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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the
FAI Air Sport General Commission

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**FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE
INTERNATIONALE
AIRSPORT GENERAL COMMISSION (CASI)
MEETING
8th OCTOBER 2009
INCHEON, KOREA**

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
Serbia (arrived at 09h30)
Sweden
Switzerland
USA
CIA
IGC
CIAM
CIG
GAC
IPC
CIVL
CIMA
President of Honour – Sandy Pimenoff

16 voting representatives present
9 votes required to achieve absolute majority and 11 votes for a 2/3 majority.

Apologies: CIVA, ICARE

Absent: Poland
Spain

No proxies were received.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No declaration of conflict of interest was made.

3. Approval of Minutes of the CASI meeting held in St Vincent, Italy on 2nd October 2008.

No comments were received. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by France and the minutes were adopted unanimously

4. Awards Ceremony Protocol

Graeme Windsor, Chair of the Working Group indicated that the Proposal had been circulated to all delegates with the Agenda and highlighted that it was a

living document with the need to be reviewed occasionally. The proposal allowed for prize giving ceremonies of a better standard. He thanked the other Working Group members - Tor Johannessen and John Aldridge - for their contribution.

The motion to approve the document accepted as the official guidelines was seconded by France and adopted unanimously.

5. Continental Records – proposed change to General Section

Max Bishop, Secretary General of the FAI explained the proposal coming from the FAI to have the General Section recognise the existence of Continental Records currently in place in two commissions (IPC and CIVL) and in discussion in a third (IGC) and to amend accordingly: “6.1. Definition of International Records”.

Discussion followed on several points:

- o Workload generated for the FAI
- o Definition of what a Continental record is

A motion by Graeme Windsor to adopt the proposal as presented was seconded by John Aldridge and approved unanimously. In order to better define what a Continental Record really is, a resolution to form a working group was put forward by Art Greenfield and seconded by IPC was adopted unanimously. Working Group Members to be: CIVL (John Aldridge), IPC (Buzz Bennett), Ballooning (JC Weber), IGC (to be named).

6. Proposal from Greece regarding provision of insurance by Organisers

The delegate from Greece clarified the reason for this proposal because of a situation where third party and personal accident insurance proposed in an International competition proved to be insufficient. The legal amount required made it difficult for people to get insurance in their home country so the organiser sold insurance on site. Following an accident the insurance proved insufficient and did not cover national requirements or even enough to cover expenses incurred.

The following discussion highlighted difficulties in adopting the wording proposed by Greece especially as not all Commissions require Bulletins.

A motion to accept the proposal of Greece as intent and for CASI to come up with more suitable wording at a later date was made by Graeme Windsor, seconded by Jean-Claude Weber and carried unanimously.

7. International Air Sports Board Recommendations re WAG

No questions were raised on the report of the IASB (attachment 1) and a motion to approve the IASB recommendation was seconded by Tor Johannessen and adopted unanimously.

8. Amendments to General Section proposed by FAI
The amendments proposed by the FAI attachment 2) were approved unanimously.
9. Proposal from the IPC regarding a change to GS 2.7.7.
Before answering questions, IPC requested to withdraw part of the proposal to define “Parachuting” in the General Section and to include it in Section 5.
Discussion on the proposed definition of Parachute led to a change in the proposal which now reads
“PARACHUTE: A collapsible fabric device, designed to counteract the effects of gravity and intended to be used to return a suspended load or person safely to the surface of the earth.”
Concern was expressed on the possible negative effect of making this change but the President of CASI indicated that unless CASI members are strongly against the motion, it is up to the IPC to take responsibility for their proposal.
The motion to adopt the modified proposal was approved by a simple majority of 10 with 2 Against and 4 Abstentions.
10. Revision of SC 11
The first question was to confirm the real need to update Section 11 and the necessity to find volunteers to work on it. John Aldridge indicated that as deficiencies have been highlighted, Section 11 has to be reviewed.
The motion to form a committee to handle the review of Section 11 was seconded by Graeme Windsor and adopted unanimously.
The working group members to be: Henk Meertens, John Aldridge, Thierry Villey, Buzz Bennett
11. UK proposals – results of Working Group set up in 2008
The working group chair, John Aldridge indicated that only three of the initial UK proposals remained:
- Units of Measurement (latitude and longitude)
- Distance of Earth surface
- Time and speed a definition of time
Working Group did not wish to put too much detail into the GS. Each commission is able to put such a level of detail into their own Sporting Code.
The conclusion of the Working Group was not to include the UK proposals.

The motion to adopt the verbal report by John Aldridge, seconded by CIMA was adopted unanimously.

12. Standards of Distance Measurement

The current definition was read out by CASI President Henk Meertens. He expressed concern that the current terminology does not reflect what is actually happening in Commissions and in particular paragraph 7.3.1.1 of the General Section. A resolution seconded by John Aldridge that Henk Meertens and Tor Johannessen be tasked to review GS 7.3.1.1 and to make recommendations was adopted unanimously. Bernie Smith of the USA proposed to give input from work he has been engaged on.

13. Any Other Business.

Max Bishop gave some information about the next CASI meeting to be held after the General Conference. Timing for the Closing Ceremony being very tight, he highlighted the importance of starting the meeting immediately after the GC

The first CASI Meeting ended at 10h30.

14. Election of CASI President and Bureau for 2009/2010

The President declared the meeting open at 16h00 and called for nominations for the Bureau.

1st Vice President

John Grubbström was the only person nominated and was duly elected.

Vice Presidents

Three nominations: John Aldridge, Graeme Windsor and Jean-Pierre Delmas, all accepted the nominations and were duly elected unanimously.

President

Henk Meertens was nominated for the role of President which he accepted and was duly elected unanimously.

Secretary

Gill Winter was nominated for the role of secretary and following acceptance, was duly elected unanimously.

15. Date and Place of next CASI Meeting

The next meeting will be at the General Conference in Dublin, Ireland in October 2010.

The meeting ended at 16h20.

Attachment 1
Report from the WAG 2009 International Air Sport Board (IASB)
regarding the
Protest Appeal received from Svetlana Kapinana.

This report is intended to supplement the preliminary statement made by the IASB on the 12th June 2009.

The IASB refused the submission by Svetlana Kapinana requesting the reconsideration of her disqualification imposed by the Jury of the Aerobatics Commission on the 10th of June concerning her flight on that day.

Whilst there may have been some extenuating circumstances, the pilot by her own admission crossed the Deadline imposed to separate the performance from the spectators. This is in contravention of rule 5.2.3.1 in section 6 part 3 of the Sporting Code and 7.4 of the Local Procedures issued for this event.

During the hearing of evidence the IASB found several inconsistencies and issues that could have contributed to the pilot's error and submit the following comments and recommendations to improve the quality of future World Air Games. It is acknowledged and appreciated that the rules for this event were new and both pilots and Judges had little or no experience of operating according to these new rules.

1. It is clearly stated in the rules that any crossing of the deadline will result in disqualification. However, the local procedures instruct the pilots to cross the deadline to join the landing pattern which is clearly shown as being directly over the spectators. Such conflicts erode the integrity of the rules and create conflicts which may be confusing to officials and pilots. Such conflicts must be avoided.

2. To prevent any erosion of the integrity of safety limits during the World Air Games the same standards must be applied to all events. Infringements condoned during any one event will undoubtedly affect the attitudes of pilots in other events.

3. To avoid any misunderstanding due to poor translation or lack of clarity, any information affecting rules, procedures or safety requirements should be displayed on a power-point type presentation and issued in writing with copies retained until the end of the competition. This recommendation should apply to all FAI International events

4. The Chief Judge and any other official must be enabled to pass instructions as required by the event rules on the same frequency the pilots are required to use.

5. The use of the word "Deadline" to describe both a physical boundary and a time deadline to identify the end of the performance can cause misunderstanding and confusion. It is commended that a different name be used for a physical boundary on the ground, such as "Penalty line".

6. We recommend that at all World Air Games each venue should conduct a daily general safety briefing attended by all event directors. The General briefing should improve communication between event teams and reduce the risks of misunderstanding and procedural violations.

7. We recommend that the WAG rules regarding IASB procedures should contain clear instructions on the composition of the IASB to hear any particular protest.

If the IASB is required to convene, the entire IASB as appointed and under the chairmanship of its President will decide if any member has any personal or other involvement in the protest that may influence their judgment. If necessary the IASB may appoint from within its members a chairman and two members to consider a specific protest.

This report has been prepared by.

Brian Spreckley, Acting Chairman of the IASB (for this protest).

David Hamilton, IASB board Member

Robert Henderson, IASB board member

In consultation with the President of the WAG 2009 IASB Michael R. Heuer.

Attachment 2

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS to the GENERAL SECTION received from the FAI Office

1. Add "CANS" to the list of Technical Commissions on Page 1-2 2.
 2. Add the definition "CANS - Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems. A technical commission of FAI" to the glossary.
 3. Add "CANS" to the definition of "Commission" in the Glossary.
- 3.11.2.3 [Doping]. Remove the word "Marijuana" as this is now included by WADA in all sports and it is therefore not an FAI requirement to include it.