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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the
FAI Air Sport General Commission

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FAI CASI ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 2nd, 2008

ST VINCENT, ITALY

The President opened the meeting at 09h00 and welcomed all delegates and observers.

1. Roll Call of Delegates, Apologies and Proxy Votes

Present: Australia
Czech Republic
France
Germany
Sweden
Switzerland
CIA
IGC
CIAM
IPC
CIVA
CIVL
CIG
CIMA

8 votes required to achieve absolute majority and 10 votes for a 2/3 majority.

Absent: Canada
Poland
Spain
USA
GAC
ICARE

No apologies for absence and no proxies were received.

2. No Declaration of Conflicts were declared

3. Approval of Minutes of the CASI meeting held in Rhodes, Greece on October 11th, 2007

Motion for approval by Sweden, seconded by France
Motion carried.

4. Proposal from FAI Ballooning Commission for modifications to the Sporting Code General Section.

A proposal from the FAI Ballooning Commission as previously circulated to modify Para: 5.2.2.2 and Para: 5.2.2.3 of the Sporting Code General Section was tabled.

The President of the Commission explained the reason for this request. Discussion ensued. The motion was put and lost.

5. Proposal to broaden the scope of Section 13, FAI Sporting Code

A request was received for the Air Sports General Commission to broaden the scope of Section 13 of the FAI Sporting Code to incorporate a new category of aircraft. There was general discussion. John Aldridge (CIVL) proposed going back to the author of the proposal to ask him to submit a detailed paper for examination next year. This was agreed by consensus.

6. Proposal from FAI Parachuting Commission for modifications to the Sporting Code General Section.

The proposal had been circulated and the President of the Commission explained in more detail the reason for this request.

The motion was put as follows: "The NAC hosting a First Category Event shall appoint an Event Director, A Public Relations Officer (PRO) and any other necessary personnel or functionaries as per the requirements of the Air Sport concerned."

The motion was put to vote and carried by 12 votes to 2.

7. Approval of World Air Games General Rules, as amended, including adoption of §5.

The motion that the World Air Games General Rules as amended and previously circulated be approved was put and carried unanimously.

8. Adoption of Version 2 of the FAI Anti Doping Rules and Procedures

A long discussion of the implications of adopting this procedure ensued. Max Bishop explained that the WADA principle is that one model should fit all and the modifications are the result of their taking into consideration what has happened since Version 1. He highlighted however, that they had allowed the use of oxygen in air sports in spite of this being a banned substance. This, at least, is a step in the right direction.

The motion that the meeting adopts Version 2 of the FAI Anti Doping Rules and Procedures as previously circulated was put and adopted by 12 votes to 2.

9. Responsibilities of Working Group Members reviewing the changes to the General Section as proposed by the UK.

The President expressed his disappointment that the Working Group had come to no conclusion on this topic although the subject had been on the agenda for two years. Communication amongst the members appeared to be the main problem. The UK delegate expressed his disappointment. A new working group was designated to put forward at the 2009 CASI meeting recommendations regarding the UK proposals.

The members are John Aldridge (Chair), John Grubbström and Tomas Backman.

10. Funding of expenses incurred by CASI Bureau on official business

The President expressed the need for the CASI bureau members to be able to carry out their responsibilities independently of their NACs. Max Bishop confirmed that the CASI, as the Technical Commissions, had no way to generate an income to cover costs such as travel but confirmed that any other out of pocket expenses generated by CASI work could be reimbursed by the FAI. Graeme Windsor, IPC, put forward a motion to have the Statutes Working Group look at this question. The motion was not seconded and, as a consequence, lapsed.

11. Any Other Business

Review of FAI Protocol for Award Ceremonies.

This topic was raised at the Air Sport Commission Presidents Meeting and referred to CASI. Max Bishop explained that although a protocol document did exist and was sent to all organisers, it needs to be reviewed. A working group was proposed to review the document and to determine who should be responsible to ensure that the protocol is respected. The members are Graeme Windsor (Chair), John Aldridge and Tor Johannessen.

Actions related to WADA Rules.

The President asked for guidance regarding any actions to be taken by CASI on this topic. Max Bishop confirmed that this was now in the hands of the FAI Secretariat and that Rob Hughes was responsible for implementation.

Appointment of President of International Air Sport Board for the 2009 World Air Games.

It was noted that under the provisions of the General Rules for the World Air Games, the meeting was required to appoint the President of the International Air Sport Board for the 2009 World Air Games. It was resolved to defer this procedure until after lunch when nominations would be received and, if necessary, a vote would be carried out.

The meeting was adjourned at 11h05

The meeting reconvened at 13h30.

Nominations for the position of Board President were called for and each nominee was requested to accept or decline the nomination.

David Hamilton	Declined
Mike Heuer	Accepted
Hans-Peter Hirzel	Declined
Henk Meertens	Declined
Keith Negal	Declined
Jean-Claude Weber	Declined

Mike Heuer was duly appointed President of the IASB for the 2009 World Air Games.

The meeting was closed at 14h20.

A CASI meeting to elect the CASI President and Bureau for 2008/2009 was held during the FAI General Conference on October 4th, 2008.

The President opened the meeting on Saturday October 4th at 17h45 at St Vincent, Italy, during a break in the proceedings of the General Conference.

As required and having completed their term of office, all office holders retired from their positions and the control of the meeting was handed over to Max Bishop, the Secretary General of the FAI .

The Secretary General conducted the election process for office holders of the FAI Air Sports General Commission.

1) Election of President.

Nominations:

Jean-Pierre Delmas	Declined
Henk Meertens	Accepted but he indicated that he had to fund travel related to CASI himself unless he came to a meeting as an Australian delegate. The FAI President indicated that a small budget could be set aside to cover such expense. On that basis Henk accepted the nomination.

Henk Meertens was elected President by acclamation.

2) Election of 1st Vice President

Nominations:

John Aldridge	Declined
Jean-Pierre Delmas	Declined
Jiri Dodal	Declined
John Grubbström	Accepted
Jean-Claude Weber	Declined
Graeme Windsor	Declined

Dr Grubbström was elected First Vice President.

3) Election of Vice Presidents

Nominations:

John Aldridge	Accepted
Pedro Cabanero-Marimon	Declined
Jean-Pierre Delmas	Accepted
Jean-Claude Weber	Declined
Graeme Windsor	Accepted

As the number of Vice-Presidents is not limited, it was decided to increase the number to three and consequently, Graeme Windsor, Jean-Pierre Delmas and John Aldridge were all elected Vice Presidents.

4) Nominations for Secretary

Gillian Winter was elected by acclamation.

The meeting was closed at 18h05.

Gillian Winter
Secretary