

# **International Gliding Commission**

Minutes of the meeting of the Bureau

Paris, 4 – 6 October 2004

## **Working session 1, IGC Structure**

### **1. Presidents report on the Air Sports Commission President's Meeting and the 97<sup>th</sup> FAI Annual Conference**

- Poland may try to organise Air Games in 2006, only gliding and helicopters are interested. A proposal is awaited.
- Flight Safety is a growing issue with 339 reported fatalities in all air sports; we need to work actively on reduction of the number of accidents.
- The design of the new FAI Flag was agreed. It has been decided to use blue background with the new eagle, [using both a regular flag and a banner design](#).
- Each Commission will have their own letterhead logo. The IGC Logo will be three gliders and FAI and Gliding mentioned next to the FAI Eagle. (The word Commission to be removed from the proposal). We would however like to see a vertical design, as this would fit better to the paper.
- IGC-web updates have been a problem and IGC, along with the other commissions, is considering how to better assist the FAI-office.
- High Flyers, a book celebrating the centenary, will be made available.

### **2. Working Structure of the IGC Bureau and the Plenary Session**

- The Bureau will try to improve the structure of the Plenary session by reducing the time spend on reports, allowing more time for discussion of future plans and strategies. The secretary will manage the meeting strictly, respecting the rules that reports must be submitted on time. Reports not issued in time can be distributed on the meeting. Authors will not read their report, only answer questions
- Reports that need discussion, or where proposals are included will be a separate Agenda point.
- Presentations for World Gliding Championships bids will be done on Friday with voting on Saturday meeting.
- We will try to make it easier for non-native English speakers to follow the meeting by sticking to the agenda, and by making better use of visualisation aids.
- We need to identify deadlines to assure all material is ready to send out not later than 6 weeks before the Plenary Meeting.
- We need a list of gliding federations, delegate/contact person and gliding magazines.
- The structure of Committees and Specialists is to be revised to include a Bureau member in each Committee. An updated Committee list will be provided once all Chairmen have been advised of the changes.

### 3. IGC Strategy

- Establishment of the IGC Business Development Group (BDG)
  - The BDG can probably raise money, but we need a strategy for the development of IGC in order to determine what we need the money for.
  - Quality control of sporting events and records is an issue we will have to focus on, and where we most probably will need money
  - We also need to project gliding as a sport
  - More specifically the following issues were identified:
    - Professional help for running competition
    - Keep the ranking list up
    - Work on airspace/licences
    - GFAC [activities](#) in the longer term

### 4. Licensing, maintenance and operations

- The draft IGC licensing policy needs to be reviewed before it is presented to the Plenum for approval.
- ICAO Licenses
  - Peter Eriksen will remain the IGC advisor for gliding matters.
- The situation in Europe with licenses and Maintenance
  - The situation in Europe is that EASA will propose an EASA license with a medical below the present ICAO Class 2 Medical.
  - EGU is waiting for EASA to start review of the maintenance rules, in order to ease the situation for non-commercial flying (or at least gliding)
- JAR22 Study Group
  - The group together with OSTIV is proposing to EASA to continue the work under EASA having more or less the same responsibility.

## **Working session 2, Championships**

### **1. Review of coming Championships**

- Airspace violations will be discussed at the next Bureau meeting, however it is a policy of the Bureau that airspace infringements are unacceptable. Proposals have been provided from the Championships held in 2004.

### **2. Bids**

- Bids have been received for:
  - 2007 Juniors
  - 2008 Open/18m/15m
  - 2008 Std./Club/World
- No bids have been received for the 2007 Women's. The bidding period will be extended to 15 November
- All bids must be complete 12 December, which will give us 4 weeks go through them and publish them at the web with the IGC Plenary Agenda going out 19 January.
- A possible Annex A proposal was raised to reduce the length of the competition to be 15 days including training.

### **3. Sailplane Grand Prix 2005**

- The Bureau accepted the bid from St. Auban to arrange a Sailplane Grand Prix in 3-11/9 2005. St. Auban intent to arrange an Open Air show and exhibition during the last week-end of the competition.
- IGC will provide a cover letter for the organisers explaining the structure and future plans of the Sailplane Grand Prix.
- 20 pilots maximum. 1 pilot plus 1 reserve from each NAC is accepted. Reserves will be accepted if there are less than 20 entries to fill up to 20 pilots. The IGC Ranking List will be used to determine the order of the reserves.
- The plan is to have national Grand Prix arranged in several countries in 2006 qualifying for the 2007 World Grand Prix.

### **4 Future Championships**

- Future Class structure

With regard to max take off weight, there are no technical problems in changing the max take-off weight to 850 kg. The problem lays in the legislation and the competition rules.

There are constructors that already are working on ideas to produce a new generation of Open Class gliders.
- The Annex A group is to prepare a Year-1 proposal to change the weight limit of the Open Class to 850 Kg, and to allow the wing span to be changed during the

competition. The weight limit shall be valid for at least 10 years after it comes into force. Year 1 proposal

- Sanction Fees
  - It was agreed to propose the change to calculate the sanction fees in Euros.
  - It was also agreed to change the basic principle for sanction fees to a “per head” fee. This will be proposed to the 2005 plenum, with effect from 31 March 2005, meaning that bids received after March 2005 will follow the new principle.
  - Juniors to still not pay Sanction fees.
  - Ranking List should be changed accordingly, however this will not happen with immediate effect.
  - Certification fees for IGC loggers will be adjusted to Euors
- Organiser’s Handbook
  - The Championship Working group will be tasked to look at the way we quality control our competitions (jury and stewards)

## **5. On-Line Contest (OLC)**

- The problem of flights that violate airspace needs to be considered. One of the new issues introduced this year is a functionality that requires the pilot to confirm that he had clearance to enter particular airspace.
- This is only available for a limited number of countries, and will not be available in 2005 due to server problems.
- We hope this will be solved, and expanded following the cooperation between OLC and SeeYou.

## Working session 3, FAI, OSTIV, Ranking

### 1 OSTIV Related

- Flight Safety/collision
  - Glider Conspicuity Trials

The mirror film apparently has only limited effect if there is no sunshine. As the issue is depending on the local conditions, it was agreed not to change Annex A, where the organisers have the right to require anti collision markings such as day glow or mirror film.
  - Flarm

The development is considered as a positive contribution to flight safety. IGC wishes to [encourage](#) them to [continue](#). It is a problem that we have no statistical material that can help.

EGU has started collecting information to create an accident database.
- Accident Statistics
  - EGU will start to develop Accident Statistics, in the longer term, non-European data should be included.

### 2 FAI Centenary

- Our proposal is to arrange two 2 week competition periods, one for [the](#) Southern Hemisphere, and another for the Northern Hemisphere.
- The competition will be arranged as distance on-line contests in the 6 championships classes
- Each FAI Commission is requested to identify heroes.

### 3 IGC Ranking System

- The ranking system is running fine
- We need to create value for the system, e.g. use the system to prioritise reserves for WGCs

## Working session 4, Sporting Code and records

### 1. Sporting Code

- Annex A
  - We will keep only the Racing Task and the Assigned Area Tasks (Speed and Distance) in Annex A
  - We shall clarify in which classes we make wing span penalties.
  - We will not change the airspace infringement penalties for the time being.
  - The organizers must publish the reference QNH for the day at the briefing.
  - We should try to take the notes and explanations out of Annex A and put that into the Organizers Handbook.
  - Local procedures have to be published 6 months before the meeting, and they need approval by the Bureau before [publication](#).
  - We have to include the altitude definition used to determine airspace infringements in Annex A.
  - The Swiss scoring system should be considered as a year-2 proposal.
  - [Nomination of Stewards by Organisers to be deleted](#).

### 2. Records

- It was agreed to establish a Committee to with the title “Review of the Management of World Records”. Brian Spreckley will chair the Committee.
- Their first proposals, covering official observer, should be ready in December, in order to discuss this at the Plenary Meeting 2005
- One of the first tasks will be to understand what the other sports commissions do
- There may be a need to raise questions related to the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code. These changes need to be raised with the FAI in advance

### 3 Any Other Business

- We should revisit the IGC strategic plan, identify goals and performance indicators such as:
  - Countries participating in IGC meetings
  - Number of Countries in WGC
  - Number of people participating in competition
  - Number of competitions for the ranking list
- Microlight
  - We have more and more microlight motorgliders. It was discussed if we should make room for them in our organisations. There is definitely a potential here.

- It seems to be necessary to create a way to integrate this in gliding. The problem is to find the way to do this.
- IGC Plenary meeting March 2005
  - Bureau meeting 2/3 09:30 to 3/3 12:00
  - Plenary meeting 4/3 09:00 to 5/3 18:00