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

Observers: Markus Haggeney (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.
- Bengt Stener (SWE)
- Michael Suchy (CZ)
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At the meeting February 24, 4 members participated:
- Bengt Stener (SWE)
- Rudy Paenen (BEL)
- Michael Suchy (CZ)
- Andy Chau (HKG)

Coordination meeting March 6th, 2 members participated
- Bengt Stener (SWE)
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2. Reports from safety officers during 2018

The subcommittee have received reports from all events during 2018.

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<td>18 July – 22 July 2018</td>
<td>POST Luxembourg Balloon Championship, Mersch, Luxembourg</td>
<td>Pascal BOURKEL (LUX)</td>
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<td>07 Aug - 11 Aug 2018</td>
<td>3rd FAI Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Naleczow, Poland</td>
<td>Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)</td>
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<td>18 Aug - 26 Aug 2018</td>
<td>23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Gross-Siegharts, Austria</td>
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<td>12 Sep - 16 Sep 2018</td>
<td>4th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Wloclawek, Poland</td>
<td>Bartosz Nowakowski (POL)</td>
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<td>12 Sep - 15 Sep 2018</td>
<td>62th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett 2018, Bern, Switzerland</td>
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The subcommitte have received 4 good reports and where we used the recomendations 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:

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<td>Slovenian Open National Hot Air Balloon Championship – Murska Sobota 2019</td>
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<td>9 – 14 Sept 2019</td>
<td>1st Women European Cup and 3rd Central European Cup and 39th Hungarian National Championship and 4th Szeged Balloon Cup, Hungary</td>
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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:

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2 INTRODUCTION

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7 GAS BALLOON COMPETITIONS

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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**

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Andy Chau (HKG)  
Troy Bradley (USA)  
Benoit Pelard (FR) newcomer
Motions from Safety and Education Subcommittee 2019

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