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Minutes

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

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1. Roll-Call

Present: NACS: Canada, Germany, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and USA
ASCs: CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, GAC, IGC, IPC.
Absent: ICARE
Observer Mr. Pierre Portman, FAI President of Honor. Australia

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. Graeme Windsor, CASI President;
Mr. Mark Sullivan CIA President (Mr. Jean Claude Weber is representing CIA);
Mr. Alfred-Pierre Herbert, former CIG Representative to CASI;
Mr. Tor Johannessen, former IGC Representative to CASI;
Mr. Buzz Bennett, former representative to CASI (Canada);
New Zealand.

3. Proxies

No proxies recorded

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Declarations of conflict of interest were called for and none were recorded.

5. President's addresses

The Acting CASI President, Mrs. Alicia Hirzel opened the Annual Meeting and welcomed all the Representatives and observers. She introduced and thanked the FAI President, Dr. John Grubbström and the General Secretary, Mrs Susanne Schödel for their presence.

She thanked the outgoing CASI President Mr. Graeme Windsor for the outstanding job he has done over the past years and his devotion to CASI.

She informed the Delegates that Agenda item 11 will be discussed together with item 13 and Agenda item 10 will be discussed together with items 14 and 15.2.

Mrs Hirzel gave the floor to the FAI President.

Dr. John Grubbström welcomed those present and thanked the CASI Acting President for allowing the presence of a large number of observers. He was glad to see many new faces around the table.

He informed the audience that this General Conference is very significant for him, since his mandate is ending and there will be a new FAI President and a new Executive Board.

He briefly referred to the new FAI projects, the Air Games Series - Multi Sports Events, the new webpage and the huge effort that FAI put in the media and IT programs. However, such projects cost money and he expects that NACs and ASCs work together for the common interest.

6. FAI Secretary General report

The Secretary General informed about the next World Air Games and that the bidding process for the next WAG is now well advanced.

Mrs Schödel informed the audience that there are issues concerning FAI Sporting Licenses. It is not satisfying that some competitors do not have the same kind of access to the Sporting License because some NACs are including extra cost while FAI is offering this for free. Due to this fact for some ASCs is difficult to implement the provisions of the FAI General

Section especially for CAT-2 events. FAI needs a Sporting License that will be available with the same terms to all competitors all over the World.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd September 2015 in Rotterdam, Netherland

Acting CASI President mentioned that Minutes were published and asked if there are any comments. US delegate Mr. Art Greenfield asked for a correction which was accepted.

No further comments were received and after the above mentioned amendment, the minutes were unanimously approved.

8. FAI Environmental Policy and Code

Due to the fact that Environmental Commission President was absent, Mr. Sergey Ananov who is also member of this Commission (VP) presented the proposal.

The Env. Commission has proposed to attach the new Policy and Code to the General Section, as annex. Mr. Ananov, the Env Commission VP, explained the reasons behind this document, which was discussed and decided at the meeting in Moscow earlier this year.

Mr. Beran, (Germany), thanked the Env Commission for the job they did to prepare the Code and confirmed that Germany takes care about the environment very much.

Mr. Weber (CIA Representative), confirmed his support, but suggested not to include the Code to the General Section but to keep it as a stand-alone document.

Mr. Malbos (CIVL President), Mr. Art Greenfield (USA), Mr. Hoenle (IPC President) and Mr. Cassidy (UK), agreed that, since the Code is not a regulatory document, it cannot be included in the General Section and should be a separate document, like the Code of Ethics.

Mr. Delor (France) proposed an amendment to the original proposal, to establish a reference of the Env. Code and the Code of Ethics documents, to the General Section volume. The amended proposal was carried unanimously.

9. Multi Sports Events Definition

There was a long discussion about item 4.4 of the 2015 Minutes about the Multi-Sports Events. The Working Group which was established in 2015 has never started working for a number of unlucky circumstances and has therefore made no proposal for this meeting.

The Secretary General Mrs Schödel has urged the audience to find a solution as soon as possible, to align FAI with IOC Agenda 2020 where a more important role for the World Games participation of IFs is mentioned. There is a proposal to modify the Statute and we then need a proposal to modify the General Section.

IPC President, Mr. Hoenle, asked what an Air Games Series event is exactly.

Mr. Lindgren, Sweden, replied that it is an event with several Air Sports together, but Mr. Hoenle commented that drones are out of the process, for example.

Mrs Schödel confirmed that only disciplines regulated by the FAI Sporting Codes can be part of a Multi-Sports Events or create a new format, approved by the relevant ASC, like what IGC developed for the World Air Games in Dubai.

CIVL President, Mr. Malbos, proposed to amend "as far as appropriate" from item 4.1

Mr. Ananov, Russia, asked a clarification, if it is an international competition or an organising team and what will be the selection process, for an event where only invited athletes can participate?

CIMA President, Mr. Lintl, asked why we exclude FAI members.

Miss Rayner, EB, replied that the Multi Sports Events could be organised also by other bodies, since it is not specific for Air Sports only. It is much more than an air sport.

CIACA President, Mr. Hubmann commented that a NAC can organise a Multi-Sports event, although it has never been done before.

Mr. Beran, Germany, suggested keeping the door “open” as much as possible.

Mr. Henderson, EB, suggested to just remove “by third party” from the text of the proposal.

Mrs Stevens, Canada, pointed out that the presented proposal was not circulated well in advance to CASI delegates together with the agenda.

Mr. Delor France, strongly recommended not to take any decision on that at the meeting, because delegates were not in the position to decide on a proposal they have never seen before.

Acting CASI President Mrs. Alicia Hirzel decided that CASI Meeting cannot vote on a proposal that was not circulated properly and according to the provisions together with the Agenda.

CIAM President, Mr. Papadopoulos, referred to the FAI Secretary General initial statement that there is a proposal from the Statute Working Group to amend the Statute, so we can work on something similar for the General Section.

Mr. Lindgren, Sweden, asked why it comes so late and CIA representative, Mr. Weber, asked what will be the impact if CASI takes no decision.

Mrs Schödel pointed out that it is an urgent matter that CASI has to take care rapidly. We can't proceed with this concept if we don't have such definitions included on FAI documents.

Mr. Ananov, Russia, said that he feels uncomfortable to vote on a proposal he has never seen, although he is aware of the importance of the topic.

Mr. Delor, France, asked to have a proposal to be discussed in their NAC.

CIMA President, Mr. Lintl, proposed to establish a new working group that can finalise a proposal within a given period of time, so not to wait for another year.

Mr. Ananov, Russia, proposed to decide the procedure and the time frame.

IPC President Mr. Hoenle supported the proposal, because in his opinion delegates were not prepared to take a vote.

IGC President, Mr. Mozer, suggested accelerating the process. CASI meets only once per year and he sees no reason to not call an extra ordinary meeting, since the subject is now a priority.

CIA representative, Mr. Weber, asked to have all the documents ready at least 45 days before the meeting, since there are many people around the World that are waiting for this decision.

Russia and France asked for the deadline and Mr. Lindgren, Sweden, suggested 45 days for the working group to finalise the proposal and 45 days for the NAC, so 90 days in total.

Mrs Stevens, Canada, asked about the electronic vote, which will be required for this subject, but Mrs Schödel said that the ByLaws already covers the requirement.

CIA representative, Mr. Weber, said that the introduction of the third party is totally new for FAI and there is the risk to exclude NACs.

IPC President, Mr. Hoenle, suggested replacing these words with “organisation”.

The Acting President proceeded with the vote; with 11 votes in favour, 3 against and 3 abstentions the proposal was carried.

The CASI Secretary proposed to establish the Working Group right after the election of the new CASI Bureau, to avoid facing again the same situation as of last year, when some delegates were not elected and the chair position remained vacant.

10. Sporting Licenses WG Update

This item was discussed together with items 14 and 15.2 of the Agenda.

The Working Group established in 2015 hasn't prepared any document.

CIVL President, Mr. Malbos summarised briefly the background of the CIVL proposal. If just a single pilot hasn't the FAI Sporting License, the competition may suffer not be valid. The FAI Sporting License is intended as recognition of competence in some area. Air Sport Person is everybody that has interest and expertise in aviation and everybody must have access to the FAI Sporting License. A NAC must explain in written and in good English why the price is more than 20 CHF or whatever will be the reasonable price of the Sporting License decided by FAI. In some Countries the Sporting License is required also for Badges, although the Sporting Code does not require it. If decided that FAI Officials should also need a license then this should be for free, through the relevant ASC.

Mr. Cassidy, UK; asked about the effect for all ASC and what NACs should do.

Mr. Lindgren, Sweden, said that CIVA already has some provisions for the matter in use and he recommended reviewing it.

Mr. De Orleans, EB, said that some Countries like Italy and Spain charge hundreds of euro for the Sporting License because they are obliged to issue also insurance for the pilots.

Mr. Henderson, EB, referred to a proposal from the EB, but Mr. Lindgren, Sweden, said that the proposal was delivered too late and they hadn't enough time to make any considerations and discussions.

Mr. Cassidy, UK, said that the FAI Sporting License states that you are competent in what you do.

Mr. Henderson, EB, replied that NACs have the authority to certify that a person has the competence for flying. The FAI Sporting License has never been approved as a document that proves any competences.

Mr. Beran, Germany, said that every NAC exercises the sporting power in its Country and we should stay out of the internal policies. We should keep the name License, because it is more official and has more value. The Database is working well, that is the way we have to go.

Mrs Stevens, Canada, said that we have many different Countries with many different needs. Only the 10% of the members requires the Sporting License. When FAI issues the Sporting License, we endorse this person to represent his NAC. There is a direct relationship between a Sport Person and FAI because there can be a reason why a NAC doesn't want that a person represents his NAC in an FAI Event.

IPC President, Mr. Hoenle, commented that it is not really a license, so why it is a document. What FAI issues is a Sporting License an if a pilot has a misconduct, his NAC has the right to withdrawn the License.

FAI Secretary General Mrs Schödel said any sport does not only consist of that élite Sports, but also of recreational flying. Air Sports Persons can already then apply for badges, and need an FAI SL for that. The SL is not only for elite sports competitors, who actually can bring funds to sport, which should also be taken into consideration. Direct contact to all these persons promotes FAI within these individuals whose NACs not always delivering information among their members. For promotional purpose, it is essential that FAI follows this project.

CIMA President, Mr. Lintl, thanked Mr. Henderson for his job. In the past several problems have raised during the World Air Games to have the Sporting License. If a pilot wants to participate, he must be nominated by his NAC.

CIVL President, Mr. Malbos, agreed that for FAI Cat. 1 events the FAI Sporting License is necessary, without any doubt, but he is still convinced that in Cat. 2 events it should not be mandatory, because for example, there was recently the case of a Country that has refused the Sporting License to some athletes without any reasons and that has never replied to the ASC about this apparently illogical behaviour.

Mr. Delor, France, thanked again Mr. Henderson for his job and asked to avoid compliance and to not make any change, since in France they are going to have serious problem with the drones about the FAI Sporting License. It's very expensive to attend a Cat. 1 event and NACs should control and they need the option to select people. There are some Countries with special needs, but recreational pilots do not want to pay for that. We should improve the functionality of the database, indeed.

Mr. Ananov, Russia, said that FAI Sporting License should be free of charges, providing that residency is declared and that pilots obey the Sporting Codes. There are not many cases to refuse the Sporting License, but FAI needs a procedure for such cases. Cost is not our business, we cannot decide how a NAC deals with this, we should rather control ever the participation.

IPC President, Mr. Hoenle, stated that item GS 3.1.3 is sufficiently clear.

CIVA President, Mr. Buckenham, said that Jury Presidents have the responsibility to assure that all the Sporting Licenses are valid. In UK, NAC is the only body to decide about a person to participate in an event.

Mrs. Vigorito, IGC Representative, confirmed that in gliding competitions the Jury Presidents already have this responsibility and it is written in the IGC Internal Regulation.

Mr. Lindgren, Sweden, said that they do not issue a Sporting License to a person that is not qualified. People move in different Countries and might have different Sporting Licenses, We have to improve our system and the database. In addition, Air Sports are so different and we have to consider all the different needs.

Acting President Mrs. Hirzel proposed to merge the EB proposal and the CIVL proposal, but CIVL President Mr. Malbos refused and asked to vote point by point.

Mr. Delor, France, proposed to vote on the EB proposal and amend the CIVL proposal accordingly.

Mr. Lindgren, Sweden, agreed to merge the two proposals; although there are some differences in the wording, although the concepts are similar.

Mr. Malbos, CIVL President, said that there are some NACs that do not respect the rules, it is our business to investigate why NACs charges a certain amount or why they refuse a Sporting License. He proposed to work with the EB to finalise another proposal, to be voted electronically.

Mr. Beran, Germany, invited the audience to not rush, to work smoothly and think about the consequences. He agreed to come out with a new proposal.

Mr. Delor, France, said that for his NAC it is an urgent matter, since half of the hundreds of drones competitors that participated in such events are missing the Sporting License.

Mrs Schödel emphasised that the role of the FAI Sporting License is not an access to a sporting event. NAC should not use the FAI Sporting License for national business. She suggested to continue the discussion before the next CASI meeting so that a result can be achieved as soon as possible

Mr. Beran, Germany, proposed a new CASI meeting during the coming year.

Mr. de Orleans, EB, said that he had seen no information about pilots that were banned from Croatia, referring to the information of Mr. Malbos, CIVL President. Fundamental NAC duties are covered by the Statutes, EB is not the police and he recommend to not establish something that goes beyond the provisions of the Statutes.

CIVL President, Mr. Malbos, suggested meeting in conjunction with the ASCs and NACs Presidents meeting.

Miss Schödel informed the audience that the two meetings will be probably organised in Poland in July, just before the opening ceremony of the Air Games in Wroclaw. The dates will be confirmed soonest. Alternatively, it will be in Lausanne.

It was decided that the Working Group should be established after the CASI Election.

11. UAV – Verification of the new EASA requirements

This item was discussed together with item 13 of the Agenda.

CIAM President, Mr. Papadopoulos mentioned that last year CASI decided to appoint CIAM to take care of Section 12. Since the minutes were lately published, the CASI delegates and the NACs didn't have the time to meet the CIAM deadline to submit proposals for amendments to this volume. Therefore CIAM circulated a proposal to CASI delegates and NACs to provide proposals. Brazil, Russia and Sweden did so. He let the CASI delegates be aware that those proposals will be included on the CIAM Agenda to be discussed next April.

12. CIACA Item Class X for experimental

CIACA President, Mr. Hubmann, asked to amend the Minutes of last year to clarify the wording of a new Class X for experimental aircrafts. The main issue was that the same record, as of now, may be ratified in two different classes Section 2 and Section 13. The opinion of the FAI office is that the implementation of a new class will not solve the problem but it will cause more confusion to the public. After a long discussion, it was decided that the Minutes had already been approved and the audience was not in the position to re-open the discussion. The proposal was defeated for 4 votes in favour and 12 votes against.

13. CIAM Proposal Revision of Section 12

This item was discussed together with item 11 of the Agenda.

14. CIVL Proposal

This item was discussed together with item 10 of the Agenda.

15. EB Proposals

1) Gyrocopters SC GS 2.2

Mr. Greenfield urges the audience to update the sec. 9 and 10 of the General Section and the class C of records that overlaps the experimental aircrafts.

CIACA President, Mr. Hubmann, confirmed that we need a clear policy on this topic.

Mr. Beran, Germany, said that very soon we will have a new class of microlight helicopter and he agreed on an urgent resolution of the matter.

Mr. Greenfield confirmed that there are pilots that select the section of the Sporting Code that fits better for their needs. How can we explain that to the media?

Mr. Lindgren suggested establishing a working group.

CIMA President, Mr. Lintl, said that it is not an issue for his commission and agreed to have a working group to harmonise the classification of records and the classes in the FAI Sporting Code volumes.

CASI Meeting unanimously agreed on that.

2) FAI Sporting Licenses SC GS3 – International Officials SC GS 5.4.1

This item was discussed together with item 10 of the Agenda.

3) Official Observers

It was decided that in case of new performances, the OO hasn't the right to decide about the minimum performances because it cannot be a one-man responsibility.

Mr. de Orleans, EB, said that there was a case of new parachuting record, where the OO validated also the data for which he was not empowered. The OO may send the required documentation to the FAI, but without excluding the NAC which is charge to control the full process.

Mrs Stevens said that FAI documents already cover the definition and responsibilities of the OO.

Secretary General, Mrs Schödel, informed that the FAI office is receiving close to 250 record claims per year from the NACs. We need to clarify the criteria and the channel of command: OO to NAC and then NAC to FAI.

Mrs Stevens thanked the Secretary General for the clarification that the topic is not about the role of the OO, but rather about the procedure.

The Delegates and Representatives agreed to empower the CASI Bureau to deal with this matter, in conjunction with the FAI Head Office.

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| 16. Any Other Business |
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Mr. Weber, after as of the General Section Working Group chairman presented an amendment referring to the issuing of FAI Sporting Licenses.

3.1.3 ISSUE OF SPORTING LICENCES.

Each NAC has the delegated power to issue FAI Sporting Licences on proof of identity to those of its individual members who are either citizens or residents of that NAC's country.

A Sporting Licence shall only be considered to have been issued if the holder is listed on the FAI Sporting Licence database by the authority that is issuing the particular Sporting License together with all the required information and the period of validity of that particular Sporting License.

The required information in the database must include, but is not limited to, the name of the issuing authority, the name and contact details of the holder and a number given by the NAC.

A Sporting License may be issued for one air sport discipline (see 2.2 above) or for multiple air sport disciplines. This information must be clearly indicated in the Sporting License database.

An FAI Sporting Licence shall be recognised by all NACs.

The amendment was unanimously accepted and will be included as is on the next version publication of the General Section.

On another topic, Mr. Weber, CIA Representative, suggested to review again the Jury Handbook, thinking about roles and duties, in line with the EB proposal. There was also a document originated by CIVL regarding the Jury composition.

Delegates decided to form a working group for this matter as well.

After a proposal from the CASI Secretary, Mrs Marina Vigorito all working groups will be established after the CASI elections.

End of day 1

CASI Delegates and Representatives had a second meeting on Saturday 15th October, right after the General Conference, for the election of the Bureau and the formation of the Working Groups.

Five Active Members Representatives of the FAI Air Sport General Commission CASI were elected (Australia, Italy, Hungary, Russia, USA).

During this meeting and with secret votes the CASI Bureau for the next year will be the following.

CASI Bureau

President

Antonis Papadopoulos.

1st Vice President

Alicia Hirzel.

Vice Presidents

Mike Close

Art Greenfield

Marina Vigorito

Secretary

Erzsebet Vizaknai

Then the Meeting decided about the composition of the various Working Groups that were decided to be established.

Sporting License Working Group

Chairman Stéphane Malbos

Members

Udo Beran

Alan C. Cassidy

Rainer Hoenle

Andrea Tomasi

Marina Vigorito

Wolfgang Lintl

Andy Chau

Alicia Hirtzel

Sergei Ananov

Multi-Sport Event Working Group

Chairman Mike Close

Members

Andy Chau

Erzsébet Vizaknai

Wolfgang Lintl

Marina Vigorito

Sergei Ananov

Jury Handbook Working Group

Chairman Marina Vigorito

Members

Jacques Berlo

Stéphane Malbos

Rainer Hoenle

Records and Class Definition

Chairman Art Greenfield

Members

Jacques Berlo

Wolfgang Lintl

Finally with a unanimous decision, it was decided to award the title of CASI President of Honour to the former CASI President Mr. Graeme Windsor.