



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA COMMISSION D'AEROSTATION

CIA Safety & Education Subcommittee Report 2018

Present: Michael Suchy (CZ)
Dragan Tom Miklousic (CRO)
Troy Bradley (USA)

Observers: Markus Haggenev (FAI)
Branko Amrozic (SLO)
Zoltan Palhegyi (HUN)
Benoit Pelard (FR)
Maury Sullivan (USA)

Apologies from: Bengt Stener (SWE)
Rudy Paenen (BEL)
Andy Chau (HKG)

1. Meetings before Conference

The subcommittee have had three Skype meetings prior to this meeting in Turkey.

At the meeting January 20, 4 members participated:

Bengt Stener (SWE)
Rudy Paenen (BEL)
Michael Suchy (CZ)
Andy Chau (HKG)

At the meeting February 3, 3 members participated.

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At the meeting February 24, 4 members participated:

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Rudy Paenen (BEL)
Michael Suchy (CZ)
Andy Chau (HKG)

Coordination meeting March 6th, 2 members participated

Bengt Stener (SWE)
Michael Suchy (CZ)

2. Reports from safety officers during 2018

The subcommittee have received reports from all events during 2018.

Date	Event	Safety Officer	Received
18 July – 22 July 2018	POST Luxembourg Balloon Championship, Mersch, Luxembourg	Pascal BOURKEL (LUX)	Yes
07 Aug - 11 Aug 2018	3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Naleczow, Poland	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)	Yes
18 Aug - 26 Aug 2018	23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Gross-Siegharts, Austria	Nikolaus BINDER (AUT)	Yes
13 -15 Sept 2018	CE Cup / Hungarian National Championship 2018	Rainer HASSOLD (GER)	Yes
12 Sep - 16 Sep 2018	4th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Włocławek, Poland	Bartosz Nowakowski (POL)	No
12 Sep - 15 Sep 2018	62th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett 2018, Bern, Switzerland	Stefan Zeberli (SUI)	Yes

The subcommite have recived 4 good reports and where we used the recomendatis from the reports in the work with the handbook. The report from Worlds in Austria was not detailed.

From one Safety Officer did we did not recive any report after several reminders. The Safety Subcommittee will not be able to recomend this Safety Officer to any comming events.

3. Safety officers for events in 2019 - 2020

The subcommittee recommended the following safety officer to be appointed for this year's events:

Date	Event	Safety Officer
27 Aug – 1 Sept 2019	Slovenian Open National Hot Air Balloon Championship – Murska Sobota 2019	Nikolaus BINDER (AUT)
9 – 14 Sept 2019	1st Women European Cup and 3rd Central European Cup and 39th Hungarian National Championship and 4th Szeged Balloon Cup, Hungary	Rainer HASSOLD (GER)
22 Oct – 27 Oct 2019	21th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2019, Mallorca, Spain	Les Purfield (GBR)
2019	63th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett 2019, France	Benoit Peterle (FRA)
14 – 18 Sept, 2019	4th Central European Cup and 5th Szeged Balloon Cup, Hungary	Rainer HASSOLD (GER)
20 -26 Sept, 2020	24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2020 - Slovenia	Nikolaus BINDER (AUT)
2020	CE Cup / Hungarian National Championship 2020	Rainer HASSOLD (GER)
11 – 15 Aug. 2020	4th FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)
2020	64th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. Poland.2020	?
13 – 18 sept 2021	22nd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2021 and 6th Szeged Balloon Cup, Hungary	Rainer HASSOLD, (GER)

4. Updating of the Safety handbook

We have used recommendations from Safety Reports, Jury reports and Event Debriefs to update this year's version of the handbook. We have taken into consideration the discussions on last year's plenary.

All updates are marked in yellow in the draft version of the Handbook.

The update to the handbook are proposed:

- A number of „cosmetic“ clarifications done especially in coordination form of instructions. „Safety officer shall“ solely instead of „You shall“ sometimes in combination with „SO shall“ ...
- Clarification in section 2 Introduction regarding to responsibility and section 7 Gas balloon competition as follows:

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Update of the text about Safety Officer responsibilities:

Actual wording:

The Safety Officer, in concert with Event Director, is responsible for the safety of flight operations, refuelling facilities, on site activities before and during the event.

Suggested wording:

- Advice and safety guidelines given by the Event Director and/or Safety Officer aim to ensure the highest possible safety standard for the event which includes ground operations incl. driving and refuelling procedures. The Event Director may give penalty to pilots that are not following the safety standards set for the event. Overall responsibility for the safe handling of the balloon is always with the pilot.
- Pilots are obliged to follow respective regulations published in the Flight Manual of their aircraft and applicable minimum pilot qualifications.
- Regulations applicable to air law, air traffic control in the respective countries are reserved in any event. They must be observed and, where applicable, take precedence over any sport regulation.

7 GAS BALLOON COMPETITIONS

Added the following points to what the Safety Officer shall check:

- there are “no smoking” signs on field
- before inflation check the amount of ballast

5. Updates of Education material

We do not have any update of educational materials this year, but we urge the delegates to collect their local material and send it to the Safety Subcommittee. BFA and WEG sources promises to be shared.

6. Obligation to provide safety instructions before the event.

A suggestion came from the floor of the meeting to include obligation to provide safety instruction before the event.

After discussion it was found, that there is an article in Safety Handbook

4.1.9 Publish all relevant information to the competitors saying:

The Safety Officer shall together with Event Director publish all safety information prior to the event to give the competitors a possibility to adopt to them...

SSC consider this as satisfactory.

7. Nomination of sub-committee members and Chairman for the coming year

Bengt Stener (SWE) - Chairman

Michael Suchy (CZ)

Dragan Tom Miklousic (CRO)

Rudy Paenen (BEL)

Andy Chau (HKG)

Troy Bradley (USA)

Benoit Pelard (FR) newcomer

Motions from Safety and Education Subcommittee 2019

Motion 1:

Motion to updated Safety Officer's Handbook as presented to be accepted by the plenary.

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