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Minutes

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

held at the Topkapi Hotel, Antalya, Turkey
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1-3 Welcome, Roll Call of Delegates, Apologies and Proxy votes

CASI President Graeme Windsor opened the meeting at 0900 by welcoming FAI President who was in attendance. After a roll call, he welcomed all delegates and observers to the meeting. The attendance list was circulated.

Present: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, GAC, IPC plus a number of non-voting alternate representatives, Technical Commission representatives and observers. In addition to the FAI President, Executive Director Alvaro de Orleans Borbon, Secretary-General, Senior Sports Manager, attended the meeting on a part-time basis.

Absent: Serbia, Spain, ICARE and IGC

An apology for absence was received from Tor Johannessen.

There were no proxy votes

A total of 17 voting representatives were present which gave 9 votes required to achieve an absolute majority and 12 votes for a 2/3 majority.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Declaration of conflict of interest was called for.
None were made.

5 Approval of Minutes of the Airport General Commission meeting held in Belgrade, Serbia on 13th October 2011

Corrections to minutes of last meeting: Item 6 the word General was removed from the heading "Report on the Review of Section 11".

6 Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Item 12. GAC advised that the proposal to include electrical powered propulsion amendments in Section 2 would be proposed at their next GAC plenary meeting to be held in two weeks' time.

Item 10 Autogyro Microlights

The CIG President declared that at the last CIG meeting the subject was discussed and the view taken that there would be no challenge to the inclusion of autogyro microlights into CIMA and expressed disappointment.

CIMA President indicated that the inclusion of microlight autogyros in CIMA competitions did not exclude them from participation in any relevant CIG events. He confirmed there were Microlight Autogyros at the last World Microlight Championships and that Microlight Autogyros had become a permanent class within CIMA.

The CIACA President announced an intention for CIACA to organise events with Experimental Autogyros. Discussion followed on the merits of this possibility. The President proposed that CIACA discuss the intention with the relevant ASCs to determine the best way to handle the question and report back to CASI next year.

Item 10 (cont.) The USA delegate reminded the CASI President that he had advised CASI that USA no longer wished to address the possible overlap issue in regard to records.

7 International Records (Annex 2 and Annex 3)

The proposal put to CASI in 2011 to remove the obligation for a World Record to first be a National Record was rejected and a new Working Group (WG) was set up to make a new proposal in 2012. The chair of the WG resigned during the year for various reasons and the President of CASI took the liberty to work on the question directly with Richard Buzz Bennett. He apologised for the oversight of omitting Art Greenfield from this new WG. The current proposal was the result of the new WG, which would give ASCs the ability to determine this need for National Record status according to their own requirements and circumstances. The President reminded the meeting that there was now quite a list of exceptions and a proposal for a further one if this amendment is not adopted.

Key concerns expressed during the ensuing discussion included possible loss of control by a NAC, the situation of athletes who have an FAI Licence issued directly by the FAI, and the specifics of different ASCs.

As a result, it was agreed to reinforce the role of NACs in the process by adding the following to the proposal: 6.4.1. ... (the NAC) “Is responsible for certifying the international record claim dossier prior to submission”....

With this amendment, the working groups proposals were adopted.

8 Cancellation of Sporting Events (Annex 4)

The Executive Board (EB) had asked CASI to modify the GS as per annex 4. The proposed text developed in the CASI Bureau in response was reviewed. Questions were raised relating to the recovery of costs, other than entry fees incurred by participants at cancelled events, and the potential liability of organisers and the Jury.

The discussion then turned to the current review of the FAI Organiser Agreement. The Secretary-General suggested that the document as proposed in the agenda should be referred to the FAI lawyers in the context of the new Organiser Agreement development.

This was agreed.

9 Medal Policy (Annex 5, 6 and 7)

An updated version of the FAI Medal specifications and policy was presented by the FAI Senior Sports Manager.

The IPC withdrew its proposal in annex 5 of the agenda.

Canada drew attention to the points in red “these medals shall be supplied by the FAI office or, if not supplied by the FAI head office, must conform to the FAI specification” which was agreed to by the FAI Senior Sports Manager.

A motion to accept the amended FAI policy and specification was carried.

10 International Appeals Tribunal (Annexes 8 and 9)

The CIA President, J-C Weber brought the meeting's attention to the fact that he was previously a member of a working group when the matter was under the leadership of the previous CASI President. The CASI President apologised to Mr Weber for not including him in this new referral on the matter to the CASI Bureau by the Executive Board as he was unaware Mr Weber's previous status in this regard.

CASI delegates were asked to review Annex 9 first as the proposed rewording of 9.4 refers to a Tribunal Manual that would serve as guidance and give some rules on how a Tribunal should conduct its affairs.

The draft manual in Annex 8 was then referred to. It had been prepared after consultation with FAI President of Honour, Eilif Ness, who had past experience in this area.

Germany suggested that FAI could consider referring appeals directly to the Court of Arbitration in Sport, as in Germany, cases are handled by courts outside of the NAC. It was stated that the cost of going to CAS was very high.

A motion to adopt the Manual was carried however, it was noted that the document contained some errors, The President proposed that a working group be set up to review the Manual for presentation to the next CASI meeting. This was agreed to, and a Working Group was formed comprising Jean-Claude Weber as chair, with members Richard Buzz Bennett and Antonis Papadopoulos.

Art Greenfield offered to submit some suggested changes.

Richard Meredith-Hardy requested that FAI lawyers should review the final text. It was confirmed by the Secretary General that this would be done and that the FAI lawyer was a member of CAS.

A motion to adopt the proposed text of 9.4 was carried.

11 CANS proposal (Annexes 10 and 11)

The President invited the Secretary of CANS, Ian Strachan, to address the CANS proposal. The alternative proposal was then explained by Germany.

Following discussion, the following alternative motion from Germany was carried.

“GS 7.3.1.1. Measurements on the earth's surface. The earth model for FAI purposes is the WGS84 ellipsoid”

The CANS representative then proposed a consequential amendment to the proposal in the Agenda concerning the Glossary. The following sentence should be removed:

“References may also be found to an International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF) but the difference between WGS84 and ITRF is only a few centimetres”.

A motion to adopt the proposal to the modified Glossary with this amendment was carried.

12 CASI Internal Regulations (Annex 12)

The President explained that this item had been placed on agenda as a consequence of a question raised by a long time member of CASI on procedural matters and the need to have clear rules.

CASI 1st V-P Bennett spoke to the draft that had been included in the agenda and explained that this had taken place prematurely.

The usefulness of such a document was discussed and opinions for or against were expressed. It was feared that such a document would be difficult to maintain and the Statutes and By-Laws already covered most points. On the other hand, such a document in the form of a handbook or manual could bring together disparate requirements and include them with guidance on issues not covered elsewhere.

A proposal by the President to establish a WG was seconded by CIACA. Mike Close, Buzz Bennett and Jean-Pierre Delmas accepted to participate.

Before establishing the WG, Australia asked that, in the light of some objections to the need for a set of procedures, if such a document would be seriously considered for adoption if it were proposed. A majority determined that it would seriously consider such a document for adoption.

The President then motioned to set up the WG, which was approved. It was clarified that the working group had a clean sheet to propose the solution as they see fit.

13 Amendment to By-Law 3.4.3 re CASI Meeting Location (Annex 13)

The President explained that this proposal to recommend a change in By-Law to the Executive Board was to correct the fact that CASI practice is such that it does not meet the By-Law requirements as its meetings are normally scheduled to coincide with the General Conference.

Germany suggested that in fact the whole By-Law be changed to not oblige any Commission to meet in Lausanne.

Discussion ensued and the Secretary General suggested that it would be wise not to define the day of the meeting.

The meeting agreed to the intent of the change and it was agreed to pass this matter on to the Executive Board for action.

14 Any Other Business

ISRAEL change statutes and GS

A proposal to change the Statutes and the General section had been submitted to the FAI in February 2012. The President explained that the EB decided to put it on the agenda of the GC and to ask the GC for advice. Depending on the position of the GC, the EB would consider submitting a proposal to CASI and to the Statutes WG to work further on this.

15 Bureau Election

President

Were nominated for President of the CASI

Graeme Windsor - accepted

Art Greenfield - declined

Alicia Hirzel - declined

Graeme Windsor was elected President

1st Vice President

Buzz Bennett - accepted

Alicia Hirzel - declined

Jean-Claude Weber - declined

Mike Close – declined

Richard Buzz Bennett was elected 1st Vice President

Vice Presidents

Were nominated for the three Vice President positions:

Alicia Hirzel - accepted

Art Greenfield - declined

Mike Close - accepted

Jean-Pierre Delmas - accepted

Jean-Claude Weber - declined

Antonis Papadopoulos - declined

Bengt Lindgren – declined

Alicia Hirzel, Mike Close and Jean-Pierre Delmas were elected Vice President

Secretary

Gillian Rayner was nominated and accepted the nomination, which was approved by France, and was duly elected by acclamation.

At the end of the meeting the President asked if there was any other business, Art Greenfield requested that communication be kept up to date during the year so that all the CASI members were aware of what work was being carried out. Graeme Windsor asked that people respond to all requests or at least inform the President of their unavailability at that time.

Graeme thanked everyone for being present and closed the meeting at 18h40.

The next meeting will be held in

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Thursday October 3rd, 2013 starting at 9am.