference with the intention of consulting widely to enable a formal proposal to be provided to the GC in 2020.

Summary

- EB proposals in the SWG Report for 2019 are:
 - to include the definition of an ASP and to clarify the role of the FAI Sporting Licence,
 - to ensure that Members remain involved by maintaining their right to oppose the registration of an FAI issued Sporting Licence based on the updated FAI Statutes, and
 - to expand the scope of the FAI Sporting Licence by including a "FAI Supporter" category.

- Proposals that will be the subject of the presentation under Item 21 & 22 of the conference agenda in December are the:
 - renaming of the Sporting Licence as the FAI Sports ID plus accommodating the kind of activity undertaken by the individual ASP,
 - FAI Officials ID, and
 - Membership subscription scheme, based on the number of FAI Sports IDs and FAI Supporter IDs with the intention of facilitating a move towards a standard membership fee for NACs.

I look forward to the discussion on the ideas that will be presented during the conference.

Best regards



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