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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)

Held in Lausanne, Switzerland
On Wednesday 4th December 2019
At the MSI

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1. Roll-Call

Present

NACs: Australia, France, Hong Kong-China, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, UK and USA.

ASCs: CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, GAC, CIACA, IGC and ISC.

Representatives: CIMP and EnvC

CASI Bureau: Antonis Papadopoulos, Art Greenfield, Sergey Ananov.

FAI EB: Bob Henderson, Agust Gudmundsson, Mary Anne Stevens, Marina Vigorito

FAI Secretariat: Susanne Schoedel, Markus Haggenev

Absent: From the Bureau: Gillian Rayner and Terry Cubley. From ASCs: CIA and ICARE and from NACs: Chinese Taipei and Germany.

Observers: Bernald Smith (FAI Companion of Honor)

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Gillian Rayner
- Terry Cubley

3. Proxies

No proxies were recorded.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Declarations of conflict of interest were called for and none were recorded.

5. CASI President's addresses

The CASI President, Antonis Papadopoulos, welcomed everyone and hoped for a productive meeting. He encouraged delegates to feel free to discuss any matter suitable for the meeting. FAI Companion of Honour Mr. Bernald Smith attended the meeting as observer, with the approval of the President.

CASI President then gave the floor to the FAI President Mr. Bob Henderson who welcomed all the participants and wished for a fruitful meeting. He apologized that he was obliged to leave the meeting due to other FAI commitments.

6. FAI Secretary General report

FAI Secretary General, Susanne Schoedel took the floor, welcomed the participants and stated that her report would be presented during the FAI General Conference but if necessary could also be included in the minutes of this meeting. She also apologized that she had to leave the meeting to attend another scheduled meeting with the President.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 2018 in Luxor, Egypt

The CASI President indicated that 2018 Minutes were published and asked if there were any comments.

Mrs Hirtzel mentioned that she had sent apologies for absence last year and she would like that to be recorded in the minutes. The CASI President asked if there were any further comments. No comments or additions were recorded.

The motion to approve the Minutes as amended, was passed unanimously.

8. General Section amendments

The following proposals were included in the agenda as Annex 1.

- 1.4.2 Amendments to the General Section shall come into force on the date agreed by the Air Sport General Commission Plenary Meeting. **The present Volume shall be automatically revised in accordance with any changes in the FAI Statutes or By-Laws, which affect existing provisions.** The appropriate ASC shall determine the regular date for annual amendments to the Specialised Sections of the Sporting Code for which they are responsible.

Explanation

If changes are made that affect the General Section, the volume should be revised by the CASI Bureau. A change to the initial proposed text was suggested: “shall be revised by the CASI Bureau” was added instead of “automatically revised”.

The amended proposal was approved unanimously and will read as follows:

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- 2.1 CLASSES

Class G: Parachutes **and Wind Tunnels**

2.2 FAI INTERNATIONAL AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS

Parachuting **and Indoor Skydiving** ISC, Section 5, Class G, Description: Parachutes and **Wind Tunnels**

2.7 GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

G Parachuting **and Indoor Skydiving**

ISC International Skydiving Commission

All above were approved unanimously. They will be implemented on the condition the General Conference approves the proposed Statute changes on the same subject.

Post meeting note: The General Conference approved the Statutes changes and therefore the GS amendments will be implemented on January 1st.

- 3.1 SPORTING LICENCE

3.1.1 STATUTORY RIGHTS: only FAI members holding FAI Sporting Powers have the right to issue FAI Sporting Licences **on behalf of FAI**

Explanation

Just a clarification, so to be aligned with the Statutes.

Approved unanimously.

- 3.1.3.3 Although a NAC has **the delegated** power to issue Sporting Licences, a NAC may delegate that power to other aeronautical bodies within its country and involve such bodies in their distribution. In the event of a Sporting Licence, valid for one airport discipline, being withdrawn from an individual for disciplinary reasons, the NAC must ensure that all other Sporting Licences issued to that individual (3.1.3.2) by that NAC are also withdrawn.

Explanation

Clarification as above.

Approved unanimously.

- 4.2 REGISTRATION OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS.

The FAI maintains and publishes an International Sporting Calendar. In order to be recognised, an International Sporting Event must be registered in the FAI Sporting Calendar by the NAC(s) authorising or organizing it. Such registration must be received by the FAI Secretariat a minimum of thirty days before the

starting date of the event or at an earlier time if specified by an ASC in its Specialised Section. **This registration may be submitted in any FAI approved format.**

Explanation

A new application from Noosphere is in place and is currently used by CIVL and CIAM for the registration of events to be added to the calendar. The way the paragraph was written, only paper forms were allowed. We need to move forward to the digital era.

Approved unanimously.

▪ 4.15.2 NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

4.15.2.1

The ~~officially accepted entry list and~~ results of a First Category Event shall be sent electronically to the FAI Secretariat if possible before the prize-giving and in any case within (24) hours of the end of the event.

Explanation

This is no longer in practice since nothing is sent to the office before the end of the event. The result lists also reflect also the entry list.

Approved unanimously.

- 4.15.2.2 The results of any FAI air sport event shall be ~~given in writing~~ **made available, in a suitable format**, to the host NAC, all competitors and the NACs they represent and, for First Category Events, to the FAI Secretariat without delay.

Explanation

"In writing" might be interpreted as paper. Usually the results are sent by electronic means.

Approved unanimously.

- 4.15.3.1 At First Category Events the FAI flag must be flown and the FAI Anthem played. The flags of the countries of the competitors placed first, second and third in each class must be flown and the national anthem of the **country of the champion** must be played. **In case there is a tie for the position of the champion then the national anthem of the countries of the champions must be played.**

Explanation

Housekeeping. The last paragraph was added during the meeting because in some airports the rules allow for more than one champion in case of a tie.

Approved unanimously.

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▪ 5.4.2 THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

5.4.2.1 An FAI First Category event shall have an International Jury to deal with protests and monitor the conduct of the event and ensure that the ~~officially accepted entry list and~~ results are sent to the FAI Head Office in accordance with 4.15.2.1. The composition of the International Jury may be either representative or nominated. The Specialised Sections of the Sporting Code shall state which Jury system is to be used and may state further criteria for qualification as a Jury Member.

Explanation

As for 4.15.2.1

Approved unanimously.

- 5.6.2 The Jury and Panel of Judges, if any, need not be of international composition.

Explanation

This comma in some cases has led to the interpretation that there is not automatically a need for a Jury for Second Category events. This is in conflict with another provision which requires that all results are verified by the Jury and of course, with no Jury in place, who is going to treat any protest? It is noted however, that not all ASCs have jury provision for Second Category events.

A proposal from the CIVL delegate to give the opportunity to all ASCs to look more carefully into this subject was accepted. The subject will be submitted again for consideration next year.

Decision

No change this year but submit a proposal next year after careful investigation of all the consequences of such a change.

▪ 6.4 TREATMENT OF PROTESTS

The Jury shall hear ~~both~~ **all involved** sides on the matter of any protest, applying the relevant FAI regulations and the rules for the event.

Explanation

More than two parties can be involved in a protest.

Approved unanimously, with the amended “parties” instead of “sides” and will read as follows:

The Jury shall hear **all involved parties** on the matter of any protest, applying the relevant FAI regulations and the rules for the event

▪ 6.5 APPEALS

6.5.2 NOTICE OF APPEAL: notice of Appeal to FAI must be made in writing in English ~~or French~~ and addressed to the FAI Secretary General by the authorized representative of the NAC concerned or by the individual concerned in matters under 4.11.2. It shall be accompanied by all necessary documents and a deposit. The amount of the deposit shall be fixed each year by FAI.

Explanation

A clarification. The official FAI language is English.

Approved unanimously.

- 6.5.3 TIME LIMIT: an appeal to FAI must be received at FAI Headquarters within 90 **calendar** days from the incident, action or announcement of the decision leading to the appeal. This time may, in special circumstances, be extended by the CASI Bureau.

Explanation

Specification if it is calendar dates or working days. This is a clarification.

Approved unanimously

- 6.6.1.2 Decisions of CASI acting as the FAI Final Court of Appeal are final unless an appeal is filed within 21 **calendar** days of the publication date of CASI’s decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, or unless major new factual issues which could have affected the decision are revealed after the decision, in which case CASI shall decide on further action.

Explanation

Specification if it is calendar dates or working days. This is a clarification.

Approved unanimously

- 6.6.2 In the case of an Appeal concerning ~~disputes of a sporting nature~~ **a Jury decision following a Protest** in an international sporting event (Statute 5.2.3.2.5), if an appeal has been made in accordance with 6.5.2 and 6.5.3, CASI will establish an International Appeals Tribunal of three members, one of whom shall be appointed Tribunal Chairperson. The members, who shall be independent of the parties involved, will be appointed by the CASI Bureau, upon recommendation from the CASI President, who shall also designate the Tribunal Chairperson.

Explanation

An appeal is only a second level evaluation of a dispute in a competition.

This proposal was intended to be a clarification and ensure that a protest was necessary before an appeal can be made. However as the entire disciplinary procedure requires revision, a proposal was made to refer this subject back to the Bureau for further consideration.

The proposal to refer the matter back to the CASI Bureau for further consideration was accepted unanimously.

- 6.6.2.2 Decisions of the International Appeals Tribunal are final unless an appeal is filed within 21 **calendar** days of the publication date of the Tribunal's decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, or unless major new factual issues which could have affected the decision are revealed after the decision, in which case CASI shall decide on further action.

Explanation

Specification if it is calendar dates or working days. This is a clarification.

Approved Unanimously.

9. Jury Guidelines

The revised version of the existing Jury Handbook was included in the Agenda for approval (Annex 2) and now named as Jury Guidelines.

If there is any amendment to the General Section or any other higher level FAI document (i.e. Statutes) the Plenary authorises the CASI Bureau to revise this document accordingly without having to wait for a new decision of the Plenary.

Approved Unanimously.

10. Considerations for the future

Disciplinary Procedures – Violations/Penalties/Appeals (Statutes). Penalties & Disqualifications (GS). Breach of Code of Ethics. Penalties Sections from the Specialized Volumes. Alignment of the provisions included into the documents described above and considerations for the future.

Explanation

There are many things that are not very clear in the above mentioned documents and in many cases there are more than one option available to treat the same matter. The CASI President prepared a document which was sent to all CASI members describing the discrepancies. The CIVL President, Mr. Malbos, agreed and suggested establishing a working group for this very serious matter.

The CASI President also mentioned that the FAI EB has appointed Mr. David Roberts to deal with the outdated publication "Code of Ethics" and this document revision also needs to be included in this process.

All the CASI members present unanimously approved this proposal.

The following CASI members volunteered to be part of the Working Group. Stephane Malbos (CIVL), Gillian Rayner and Elisabet Mikaelsson (ISC), Antonis Papadopoulos (CIAM). The CASI President recommended waiting until after the elections to see if there are other persons interested in participating in this WG.

11. Any Other Business

A fatality occurred in an aeromodelling event that was hosted in a public park in Chinese Taipei, concerning a female bystander who was some 500 m. away from the competition area.

This subject has been placed on the agenda not to deal with the accident itself but to look at revising the Casualty Guidelines document and to consider it part of the CASI documents. Mrs Marja Osinga (CIMP President) indicated that a new version of this documents exists but is still unpublished.

Mr. Markus Haggenev mentioned the fatality that occurred during the WAG 2015 in Dubai and what happened afterwards.

It was then agreed to further work on this matter and to submit a proposal next year.

The meeting was adjourned around 17:30. ***** End of day 1 *****

***** Start of day 2 *****

12. Elections

The meeting resumed on Friday, December 6th, 2019 at 16:00h, during the last coffee break of the General Conference at the Auditorium of the Olympic Museum. The only topic was elections for the CASI Bureau members.

Present:

NACs: Australia, France, Hong Kong – China, Italy, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom and USA.

ASCs: CIAM, GAC, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, IGC, ISC and CIACA

Absent: Germany, ICARE and CIA.

The only nomination for President was Antonis Papadopoulos from CIAM and he was unanimously elected by acclamation.

The only nomination for 1st Vice President was Gillian Rayner from ISC and she was unanimously elected by acclamation.

Nominations for the three Vice Presidents were Terry Cubley (AUS), Sergey Ananov (RUS) and Art Greenfield (USA). All three were unanimously elected by acclamation.

For the position of the Secretary Elisabet Mikaelsson (ISC) volunteered to assist CASI. No other candidates made themselves known so she was also elected unanimously by acclamation.

At no point in the meeting was secret ballot called for.

The meeting concluded at 16:30. The President thanked everyone for their contribution to both meetings.

***** End of day 2 *****