

Email to Marcus Haggenev

c.c. FAI Secretary General

Re: WHC 12015 – Poland

Dear Marcus

Thank you for your email and the request to respond.

### History

A young Polish Group, supported by the Aeroklub Polski made the only Bid to Host the 2015 Championship. The latter takes place every third year.

The Venue accepted had to be changed hence there was considerable delay in declaring a new venue.

CIG was conscious of the lack of expertise. The Commission offered help and guidance on several occasions. Irina Grushina informed CIG that she and her Russian Colleagues were already advising the Organiser. To avoid any future criticism CIG considered that Irina Grushina be appointed the CIG Official Technical Advisor.

The CIG Technical Advisor guides the Championship Body in all aspects of setting up the Championship. Whilst not involved in financial matters the Advisor advises the Championship Director in all matters concerning the Championship.

### Mr Monks Observations

There were 3:

1. Failure of the Event Director and Jury to implement the Sporting Code.
2. That CIG is so small that the Code of Ethics could be compromised.
3. One Member of the Russian Delegation was given free access to all aspects of the Event, Judges briefings, scoring room, Chief Judge's room and the running order.

He gives examples.

#### 1. General Rules and Regulations

All crews must hold Sporting Licences. There must be no changes of crews/countries within three years (CIG Rules Chapter 2.1.7)

This was included to ensure that there was no change between CIG 3 year World Championship Cycles. CASI changed the General Section to 2 years. This was not picked up by the CIG – CASI Delegate. A request has been made to CASI for dispensation to accept the CIG 3 year rule.

At the time of the 15<sup>th</sup> WHC the General Section Rule was observed as it has precedence. Thus in this case there was no breach of change of crew or NAC.

## 2. Sporting Licences

The issue of Sporting Licences is set out in Chapter 3 of the General Section effective 1.1.2016. Change of Representation is not permitted within 24 months.

### Error in Sporting Licences

4 cases are listed, Austria, Belarus, Russia and Macao. I have checked with the relevant NAC representatives from which the following information was provided.

a. Sergie Tupikov (Russia) Incorrect. Attached is a copy of his Sporting Licence issued by his NAC (30.7.2015)

b. Aleksei Mochanski (Belarus) Incorrect. Attached is a photocopy of his Sporting Licence issued by his NAC. The name stated by Mr Monks is wrongly spelt. This Sporting Licence is on the FAI Data Base with the correct spelling.

c. Anita Parr (Austria). The reply from the Austrian Aero Club states that Mrs Parr replaced the crew member Mr Kurt Schoosleitner just before the Championship due to personal reasons. Mrs Parr was crew member for her husband. She has lived in Austria for 15 years. She overlooked sending her Registration Document to the Austria Aeroclub hence the failure to provide her with her Sporting Licence before the start of the WHC.

d. Chu Kin Hang (Macao). FAI say no Sporting Licence exists. No further information is available. He flew with a British team Member who would have known a Sporting Licence was essential but as an International Team.

The result as to who might have issued it only affects Austria but they were not at the level of Individual Medal Awards. International Teams do not qualify for inclusion.

It is unfortunate that the allegation against 2 competitors was unfounded.

Championship Rules Chapter 2 -10.3 forbids a complaint or protest of one team against another. The allegation regarding the Macao/British fails because not only was it a non-counting International Team but was considered as an element of the British Group.

### Setting out the Fender Course

This was late. The Organiser had been advised that it should be set out in time to allow crew inspection.

The Jury, being informed of Mr Monk's dispute checked the course. It was found that one container (Barrel) was displaced by 9cm. It was corrected.

A Protest was submitted by Mr Monks which was read by the Jury. The subsequent evidence proved that the 'offending container' was not on Mr Monks' side of the course. Before a Hearing could be called Mr Monks withdrew his Protest. No other team has made a complaint.

### Conflict of Interest

#### a. Equipment (extension lap belts)

This discussion between Mr Monks and the Chief Judge was not brought to the attention of the Jury. Reference was made to a Protest but none was issued.

#### b. Experienced Officials

CIG Rules say that 'There should be at least 4 experienced officials'. The word is 'should' not 'must'. CIG were aware of the lack of experience. Taking into account that Russia had been working closely with the Organiser for a year, CIG appointed a Technical Delegate to advise it was considered reasonable to proceed with the Championship. Mr Monks did not object. A response was expected from the CIG Technical Advisor but none was forthcoming. Moreover when the matter of her activities was put to the Team Managers it was approved 10 – 2 after a secret vote.

### Future Actions

Mr Monks has made a number of requests. Whether or not the Commission would want an Independent Adjudicator is debateable. It would need changes to the By-Laws and the General Section.

The final scoring lists will be re-examined and, if necessary, alterations implemented.

Mr Monks is not careful with his choice of words. He refers to the same people having roles in the World Championship being the same in WAG. This is not correct.

1. The Jury President is different.
2. The WAG Event Director is CIG Rules Chairman.
3. The Chief Judge is different.

The Bureau is due to meet before the next CIG Plenary. The points raised by Mr Monks will be debated before all of them are raised at the Plenary.

I make no excuses for errors. These should not have occurred. Steps are being taken to ensure that there can be no repeat.

Let me know if you consider that there is any point still unanswered affecting the 15<sup>th</sup> World Helicopter Championships.

Regards

David Hamilton – CIG President