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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:	Australia, Germany, France, Hong Kong, Russia, Switzerland, UK and USA
ASCs:	CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIMA, CIG, IVL, IGC, IPC.
Representatives:	CIMP and EnvC
CASI Bureau:	Antonis Papadopoulos, Alicia Hirtzel, Art Greenfield, Mike Close, Marina Vigoritto
FAI EB:	Frits Brink, Alvaro Orleans Borbon, August Gudmunson, Bengt Lindgren, Mary Anne Stevens, Jean Claude Weber.
FAI HO:	Markus Haggenev
Absent:	Hungary, Italy, ICARE and GAC
Observer:	Mr. Pierre Portman, FAI President of Honor

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Mr. Graeme Windsor, CASI President of Honor;
- Mr. Andrea Tomasi, Italy
- Mrs. Erzebet Visaknay, Hungary
- Mr. Rodney Blois, GAC President

3. Proxies

No proxies recorded

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

5. CASI President's addresses

The CASI President welcomed the participants to the CASI Plenary meeting.

He then gave the floor to the FAI President.

FAI President, Frits Brink welcomed all the participants and apologised for the absence of the Secretary General. He gave some details of the actions of the Executive Board over the last few days indicating that these were exciting times for the FAI. He confirmed that Thomas Bach, IOC President, would be present at the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday evening. He wished all the participants a good meeting.

Then CASI President suggested that all proposed modifications to the General Section be handled together in point 13 of the Agenda using the document in Annex 6. He confirmed that the minutes of Mid-Year meeting had been distributed and he thanked everyone for their contribution during the year.

6. FAI Secretary General report

FAI Sports and Events Director Mr. Markus Haggenev spoke in the name of the Secretary General indicating that her formal report will be given during the General Conference but offered to give a brief update.

Current work covered Sports Development, the Air Games Tour, the World Air Game bidding process and activities related to SE Asia and the Middle East. The Secretary General visited Malaysia and met the organiser of the Asian Games and linked with China and the event to be held next week in Wuhan where the Chinese have built an aviation cluster. Following an expression of interest to bid for the next WAG,

there were several visits to Turkey. There has been regular and intense communication with the ASC Presidents as they have been asked to revisit their Championship Formats for the Air Games Tour and the World Air Games.

He congratulated the three commissions involved in the World Games in Poland (CIMA, IPC and CIVA) for their cooperation, working well together sharing the effort, the budget and resources.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 2016 in Bali, Indonesia

CASI President mentioned that Minutes were published and asked if there are any comments.

USA delegate Art Greenfield asked why the Environmental Commission Document had not been annexed to the General Section as decided in Bali. The same question was also raised by Russia Delegate Sergey Ananov.

It was explained that there are currently no annexes to the GS and it would be preferable to add this document to the other CASI documents such as the Jury Handbook under the Documents section of the CASI website. This was accepted.

The motion to approve the Minutes was passed unanimously.

8. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on July 2017 in Wroclaw, Poland

The Minutes were published. No comments were made and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

9. Multi-Sports Events Working Group updates

Mike Close, Chair of the Working Group gave an update to the interim report following the changes that were suggested at the Mid-term meeting. The relevant sections of the report were updated and the final report was circulated with the minutes. These changes were explained.

Then followed a detailed discussion on the proposed wording. Two main issues were raised. The approval process of the Multi-Sport events and the selection process of participants.

The approval process needed clarification and it was decided that the Executive Board should be involved. The statutes will need to be modified to enable to Executive Board to take such decisions.

Two options were proposed concerning the selection process: ASC responsibility alone or joint NAC and ASC responsibility.

After some discussion, the second option was approved and it was decided that either entity could refuse the selection of the other. No justification would be required but, in the case of an appeal, justification would probably be necessary.

The actual wording that needs to be introduced to the General Section would be discussed at point 13 of the Agenda.

The Working Group is maintained for the time being.

10. Sporting License Working Group updates

Stephane Malbos, Chair of the Working Group gave an update on their work insisting that the Sporting Licence system is broken. The system as it stands today does not enable proper control of the Sporting Licence. Examples of different problems encountered were given and these include the prohibitive cost of the licence charged by some countries, multiple entries for a same person and issue of licenses with no respect of citizenship and residency rules.

Stephane Malbos felt that an ideal situation would be for the Sporting License to be issued universally so that everyone can join FAI with no veto from the NAC and at the same cost for all. He then suggested that CASI write a statement to be addressed to the FAI pointing out the problems encountered this year and suggesting solutions for next year. It was decided to disband the Working Group and to set up a new small Task Force to continue this vital work.

The following people were nominated as members of the Task Force:

- Stephane Malbos representing the ASCs
- Sergey Ananov and Bruno Delor representing the NACs
- Plus two members of the EB to be determined

The proposed Task Force was approved unanimously. This Task Force is to be established by the FAI EB.

The participants will be confirmed after the CASI elections on Friday evening.

11. Jury Handbook Working Group updates

Marina Vigorito, Chair of the Working Group thanked Stephane Malbos for updating the Jury Handbook, checking all the references to the General Section which were out of date. As it is simply a guideline it was proposed to change the words SHALL to SHOULD.

Some Commissions use Jury Members who are not on site so the word REMOTE was added where necessary. It was decided that Stéphane Malbos, Marina Vigorito, Gillian Rayner and Jean-Claude Weber would recheck the document at the end of the meeting.

As this document remains a guideline, it was reminded that Commissions can add their own specific rules and establish their own Jury Handbook.

12. Records and Classes Working Group updates

Following the Mid-Term meeting in Wroclaw, the Working Group was expanded to include the Bureau members of CASI and the spread sheet that showed the overlaps amongst the different Commissions was updated.

The Chair of the Working Group, Art Greenfield, stated that in order to address the issues of overlap in the Sporting Code, it is first necessary to look at the FAI statutes and the duties attributed to the Commissions. It was suggested that the Executive Board could task the Statutes Working Group to examine the Statutes and to propose how to eliminate the overlaps. Only after that can the Sporting Code be adjusted.

In the ensuing discussion, Rob Hughes of CIMA indicated that it would be impossible to remove all overlaps and reminded the meeting that the question of Autogiros below a certain weight limit, was addressed some years ago when it was decided to classify them as Microlights. The CIG would have needed to create a new class to integrate them. It is particularly difficult to avoid overlaps as some regulations refer to the actual machine whereas others refer to the activity.

The initial question to the Working Group concerned the overlap of records but it is apparent that there is also an overlap in the definitions. The confusion means that people will/can set records in multiple sections of the Sporting Code. It is perhaps not possible to find the perfect solution but something has to be done to improve the situation.

It was determined that the Working Group had completed its task and could be disbanded. This was approved unanimously.

In order to leave sufficient time to review all the proposed changes to the General Section, it was decided to modify the order of the Agenda. Point 14 was consequently addressed before Point 13.

13. General Section amendments

2.3.4 Definitions

The change proposed by IGC was made in order to address new technology that enhances performance. After some discussion, the IGC represented by Marina Vigorito withdrew the proposal indicating that it would be referred back to the ASC Presidents Group so that a joint proposal could be put forward next year.

2.5.1. Continental Regions

The change was proposed to align regions to those defined by the United Nations. This has a consequence for existing continental records which will be retired. The change only impacts parachuting and Exi Hoenle, IPC President, indicated that the impact is minimal due to the small number of records.

EB Member, Agust Gudmundsson asked if the United Nations definition was the right one to use and why not that used by the IOC. There was no further discussion and the proposed update to remove 2.5.1.1 – 2.5.1.3 was approved unanimously.

3.1.4. Sporting Licence Form

The proposal was discussed and it was determined that the paragraph whether modified or not, was not necessary. Printing a paper version of the Sporting License cannot be limited to a NAC and a printed version can only serve to justify an entry in the SL database and not be used as an official document.

The proposal to remove whole paragraph was accepted unanimously. Therefore a renumbering of the following paragraphs is required.

3.1.7. Other Use Of Sporting Licence Database Data

This proposal was accepted unanimously as per the wording in Annex 6. After renumbering this will be 3.1.6.

4.1.6 Multi-Sport Events

The proposal as per Annex 6 but with the removal of the wording “”or an ASC(s)” which is unnecessary, was approved unanimously.

4.4.3. Multi-Sport Events

The proposal which had already been discussed earlier in the meeting was again discussed at length. Comments included the need to possibly differentiate between Cat 1 and Cat 2 and the need to separate the approval process from the selection process. Selection could only be determined once the competition format was defined and approved. The wording was simplified and the new proposal as below was approved unanimously.

Multi-Sport Events. As approved by the FAI EB.

The approval shall include whether the participants shall be selected following § 4.4.4.3.1. or 4.4.4.3.2.

4.4.4.3., 4.4.4.3.1 and 4.4.4.3.2 Multi-Sport Events

Option two having been retained earlier in the meeting, only the wording of that option was discussed.

Various points were addressed mainly concerning the possibility for either a NAC or an ASC to refuse a participant selected by the other particularly in countries where the NAC is not a strong organisation and may not know its athletes. The notion of a NAC delegation was removed as was the reference to individuals. The final wording as below was adopted unanimously.

4.4.4.3. Multi-Sport Competitions. Entry is by invitation from the Organiser to participants nominated by the FAI according to the following processes:

4.4.4.3.1. The selection process for participants representing a NAC is that the relevant ASC(s) may set the minimum performance standard required for participation and/or limit their numbers. After the NACs have nominated their participants, then the ASC(s) has the right to refuse any nomination.

4.4.4.3.2. The selection process for other participants is by nomination by the relevant ASC(s). The issuing authority for their Sporting Licence has the right to refuse the nomination.

The Working Group having completed its task is, from this point, disbanded.

4.18 Age Categories

Proof of age and the documents required was discussed as the proposed text refers to passports or other forms of official evidence. Not every person holds a passport, for example travel in Europe does not require one. Other forms of official evidence vary from country to country so it is difficult to be sure that a document presented is really official. The General Section 3.1.5. already refers to such documents but in a different manner: The holder of a sporting licence may be required to produce an official document bearing his photograph and signature as proof of identity, so it was decided to refer to that paragraph.

The proposal was approved unanimously as worded below:

“Each ASC may define Age group classifications that will be followed for Category 1 or Category 2 events. (Seniors, Juniors, Under-18, Under-20, etc).

A competitor shall be eligible to compete in an age group competition under FAI Rules if he is within the age range specified in the relevant age group classification. A competitor must be able to provide proof of his age. A competitor who fails or refuses to provide such proof shall not be eligible.”

5.2.1. Official Observers

The proposal was approved unanimously

5.4.2.4. Jury President

This proposal concerns the possibility for a Jury President to stop an event and to suggest to the FAI Secretary General to cancel the event. It was discussed whether to have this in the General Section or in the Organiser Agreement or both. It was proposed to refer to the Organiser Agreement in the text of the General Section. Alan Cassidy, CASI delegate from the UK offered to review the text and submit it for review at the CASI meeting to be held at the end of the General Conference.

5.4.2.6.1. Introduction of the motion that a Jury member may be remote from the competition.

FAI EB member Jean-Claude Weber felt that this point should also be part of the specialised sections of the Sporting Code.

The proposal with few wording modification was approved unanimously.

7.1.5. Proposal from the Records and Classes Working Group

The Chair of the Working Group explained the reason for the proposal which was approved unanimously.

7.6. Records on the Same Day

The proposal was explained by Marina Vigorito, Vice President of IGC. Exi Hoenle, IPC President indicated that the proposal did not fit with Parachuting records as they refer to rounds which may take place over two days. A motion to adopt the proposal as modified below which would enable each ASC to adapt it to their own requirements was put to the vote.

“RECORDS ON THE SAME DAY On any date that a record is broken more than once, only the best performance of any claimant will be awarded a new record unless otherwise specified in a specialised section of the Sporting Code. If two or more aircraft flying in a group and in the same conditions achieve exactly the same performance and simultaneously beat a record, the performance may be registered as a record in the joint names of the claimants or members of that claiming group.”

7 were in favour of the changed proposal, 4 against and the remaining participants chose not to vote. The motion was not carried as it required an absolute majority of those present and this was not achieved.

7.7. Multiple Records

The current wording did not anticipate that two commissions might be handling the same class of record and the proposed text takes this into consideration.

The proposal as per Annex 6 of the Agenda was adopted unanimously.

As a closing comment to this point in the Agenda, CIVL requested that the final format of the General Section be better laid out.

14. CASI Handbook Revision

Mike Close from Australia carried out a revision of the CASI Handbook and explained the four proposed changes that appear in Annex 7 of the Agenda.

Much of the work carried out by CASI is covered by the Statutes. To avoid updating issues, he proposed that the Handbook, which is an operating manual, only refer to the relevant sections of the Statutes and General Section of the Sporting Code to avoid having to update the Handbook each time either document is modified.

The number of NAC representatives' needs to be updated from 10 to 11 according to the vote of the General Conference in 2016.

The other changes were essentially for clarification and also to enable the Bureau to meet when necessary and, when suitable, electronically.

The amendments to the Handbook as proposed by Mike Close were accepted unanimously subject to some minor wording changes that do not change the intent.

15. Proposals by CASI members

Mike Close of Australia explained his overall concern. He recognised that FAI is changing rapidly but does not react quickly to change being governed by Statutes and By-Laws. He gave the example that it has taken 5 years for Multi-Sport Events to be included in the General Section. This might lead to things being done that are not in line with our rules and regulations. If flexibility is allowed, what degree of flexibility is acceptable?

FAI President, Frits Brink stressed that we must follow the rules but if a situation is not covered by the rules then special conditions must be allowed. The case of the FAI Swoop Freestyle World Championships 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark was such a situation. He explained that at the SportAccord meeting in Denmark this event received a prize for the best home-grown event and it seemed a golden opportunity to give it our sanction. This was discussed between the IPC President Exi Hoenle, FAI President Frits Brink and FAI Secretary General, Susanne Schödel and an agreement was signed with the Organisers for a three-year period. No money was exchanged but that could change in the future as might the format of the event which could become a multi-city tour. The event was very successful. He recognised that communication can be improved and insisted that for the future we must follow our rules but find a way to allow for such specific events.

IPC President, Exi Hoenle indicated that he had looked into the rules when he was consulted by the FAI Head Office and when he questioned the Organiser. Although our rules clearly indicate that World Championships must be open to all NACs, there are already examples where there is a selection process so that the actual World Championships is only open to those selected. All competitors invited to the event in Denmark had an FAI Sporting Licence which showed their commitment to the FAI and their NACs did not oppose to their attendance. He felt that no rules had been broken and that the process was a mix between those used for the World Games and the Red Bull Air Race.

The Russian delegate indicated that FAI needs a balanced policy, it is important to be able to change the rules quickly rather than break them.

EB Member, Alvaro Orleans Borbon stated that we must not under-estimate the circumstances. He reminded the participants that the FAI spent a large amount of money defending a case brought before the Court for Arbitration for Sport because someone felt that the FAI had not followed its rules. This was money that was consequently not available for air sports. A simple process needs to be found and perhaps powers can be extended to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board should task the Statutes Working Group to look at how the FAI can be protected from the possibility of an appeal ending up in the CAS.

Invitee Pierre Portmann, FAI President of Honour explained the process applied to enable the Red Bull to become a World Championship. He stressed that we should not give away our heritage especially as the revenue from NACs will be more and more difficult to obtain.

16. Any Other Business

The floor was given to Markus Haggney. He gave a summary of the final report concerning the accident that occurred during the World Air Games. Four key recommendations were made that need to be addressed.

- Competition Selection process
- Emergency response plans in place
- Clarification of who is the actual organiser
- Establishment of Safety Guidelines which must include pre-flight checklist and training.

The meeting ended at 18h20, the two items remained pending concerning the Jury Handbook and the Jury President to be discussed at the next meeting to be held at the conclusion of the General Conference.

***** End of day 1 *****

CASI Delegates and Representatives had a second meeting on Friday 27th October, right after the General Conference, for the election of the Bureau and the confirmation of the Task Force.

Present NACs: Australia, Chinese Taipei, Germany, France, Hong Kong, Russia, Switzerland and USA

ASCs: CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIMA, CIVL, IGC and IPC.

17. Elections

Nominations for President.

Only one valid nomination was received and Antonis Papadopoulos accepted the nomination and was therefore elected.

Nominations for 1st Vice President.

Four valid nominations were received

- Rob Hughes accepted the nomination for Alan Cassidy
- Andy Chau refused the nomination
- Mike Close accepted the nomination
- Marina Vigorito accepted the nomination

After a vote, Marina Vigorito was elected to the position.

Nominations the 3 Vice Presidents.

- Sergey Ananov accepted the nomination
- Rob Hughes accepted the nomination for Alan Cassidy
- Andy Chau refused the nomination
- Mike Close accepted the nomination
- Bruno Delor refused the nomination
- Art Greenfield accepted the nomination
- Alicia Hirzel accepted the nomination
- Rainer Exi Hoenle accepted the nomination
- Stephane Malbos refused the nomination

After a vote, Art Greenfield, Sergey Ananov and Alicia Hirzel were elected to the position of Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary

The only nomination received was that of Gillian Rayner who accepted and was approved unanimously.

The President then addressed the two remaining items.

Jury Handbook: Stéphane Malbos reviewed the proposed document following the previous meeting and made a few house-keeping adjustments to the text.

5.4.2.4. Jury President The update of this paragraph concerning the role of the Jury President is still pending. It is necessary to have an aligned text between the Organiser Agreement and the General Section.

The proposed text for the General Section was received from Alan Cassidy but the new members have not had time to review it. The President proposed that the CASI Plenary give authority to the CASI Bureau to approve the proposal by November 15th. The motion was approved unanimously. He also mentioned that assistance from the FAI Legal Advisor is required.

Markus Hageney indicated that as there were so many outstanding Organiser Agreements, it was not possible to wait for the update of the General Section and the Organiser Agreement will continue to be issued as it is worded currently.

The Task Force nominated to work with the Executive Board on Sporting License matters was confirmed as follows:

- Stéphane Malbos chair
- Bruno Delor
- Sergey Ananov
- Elsa Mai
- Plus a member from the Executive Board and FAI Secretary General Susanne Schödel.

Stéphane Malbos indicated that the Task Force would use the tool Basecamp and that interim reports would be available.

The meeting ended at 18h45. The President thanked everyone for their hard work.