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# Minutes

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

held in (City), (Country)  
**on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**  
at Pattaya, Thailand

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1. Roll Call of Representatives  
Present: NACS: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA  
ASCs: CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, GAC, IGC, IPC  
Absent: Germany, ICARE
2. Apologies  
No apologies for absence were received.
3. Proxies  
No proxies were recorded
4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest  
Declarations of conflict of interest were called for and none were recorded.
5. Presidents address

Graeme Windsor welcomed all the Representatives and observers, thanked FAI President, John Grubbstrom, for his presence and gave him the floor. The President welcomed everyone and wished for a successful meeting. He then introduced the new Secretary General, Susanne Schödel and the new Sports and Marketing Director, Markus Haggoney.

Susanne and Markus both took the floor and introduced themselves to the Representatives.

Graeme then explained his difficulty in providing a report in the FAI template format for the General Conference, as CASI is a different forum to the other Commissions. It is the only forum that brings together both NACs and ASCs to work together and as such is a good forum. He indicated the work done by volunteers on the General Section and he thanked those concerned for their contribution.

Subjects for the meeting included: -

- automatic recognition of record performances carried out at FAI competitions since the approved results were already accepted by an FAI jury;
- mandatory use of Sporting Licence database which overall has been a success;
- approval of the proposed new General Section which pushed certain points down to the ASCs so they could be adapted to the specific disciplines in each corresponding section of the Sporting Code and which brought up the question of members in good standing.

He drew the attention of the delegates to the attachment to the most recent letter from the FAI President in an email dated 23/9 which detailed the proposed changes to the General Section.

He then referred to the International Appeals Tribunals held in 2013/2014, one of which was the origin of the discussion on members in good standing and he thanked all the volunteers who have handled the appeals. He mentioned that Max Bishop had served on several Appeal Tribunals and had asked whether CASI delegates really understood the amount of work involved in an Appeal. Max had suggested to the Executive Board to raise the appeal fee that has not changed since 1998.

He confirmed the introduction of the CASI handbook and spoke of the interim decisions made by the CASI Bureau, which enabled work to be done throughout the year. He then mentioned Speed Flying as a possible inclusion in the Winter Olympics but as currently no Commission recognises the discipline, it could perhaps be handled by CASI. Finally he reminded the Representatives that CASI has no income stream and no bank account.

He then thanked Susanne and all the FAI office staff for their help and concluded by a minute of silence in memory of Henk Meertens, a past CASI President and Hans-Peter Hirzel, FAI President of Honour and CASI representative.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Air Sport General Commission Meeting 2013 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia <http://www.fai.org/casi-about-us/casi-meetings>  
The FAI President commented that the minutes contained a motion concerning his absence during the early part of the 2013 meeting and he explained that it was due to another unavoidable engagement. No other comments or amendments were made and the Minutes were adopted unanimously.
7. Ratification of Bureau Interim Decisions (BID) (annex 1)  
Following a comment from Jean-Claude Weber regarding the Bureau Interim Decision n° 3, Art Greenfield proposed that the decisions be ratified individually and was seconded by J-C Weber.  
BID 1 (nomination of member of Appeals Tribunal ) was approved unanimously  
BID 2 (CASI Handbook) was approved unanimously  
BID 3 (proposed statute change submitted for GC agenda)  
Discussion on whether the Bureau had the right to make such a decision ensued and Graeme Windsor explained that the intent was to save a year by including the subject in the 2014 Agenda, removing it if CASI did not ratify the decision. He acknowledged that communication could have been improved. Several Representatives felt that due process had not been respected and Art Greenfield, USA asked Representatives to follow him in his refusal for ratification. BID 3 was not approved (Against 9, For 7, Abstention 3).
8. Business arising from the minutes of the last meeting
  - 8.1 UAV/UAS – Bengt Lindgren to report  
Bengt Lindgren explained that the Working Group decided to wait input from CIAM which was received recently. He highlighted that there are already UAV records that need taking care of and he hopes that Event Rules will be written for next year. Antonis Papadopolous indicated that CIAM considers taking this activity under its umbrella and has appointed Bruno Delor, CIAM 1<sup>st</sup> VP responsible for this subject. He

invited Representatives to contact him during the General Conference. UAVs can be used in various situations and it is a huge market and Graeme Windsor confirmed that the FAI needs to be on top of this and gave examples of use even in parachuting (to check cloud altitude and to film activity).

#### 8.2 Record Certification –

This point was moved to the General Section review (item 9)

#### 8.3 Organiser Agreement

This subject was discussed last year and a strong resolution was sent to the board to find a solution.

The FAI President took the floor and explained that following a review with the FAI lawyers and benchmarking with other International Federations, it was concluded that the OA should be harmonised with a Bid document and should contain what is promised and serve as a checklist. Susanne Schödel indicated that the document needed to be simplified and serve the purpose of Organisers and NACs. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with UAE and this is being used as framework for the future document.

Markus Haggney then showed the OA presentation he made to the ASC Presidents highlighting that the current OA was too one sided. He felt that Commissions often had to accept a poor bid due to a lack of bids and indicated that the Head Office spent a large portion of time trying to fix problems due to poor bids or poor OAs. There is a need is to turn this around and to better sell our products. He explained that it had been necessary to quickly create a document for Dubai.

He suggested a technical solution that would be web based, with a pre-defined structure and content selectable. It must be a help document. It was agreed with ASC Presidents that they will have the opportunity to fine tune the content of the OA so that by the beginning of 2015 at least the annexes can be agreed upon. The base document should be short.

A seminar is being proposed for Organisers and the first is planned in January 2015 for Breitling subsidised competitions. Two more are scheduled that have the specific goal to make them available for people with sanctioned events in 2016 or planning to bid for 2016 and 2017.

In the following discussion Bengt Lindgren suggested changing the name to “Event Contract”. He also indicated that other International Federations buy the events from an Organiser and not the other way round. Patrice Girardin asked when the new OA will be effective and whether current bidders will be expected to sign it.

The situation where an organiser does not have the support of the country NAC was raised as was the situation of an organiser from a country that is not member of the FAI. Various comments were made about situations that have been encountered in the past and it was felt that the financial commitment is a key as some NACs do not have the funds to cover any financial loss or obligation. Graeme Windsor suggested that the Executive Board might take this under review.

Susanne Schödel concluded in saying that there is no easy solution nor is there only one solution. It is difficult to find one solution that fits all but we are an international sports federation and we have to serve our members even if it makes the work difficult. We need to be able to adjust to fit the needs even if it makes it more difficult,

but it is challenging and exciting.

#### 8.4 4-tier Sport Structure Working Group report (annex 2)

Mike Close reported that not a lot of work had been done by the Working Group as CASI had been directed to produce amendments to the General Section but the direction did not meet the approval of the FAI members. It is not possible to move forwards until firm guidance on exactly what structure of events is required. Graeme Windsor asked the President how to proceed with the matter. The President explained that the idea initially came from a former Secretary General but felt it is important to respect the comments about First and Second Category Events and to look at how to include other types of events. Markus Haggeneby took the floor and explained that it is important to try to accommodate different events formats that exist outside of our current model. A 4-tier solution implies a hierarchy and this is not appropriate and needs to be avoided but there is a need to meet the demands of the market. Some competition formats are well covered by the existing Sporting Code but other formats at such as WAG need looking at. People are knocking at our door as they want to buy our resources and we need a way to by-pass some of our rules to cater for different audiences, different characters and different formats. Graeme Windsor suggested disbanding the 4-tier working group and to create a new one under a new name when the Executive Board provides more information. The motion to disband the working group was passed unanimously. It was suggested that proposals go through the President of CASI who will reactivate a Working Group as necessary.

A discussion ensued regarding the ranking of the FAI World Air Games as they are not in the same category as an FCE. In the future they could be considered as the Olympics but that is not the case currently. It is important to note that some nations do not subsidise competitors for any event other than a World Championships. Markus Haggeneby insisted that the FAI World Air Games should not be considered as lower than an FCE. And that we need to be careful with the words, in terms of marketing. Richard Meredith Hardy pointed out that this was also an issue with the Asian Beach Games as they draw a lot of important people and are considered as being more important than World Championships. He indicated that CIMA would like to consider the ABG as a Category 1 event, which should help NACs get funding. Graeme Windsor indicated that the FAI World Games are also an issue but some NACs have been able to support athletes attending without taking anything away from World Championships. John Grubbstrom insisted that the World Air Games are the flagship event of the FAI and that they are definitely competitive, not just a show.

#### 8.5 Human Powered Aircraft Working Group – proposed Chapter 4 for Section 11 (annex 3 and 4)

A Working Group was set up at the last CASI meeting, chaired by Richard Meredith Hardy to introduce competition rules for Human Powered Aircraft into Section 11. The proposed rules have been tried and tested in competition in the Icarus Cup in UK over last few years. There remain two issues that need to be addressed that have been included in the proposed competition rules:

- 1) power supplies – many HPA use the Fly by Wire system used aeromodelling and need power to run them i.e. batteries. Some use wireless systems too. Such devices should be permitted to adapt to modern practice.

2) HPA must be launched by human power alone and there is a task in the competition rules to do that although take off is usually assisted.

The rule could be used for the first time in the WAG in Dubai if HPA is included. No questions were raised and the motion to approve the rules was passed unanimously.

#### 8.6 International Appeals Tribunal Manual - revision

Jean-Claude Weber presented the changes that integrate some of the suggestions made by the FAI lawyers that were sent to the Bureau for final approval. No questions were raised and the motion to approve the modified Manual was approved unanimously.

#### 9. General Section Review Working Group report and approval of revised GS (annex 5, 5b and 5c.)

Buzz Bennett, Chair of the Working Group thanked the members of the Working Group and indicated that, as promised, the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the revised General Section was produced within the 6 month deadline. The final proposal was sent out to all CASI members together with a comparison document.

He then addressed the proposed 2016 date for the validity of the new version. The reason for this proposal is that the new version has been made as general as possible so that some provisions could be pushed down to the ASCs for inclusion into the specialised sections of the Sporting Code and it was felt that time should be left for each ASC to do this work if they so chose. The working group now look to CASI for guidance and direction as to how to proceed; the effective date could be sooner and could even vary from ASC to ASC.

The changes to paragraphs 3.1.3- 4.3.2- 4.6.1 which impact the statutes need to be reviewed as they are no longer valid following the non-ratification of the Interim Bureau decision. The general understanding is that valid sporting licences are those listed on the database and that paper licences will no longer be necessary or required and the proposal removes all reference to a paper version. The proposal that NAC dues not paid in time would invalidate the Sporting Licence must now be deleted.

*A question was raised as to whether the change to 3.1.3.2 made it was possible to represent different countries for each air sport.*

Before approval of the revised General Section, the modifications for immediate effect and contained in Annex 5c of the Agenda were presented and explained.

3.1.7 the proposal removes any reference to a specific year. The proposal was approved unanimously.

6.8.4. This proposal allows for an international record set during a First Category Event approved through the competition results by both the Chief Judge and the Jury to be sent directly to FAI without prior NAC approval. The proposal does not render 6.8.2 obsolete, as the requirements remain valid. It is not mandatory but is left to each ASC

to implement with requirement details through the specific section of the Sporting Code, if they so wish. Following a detailed discussion, it was decided to slightly modify the wording of 6.8.4 and to remove any mention of 6.8.2 from the text. The proposal with the above adjustments was approved unanimously.

Graeme Windsor took the opportunity to thank the Secretary-General for the effort in getting the record backlog sorted out.

8.1.3. This proposal takes into consideration the existence of the Sporting Licence Database and the fact that paper sporting licences are no longer required or valid. The provision regarding the situation of members not in good standing on March 31<sup>st</sup> of a given year was discussed and various options were proposed. The database itself was discussed including what content it should include and what controls are possible and in place. The question of country of residence was also raised and the fact that a valid address should be included. The question of privacy and data protection was brought up, including the use by the FAI of the data. The FAI id number generated by the database will serve for checking purposes as name formats and personal details can vary from country to country and make any other data unreliable for verification. It is important to ensure that NACs do fulfil their responsibility regarding Sporting Licences and this action also enters into the realm of “good standing”. In order to be able to verify that a Sporting Licence does belong to an individual, the requirement of being able to produce an official document should not be removed from 8.1.5.

It was also observed that by removing 8.1.7 the agreement of an individual to abide by the rules, etc. is also removed. It was indicated that a competitor agrees to abide by the rules when entering a competition so this statement is superfluous.

Before voting on the proposal, Graeme Windsor confirmed that the FAI President had announced the mandatory use of the SL Database in one of his letters and it was the responsibility of CASI to adapt the General Section in consequence. His experience in competitions held in 2014 show that it does work even if there are some teething problems. As there are only a few FCEs left this year, if any adaptation is necessary, this can be done by a Bureau Interim Decision with copy to all Representatives. A motion to approve the proposal with the adjustments discussed was passed with two abstentions.

8.1.3.6.4. This proposed change resulted from a request from the Executive Board for Change of Representation to be possible after 24 months rather than two calendar years. The reason for the change was explained as a means to ensure fairness and to give an exact scale of measurement for everyone. It was clarified that the principle adopted previously was to prevent a person from participating at two consecutive World Championships and that this might not be the case with the new proposed time frame. A motion to approve the change was passed .

Buzz Bennett then went on to present the proposed revision of the General Section (annexes 5 and 5B)

He first asked if there was any objection to the new format and layout. It was agreed

that it was important for each ASC to know exactly what the impact was on their respective sections of the Sporting Code. Jean-Claude Weber requested that the document be approved Chapter-by-Chapter.

Jean-Claude Delmas asked if the changes could be applied earlier than 2016 if an ASC requested it. In principle there is no objection.

France motioned to enable each ASC to adopt the changes prior to 2016 and to indicate that January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 is the latest the documents should be up to date. The motion was approved unanimously.

Buzz then explained that the Table of Contents and the paragraph numbering will be adjusted according to the modifications approved by the CASI Plenary.

**Introduction:** approved unanimously

### **Chapter 1**

1.3.2. Deleted because it was unnecessary.

1.4.2. no change was proposed but Jean-Claude Weber asked if it remains necessary to define an annual amendment date.

Chapter 1: approved unanimously

### **Chapter 2**

2.5.1. Tor Johannesson requested what is the current geographical definition for Russia. Buzz Bennett indicated that the current definition has existed for many years and should be reviewed for next year.

Chapter 2: Approved unanimously

### **Chapter 3 (moved from Chapter 8):**

3.1.3. (old 8.1.3) will be amended according to the decision on 8.1.3. taken earlier in the meeting.

3.1.3.2. The question of whether a person can represent different countries depending on the discipline was raised and examples given (small country where a discipline is not practised and the person practises in a neighbouring country). A motion to accept this particular paragraph was defeated with 9 in favour, 9 against and 1 abstention.

3.1.3.5 will be adapted in accordance with the position regarding this point decided earlier in the meeting and all references to payment dates or penalties will be removed.

Chapter 3: Approved unanimously

### **Chapter 4 (moved from Chapter 3):**

4.3.2. and 4.6.1. The question of “good standing” was further discussed, as was the meaning of “met all their obligations”. The proposed change to 4.6.1 will be deleted. It was suggested that a list be available on internet showing the countries that are in good standing as defined by the statutes. A list exists on the web page on which countries suspended are marked as such. A question was raised regarding events on the Events Calendar and whether they are organised by a country in “good standing”.

Good standing is defined in the statutes. The Sporting Calendar will be the object of a future review.

4.4.1.2. is contrary to the statutes and has to be corrected.

4.4.3.1. and 4.4.3.2. the intention is to clarify that entries must come from NACs and not from individuals. JP Delmas asked whether this causes problems when there is a crew: i.e. British plane and British pilot but with a navigator for a different country. Other points were raised: definition of end of registration period (there could be a problem if people drop out and in the end there are less than 4 NACs), situation of FAI entrants. The paragraphs need to be reviewed to ensure that International teams and FAI teams can enter.

4.15.1. and 4.15.2. now give the ASCs the opportunity to partially refund an entry fee. During the discussion, CIVL indicated that they leave it up to the local rules to determine whether this is possible or not. Many Airsport Commissions now hold a performance bond.

Chapter 4 with the amendments as discussed, approved with 17 in favour.

Chapter 5 (moved from Chapter 4)

A question was raised about Badge Flights and it transpired that the Working Group was not aware of what these are. As two ASCs do have Badge Flights, they will be retained.

5.4.1.3 and 5.4.2.3. Change to clarify the current situation, decision to add that Officials must be from different NACs.

5.5 Decision not to remove the mention of Stewards from the text and to clarify the role.

Chapter 5: with amendments as discussed, approved unanimously.

Chapter 6:

The modifications give the responsibility to each ASC to decide what infringements and penalties are. Richard Meredith-Hardy proposed to add to 6.2.2. "and bringing FAI into disrepute". The FAI President pointed out that if the General Section is to create common rules, it should not be necessary to push down to the ASCs what the infringements and penalties should be. Jean-Claude Weber seconded this point. It was decided to review 6.2.2.2 ensuring that it was clear that the list was not exhaustive but to leave the severity of the penalty to the ASC concerned, as the current references to percentages are not necessarily appropriate.

A motion to accept this modification was approved by 11 votes in favour, 5 against and 3 abstentions.

6.2.3. add the mention "**and published**" (now 6.2.4)

6.3.2. It was highlighted that the proposed wording of this new point is incorrect and it was decided to remove the wording "**or with the application of the rules**".

Chapter 6: with amendments as discussed, approved unanimously

## Chapter 7

16h10 The Czech Representative left the room and will abstain from further votes.

7.8.2. It is proposed to replace claim statement by “record claim” and to add to the 4<sup>th</sup> point “ **and/or country represented**” of the competitors.

Chapter 7: approved unanimously with minor changes proposed by Markus Haggenev that will be included in the next version.

Chapter 8 is as last year. Approved unanimously.

### 10. Complaints and Protests in Single Elimination Competitions (annex 6)

A document was prepared by Richard Meredith-Hardy and distributed. He indicated that a proposal will be put forward next year but asked Representatives to read the document and to either contact him or via the CASI list with ideas on how to move this forwards.

### 11. Homologation of records:

This was discussed during the point on the General Section. It was clarified that although CASI had, in the past, set the amount of the fee for records this should really be an Executive Board decision.

### 12. Sporting Licence Data Base

No further discussion following the point on the General Section.

### 13. FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015

General Rules: Graeme Windsor motioned to empower the Bureau to review the General Rules established for the last edition of the WAG and to propose a revised updated version that will be distributed to all. The motion was seconded by CIG. The rules must be updated by March 2015 at the latest.

### 14. Any Other Business

Richard Meredith –Hardy indicated that GS 3.16.3.3 obliges medals, etc. to be given out no later than at the official prize giving. CIMA has a problem with the small medals that they want to give to the individual members of a team. As it is not possible to know the exact number of required medals prior to the event, CIMA would like to be able to give them out at a later date. This will enable them to only order the exact number and would like to include this possibility in Section 10. Richard and the CASI Bureau were asked to prepare a proposal that will allow, in certain circumstances, that there can be exceptions to the General Section rule. It was agreed that CIMA could make the change in the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 16h25

15. Elections

The countries elected to CASI during the General Conference were Canada, Italy, Russia, Sweden and the USA.

**President**

Were nominated:

Jean-Claude Weber- declined

Art Greenfield - declined

Graeme Windsor – accepted and was duly elected by acclamation.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Were nominated:

Jean-Claude Weber- declined

Antonis Papadopoulos- declined

Alicia Herzel- declined

Buzz Bennett -- accepted and was duly elected by acclamation.

**Vice Presidents**

Were nominated for the three Vice President positions:

Alicia Herzel- accepted

Jean-Pierre Delmas- accepted

Mike Close- accepted

Art Greenfield- declined

Jean-Claude Weber- declined

Bengt Lindgren- declined

Antonis Papadopoulos- declined

Sergey Ananov- declined

The three all accepted the nomination and were duly elected by acclamation.

**Secretary**

Sergey Ananov - declined

Patrice Girardin - declined

Fredi Herbert - declined

Bengt Lindgren -declined

Bruno Delor - declined

Jean-Pierre Delmas - declined

Richard Meredith Hardy - declined.

As no nominee accepted the position, the bureau proposed a motion to be empowered to select a Secretary. The motion was seconded by Canada and was passed unanimously.

Following the elections the President. He thanked all the Representatives for their attendance and input and closed the meeting.

Post meeting action resulted in the appointment of Marina Vigorito to the vacant Secretary post.