



**FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE**

**BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA  
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**CIA Conference  
Istanbul, Turkey  
12-15 March 2019**

2019 Event Development Service (EDS)

Eresin Hotel, Topkapi, Istanbul  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 14:00 – 18:00

**Meeting Minutes**

**Roll call, apologies for absence**

**Present:** Lindsay Muir – acting Chairman  
Andy Baird (USA) & Chair, Competitors Sub-Committee  
Martine Besnainou (FRA)  
Paolo Oggioni (ITA)  
Maury Sullivan (USA)

**Apologies for absence:**

Garry Lockyer (CAN) – resigned from the committee in December 2018  
Harold Cliver (USA)  
Debbie Spaeth (USA) - chairman PR sub-committee

Observers:

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| Filus Witold (POL)         | Zoltan Palhegy (Hun)      |
| Iwanski Arkadinsz (POL)    | Dominic Bareford (UK)     |
| Zydrunas Kazlaliskas (LTU) | Cheri White (USA)         |
| Yuzy Mitycgin (RUS)        | Mark Sullivan (President) |
| Branko Ambrozic (SLO)      | Les Purfield (UK)         |
| Baco Tamme (Hungary)       | Markus Haggeneay (FAI)    |
|                            | Benoit Pelard (FRA)       |

The previous chairman resigned from the committee with no notice and no one appointed at that time to take over as chairman. Lindsay Muir agreed to take over as chair for the meeting but the committee was missing information on 2018 events and the status of sanction applications.

## **2018 Sanctioned Events**

### **a. Category 1 Events 2018**

Luxembourg Balloon Trophy. Luxembourg  
3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland  
4th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland  
23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Austria  
62nd Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. Switzerland

### **b. Sporting Events 2018**

2nd Central European Cup and 3rd Szeged Balloon Cup. Szeged, Hungary  
20e Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfieres & 25e Coupe Du Monde Des Dames  
2018 Slovenian Open National Hot Air Balloon Championship.

## **Review of planning status for Sanctioned Events for 2019 – 2021**

### **Gordon Bennett Race**

2019 63rd Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. France  
Markus Haggenev reported that 21 teams have entered and that the venue and hotel for the event is very good. Airspace issues will be discussed with the ATC coordinator. Progress is being made towards allowing balloons to fly in Belarus airspace. Talks are also ongoing with the Ukrainian authorities regarding their airspace. Markus met with the Polish organisers of the 2020 Gordon Bennett Race to discuss the hand over of ATC coordination at the end of the event.

### **Category One Events**

2019 - 21<sup>st</sup> FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship. Majorca, Spain  
Les Purfield (ASC) reported that the entry procedure had closed with 84 participants. There were some issues over money transfer. The pilots appeared to be happy with the accommodation package included in the entry fee. There will be a test event in the week before the Europeans but there will be no time to fix any issues that arise. With regard to the refund policy, there will be no refund if a pilot withdraws after the 30<sup>th</sup> June and no replacement can be found from the country concerned.

2020 - 24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Murska Sobota, Slovenia. Planning for this event appears to be going well and the Event Director made a visit to the event venue in December 2018. A Media Company has been appointed to cover the event and there will be a test event in 2019.

### **Sanction applications 2019- 2021**

#### **Category One**

##### **2019**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Women European Cup, 3<sup>rd</sup> Central European Cup, 39<sup>th</sup> Hungarian National Championship and 4<sup>th</sup> Szeged Balloon Cup. Szeged, Hungary

The sanction application was complete although some document were missing including the Risk Assessment, Budget, Organisation Chart, Safety Plan. It was also noted that the entry process has already started.

- Slovenian Open National Hot Air Balloon Championship (2020 WHABC Test Event). Slovenia.  
This bid is for a test event and should be granted under the sanction for the 2020 WHABC. ASC Les Purfield

## 2020

- 4<sup>th</sup> Central European Cup and 5<sup>th</sup> Szeged Balloon Cup. Szeged, Hungary  
Although the sanction application was complete there were some document missing including the Risk Assessment, Budget, Organisation Chart, Safety Plan. ASC – Paolo Oggioni
- 4th FAI Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland  
The sanction application came in very late (after the 2 year deadline) and was missing the Risk Assessment, Budget, Organisation Chart, Safety Plan. The bid was submitted by the organiser after the application from Croatia to run the event was rejected in May 2018 following an extension and was not officially acknowledged by the previous committee chairman. The committee feels that they are unable to endorse the bid. However, as Poland ran the 2018 Women’s World Championship in the same venue with the same team then we recommend that Plenary meeting should be allowed to discuss the application. ASC Lindsay Muir.

## 2021

- 4th FAI Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Australia  
This Sanction Application and appeared to be complete although it is missing the Risk Assessment, Budget, Organisation Chart, Safety Plan. However, the bid is for 2021 but the normal year for this event would be an “even” year. The organisers stated that it would be possible to delay the event to 2022 if that was required. ASC – Lindsay Muir
- 22<sup>nd</sup> FAI European Championship, Hungary  
The Sanction Application appears to be complete but is still missing the Risk Assessment, Budget, Organisation Chart, Safety Plan. ASC – Paolo Oggioni

## Intentions to Bid

2020 64<sup>th</sup> Gordon Bennett Race – Poland

2022 – World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Poland. Due to the WAG the bid cannot be accepted. A letter will be sent out to the organiser’s thanking them for their letter of intention and explaining why it cannot be accepted.

## Documentation

The committee did not review any of the documentation. However, the Sanction Application form may need changing following recommended changes to the Jury selection process.

**Points of Action from 2018 Plenary meeting.**

Due to lack of time the committee did not review Sanction Fees and Performance Bonds.

**Observations and Recommendations from Jury Reports and Event Debriefs**

Not discussed.

**CIA Competition Diplomas/Medals**

The committee believes that this is being dealt with by another sub-committee.

**Solicitation of Proposals to Host Events**

To be studied over the coming year.

**Any Other Business**

Lindsay Muir made 2 proposals to the committee

- 1) To make the Women's and Junior World Championship bid process the same as for an International Sporting Event.

This will reduce the time limit required for any bid from 2 years before the event to the same year as the event. However, the bid must still be received 60 days before the Plenary in that year.

- 2) To change the year of a Women's or Junior World Championship, from even to odd years. This will allow the current champions to be invited to the World Championship in the following year.

The proposals need to be considered by the Statues, By-Laws and Sporting Code WG. Following discussions, it might be considered a good idea to request that the Bureau consider the changes to enable them to come into force in time for the next Plenary meeting.

**Committee members 2019-2020**

Chair: Lindsay Muir (UK)

Members: Andrew Baird (USA) – Chairperson – Competitors' Subcommittee

Martine Besnainou (FRA)

Harold Bubba Cliver (USA)

Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

Maury Sullivan (USA)

Debbie Spaeth (USA) – Chairperson – Public and Media Relations Subcommittee