Minutes

of the Paramotor Subcommittee meeting

at the Annual Meeting of the

FAI CIMA Commission

To be held in a Maison du Sport International (Salle Rouge)

on Thursday, November the 17th, 2022 at 14 UTC
Agenda

1. Opening & introduction of delegates
2. Matters arising
3. Future competitions – bids, indications, remarks on LR&TC, …

2023

a) CHINA  
6th OCA Asian Beach Games

No news received from China

b) SPAIN  
5th World Paramotor Slalom Championships

Bornos, Spain - June 2023  With the information that we have it will take place from 1-10 June. Diego is in the microlight commission and we will ask to confirm.

c) GBR  
1st World Paramotor Endurance Championship

Wingland, UK

*Barney explain they don’t have an venue yet. The will manage but to early to push it to 2024
Italie ask how the paramotor endurance cup worked in 2022.
*Standard rules you can find in annex of section 10,
Annex 8 is not the latest version but is based on Pap Kolar initial proposal.
Poland ask the task catalog from 2022, it will be access on the wiki. Some explanation about the tasks that are given. Tasks are based on classic. Discovery class and club class are allowed to fly with GPS.
*The experience of the latest year gave a chance to make a lot of improvement for the scoring and which task launched on which particular moment.
*the venue that UK used for the national is good for 25pilots but not good for a bigger event with the double of pilots.

* British Open (National) Paramotor Championship 2023:  

the goal is in 2023 another open British endurance national 21 and 25 june 2023 and in 2024 probably late July or early august a world championship. All 4 classes are meant to be flown but this is working point for the bid. The goal is more flying less briefings.
*Barney shows the MAP and explains more tasks using the map. And gives explanation how the scoring systems works using Pesto.
www.ppgcomps.co.uk

World Endurance Championship 2024
Dates TBC but probably late July or early August 2024

2024

d) BELGIUM

7th European Paramotor Championships
Belgium (July or August)

Due the professional occupations working abroad of Toon Hylebos and the problems in the Belgian NAC the preparations of the bid took delay. But we continued preparing an event. We are talking with 3 city’s to host this kind of event.

Toon brings up that it makes no sense to compete with UK. So we need to sort out the date and Belgium take the gap.

The committee need to decide

e) (KSA)

12th World Paramotor Championships
No further information

f) (QAT)

6th World Paramotor Slalom Championships
Qatar presented a detailed document
Verry good presentation for the BID. The invitation comes from the national airsport committee
Planned event dates 01/02/2024 – 14/02/2024
23degrees
Neer Doha capital on artificial island Qetaifan island
Opening ceremony 6feb2024
Entry fees 300 euro pilot teamleader 200 assistant 100 euro.
Questions
Toon: Wind is low? It will be the best moment to organize with 2 stadions it allows to fly a lot of pilots in early
Matteos: what about marketing? It will be broadcasted on national tv also international Possible to follow. Qatar Airways will support. (12to 20% discount need to be confirmed)
Krystof: logistics customs? It will be solved by the committee and there will be help on the airport.

g) (POL) 6th World Paramotor Slalom Championships
Formal statement of intent submitted they will Move the bid to 2025 because of the bid of Qatar. They will continue to work on this bid.

h) (BRA) 6th World Paramotor Slalom Championships
i) (EGP) 6th World Paramotor Slalom Championships
j) (FRA) 6th World Paramotor Slalom Championships
No site available, due political reasons want to move to 2025.

Event next to the Olympic Games won’t happen

2025
k) (POL) 7th World Paramotor Slalom Championships
Formal statement of intent submitted

l) (?) World/Continental Paramotor Championships
m) (?) World Paramotor Slalom Championships
n) (?) World Paramotor Endurance Championship
Italy are interested to host a endurance world championship in 2026.

4. FAI Sporting Code, Section 10 proposals – Paramotor Committee recommendations
Proposal 1: Continental record on top of national and world; No answers on Richard remarks made before. Vote majority against 1 for
Proposal 2: changing definition backtracking, proposal from Czech republic. 5seconds in sequence. In favor majority
Proposal 3: abstain we think its more important for microlights, we have the same in paramotor but as paramotor commission we abstain and discuss later to add remarques
Proposal 8: simplification of annex 4 unanimous
Proposal 9: Certified Helmets with integral protection of the ears. Abstention with recommendation of helmet types and certifications. Including neck protection
Proposal 10: live saving equipment – 4 Against 4 abstain
Proposal 11: distance gate Approved, 8 for 3 against
5. Discussion: Does the paramotor slalom championship sport code need changes?

   a. Maximum wing loading?

   Emilia Plak explains that we are now reaching new limits of impact momentum risking life to pilots even over the water. It became to the elite flying the slalom competition and is not open to more pilots anymore because of demotivation of crashes and the high end gear.

   Suggestion Poland limitation to entry level class not smaller than 18m with 7 or 7,5kg wing load for PF1 and PL1. All pilots should take part in 1 entry level class CAT1 event before admitted to the Elite level. But the question is raised if we have now already not enough pilots competing

   Suggestion Belgium the limitation of wing load is not fair for the pilot because they fly the same engines with different pilot weight on the same wing. If you only score on time speed will always be a factor and we maybe think to redefine the tasks.

   b. Split into two classes?

      " Open – without equipment limitation

      " Standard – with equipment limitation

   For CIMA decision- what do we want for the future? If we make it too elite we kill new entry. This is what we do not want! So what we DO want! Need to make a definition of this

   We want to increase the number of pilots of aspiring to and wanting to take part in slalom competition by improving safety and accessibility, whilst also increasing the excitement of the sport. Find the best skilled pilots

   Decision should be relevant for both pilots and industry.

   Proposal for working group be set up to further research the issue and make recommendations/proposals for 2022 plenary

6. Comments: Last year’s FAI Cat.1 competition:

   " 11th World Paramotor Championships, Saquarema, Brazil

   No report received from Brazil. Noël gave small report of his experience.

   " 4th World Paramotor Slalom Championships, Nove Mlyny, Czech Republic
Report received from Jana.

8. Any other business:
   • Ann Welch Diploma - suggestions
     Voted Ramon Morillas his double record
   • Other…