MINUTES

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FAI Ballooning Commission

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1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Plenary meeting was called to order at 9:00, 18 March 2022.

CIA President, Mark Sullivan, welcomed Delegates and thanked Subcommittee and Working Group members for their work during the past year.

A welcome speech was held by, Giuseppe Leoni, the president elect from the Aeroclub d’Italia.

2 IN MEMORIAM

The Plenary Meeting then commenced with a moment of silence in respect of the recently departed members of the ballooning community.

A moment of silence was held for the war that is happening in Ukraine.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Croatia: Igor Miclousic
- Japan: Sabu Ichiyoshi
- Australia: Steve Ireland and Ruth Wilson
- Ukraine: Ihor Lobashov

Countries registered to follow online:

- Croatia: Igor Miclousic
- Japan: Sabu Ichiyoshi
- Australia: Steve Ireland and Ruth Wilson
- Ukraine: Ihor Lobashov
- Finland: Max Sevelius
- Hong Kong: Andy Chau
- Korea: Roh Eunyoung
- South Africa: Richard Bovell
- Ukraine: Ihor Lobashov
4 DELEGATES ROLL CALL
CIA OFFICERS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATE DELEGATES, SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS ATTENDANCE

CIA President
Mark Sullivan (USA)

CIA Secretary
Sanne Haarhuis (NED)

FAI Secretary General
Markus Haggeney (Online)

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CIA Officers, Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Subcommittee and Working Group Members and Observers Attendance
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A current list of FAI Members List and CIA delegates can be found on the FAI website: https://www.fai.org/page/cia-delegates
5 PROXIES

- Slovakia proxy to Czech Republic
- Georgia proxy to Great Britain
- Argentina proxy to Spain
- Croatia proxy to USA

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENDA ORDER
The chair states that the agenda may be changed and adapted to the needs of the delegates to show their presentations.

Delegates were reminded that the agenda order would be established by the President (IR 3.6.1).

REVIEW OF PROCEDURES
Delegates were reminded of the procedures in respect of:

- Motions (IR 3.7)
- Rules of Debate (IR 3.8), delegates are encouraged to speak once on each topic.
- Items not on the agenda need 2/3’s majority to be discussed but no decision may be made on these items

COUNTING COMMITTEE
Winna Parks (USA) and Mike Meinl (GER) were nominated as the Counting Committee (IR 3.11.4) on day 1.

Mike Meinl (GER) and Cheri White (USA) were nominated as the Counting Committee (IR 3.11.4) on day 2.

Approved by the Plenary unanimously on a motion from the Chair

CIA POLICY DOCUMENTS
The Delegates were reminded of the CIA Policy Documents in force for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
Cia President: any bid or intention to host the next plenary meeting should be presented as soon as possible

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY
The total votes present: 19

The total votes including proxys: 23

The number of votes required to achieve an absolute majority was declared as 12

The number of votes required for a New Motion (2/3 majority) was declared as 15

The Chair announced the numbers for the absolute and two-thirds majorities and that these numbers will only change because of delegates arriving late or leaving early who formally notify the chair.
VOTING PROCEDURES
Described by CIA President as outlined in the FAI Statutes, By-Laws, and CIA IRs.

For continental events only Delegates from that continent may vote.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM
The FAI electronic voting system will not be used in this meeting.

FAI CODE OF ETHICS
The FAI Code of Ethics applies to the CIA meeting. CIA members concerned should declare their respective conflict of interest to the FAI General Secretary.

DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS
Coffee breaks were announced.

7 MINUTES OF THE 2021 PLENARY MEETING
Missing in the minutes was Event Organiser Support Chairperson Maury Sullivan.

Minutes were approved unanimously

8 CIA BUREAU ACTIONS
The Chair reported on the actions taken by the Bureau in the previous 12 months. The complete file includes the report as published as an attachment to the agenda.

9 REPORT ON FAI ACTIVITIES
Mark Sullivan, CIA President reported on FAI activities and meetings and stressed the working together of the commissions presidents.

Mark stresses that Markus within the FAI has worked really hard to get the finances from FAI sorted and how communication about this monthly is a big improvement from the past.

Markus Haggeneven gives more insight in the FAI finances from the past up till now and how FAI has worked to cut overspending and get back into a positive financial situation.

Officials insurance is being organized by the FAI for all the commission. The commissions are responsible for the way they use the FAI officials insurance.

Presentation Markus Haggenev

Attachment 1
10 REPORT ON THE 2021 FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

The 115th FAI General Conference took place electronically from 9 to 11 November 2021.

The report was included in Markus his presentation on FAI activities.

Next FAI General Conference 17-22 October 2022

11 DELEGATES REPORTS

Delegates were given the opportunity to give a verbal report on activities in their countries.

UK apologizes for not sending in report. The nationals were held. Important people from the community

SUI: Honored to present the new European cup.

USA: Ballooning has been influenced by the effects of COVID. The USA pilots are helping Ukrainian pilots with financial support to be able to participate in the World Championships. Money is being accrued money will be donated to the red cross.

CAN: National Championships were held last year in St. Jean sur Richelieu. They have had events going on for a long time and World Championships have been held there. They are interested again in getting involved in international competition. This is a positive development for ballooning in Canada.

Statistics have been gathered for many years. The past years the gathering of the information has become harder. This year we changed to gathering it online. The platform we gathered on was not the right one to give a presentation on the information gathered.

The coming years we will be trying to gather more interesting information in a more modern technology way. If anyone has ideas on how to improve please help out.

12 JURY BOARD SC REPORT

Sanne Haarhuis (secretary):

The Jury Board had a meeting online with all members.

They propose JC Weber becoming chair of the Sub Committee.

The report includes the following:

New jurors and upgrades:

The Jury Board decided to approve the following:

- **Paul PETREHN (USA)**: Entry level
- **Kim MAGEE (USA)**: Upgrade to Intermediate Level
- **Les Purfield (UK)**: withdrew from the Jurors List

Les Purfield will be jury president both events this year and will then be removed from the list.
**Motion 1:**

*New and upgraded jurors*

- *Paul PETREHN (USA)*  
  Entry level
- *Kim MAGEE (USA)*  
  Upgrade to Intermediate Level

*Jury Board meeting minutes*

On a motion from the Chair the Report and motion are accepted unanimously

### 13 OFFICIALS SC REPORT

*Sanne Haarhuis (NED):*

The CAT 1 Event Directors list is updated. The past year all directors have been asked if they want to remain on the CAT1 ED list.

We have 2 Event Directors who have decided to step down from the list.

Mathijs de Bruijn and Moniek van de Velde are recognized for all the work they have done.

*Officials meeting minutes*

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

**Motion 1:**

To approve the current Event Director’s list.

The motion is accepted unanimously

### 14 EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE SC REPORT

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 22.

*Lindsay Muir (UK):* reported on the work of the SubCommittee. They reviewed 2021 events and reviewed the current sanction applications.

Sanction Applications to all events can be found in the documents on the CIA documents part of the website under Events, Events Sanction Documents.

**SANCTIONED EVENTS 2021**

1. *5th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Leszno, Toron. 9th – 14th August 2021.*
2. *64th FAI Gordon Bennett Race, Torun, Poland. 19th – 23rd August 2021*
iii. 22nd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Szeged, Hungary. 13th – 18th September 2021

SANCTIONED EVENTS 2022

FAI Category 1:

i. 65th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, Switzerland

ii. 24th World Hot Air Balloon Championship

REVIEW OF EVENTS SANCTIONED FOR 2023

i. 6th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Poland

ii. 5th FAI Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Australia – postponed from 2021

iii. 66th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, Switzerland

REVIEW OF SPORTING EVENTS FOR 2022

i. 21st Coupe d’Europe de Montgolfieres & 26st Coupe du Monde des Dames

ii. Central European Cup

EDS meeting minutes

Attachment 5

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

15 RECORDS SC REPORT

Troy Bradley (USA): Kim Magee has applied and been accepted for her Silver Badge.

Record in RUS. The file has been reviewed but is kept on file to ratify when Russia is back in good standings with FAI.

There are no motions or report.

16 SAFETY AND EDUCATION SC REPORT

Bengt Stener (SWE) presentation:

Attachment 6

There were no new findings from the safety reports from last year to make changes into the Safety Officers Handbook. It is good that there are no changes, it is a stable handbook.

They have assigned Safety Officers to all the events. These will be approved in the EDS presentations of the events.

The SubCommittee needs help with training about safety. If we could receive articles or videos from other countries to share as CIA that would be appreciated.
David Gleed (CAN): Recognizes Bengt Stener’s long standing and service in the CIA and in the Safety Sub Committee as Bengt is stepping down as chair of this committee.

Safety and education meeting minutes
Attachment 7

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously

17 COMPETITORS SC REPORT

This agenda Item was discussed after agenda item 18.

Andrew Baird (USA): Gave a presentation on the results of the SubCommittees questionnaire. Attachment 8

Recommendation to Delegates

It is clear that given the reduced number of quality bids, delegates often vote to approve events that are not of sufficient quality to achieve the goals of world-class competition. We would like to ask that if the bids being presented are not of sufficient quality that delegates discuss with their competitors in advance and be prepared to vote for quality even if that means there will be no championship in a given year.

Competitors meeting minutes
Attachment 9

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously

Motions as originally presented:

“To modify the sporting code to reflect that for General AX World Championships: The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of two competitors to each eligible NAC.”

To approve a change to the sporting code, such that: The host country of a General AX World Championship may be granted one additional invitation if they accept both first round invitations, and would otherwise have no more than two competitors in the event

After discussion the motions were changed and presented as follows.

Motion 1.

“To direct S1 Working Group to modify the sporting code with immediate effect to reflect that for General AX World Championships:

The organising NAC shall issue an invitation for an equal number of two competitors to each eligible NAC.”

Reminder: The “equal number” is the FIRST round

Immediate effect means any event that has not yet been sanctioned
Motion was accepted with 22 in favor and 1 opposed.

Motion 2.

“To direct the S1 Working Group to change to the sporting code with immediate effect, such that

The host NAC of a General AX World Championship shall be granted one additional ‘wild card’

invitation to use for their NAC.”

Notes: The 10% rule is still in effect.

“Immediate effect” means beginning with events sanctioned at this Plenary

Motion was accepted with 16 in favor and 7 opposed

Ukrainian delegate (Ihor Lobashov) speaks online to the meeting via Zoom.

He is happy to be able to join the meeting in this way.

In the current situation a lot of the balloons in Ukraine are destroyed. He hopes that ballooning in Ukraine will be restored in the future and will be open for international ballooning again.

18 RULES SC REPORT

Rules meeting minutes Attachment 10

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

AA WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Mark Sullivan (USA):

Rule changes and Handbook changes are listed in the minutes.

Marc Andre (SUI): Presentation on the development of self-funded media coverage program for the Gordon Bennett. Attachment 11

This will be distributed over the budget of the coming 3 years. Mostly in the first 2 years. Hopefully not much is needed in the 3 years.

Marc Andre (SUI): It is good to focus on one category to develop and after it is developed see how we can use the same practice in other categories.
Claude Weber (LUX): Asks about the request from Pilot LUX to reduce the limit for the license from 12 months before the event to just at the General Briefing and to have the 50h at General Briefing. I don’t see this in the report. Can you add this to your report.

Mark Sullivan (President): The committee discussed this and decided that this new limitations cannot be granted. We will note this to the report.

AA WG meeting minutes

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

Approval of Gordon Bennett MER 2022

On a motion from the Chair the motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 2:

Request from the AA/AM WG for 25,000 CHF to be added to the CIA budget. These funds will be used to develop a self-funded media coverage for the Gordon Bennett, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

On a motion from the Chair the motion was accepted unanimously

AX WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Uwe Schneider (GER):

The rules have been changed to reflect the recent changes in the Sporting Code. So that numbering and wording are the same.

Rule changes are in the minutes.

Lindsay Muir (UK): Is there an intention to rewrite the AXMER completely

Uwe Schneider (GER): Yes, there has been an intention. Especially as there is a lot of reprint of the Sporting Code in the rules. At the moment it is an idea to fully rewrite but there is no immediate action to it. As it also comes with discussion about what should be reproduced from other documents. The document as it is, is a good starting point for pilots that are getting in to competition too.

AX WG meeting minutes

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously
Motion 1: that the AXMER 2022 are approved as presented

motion adopted unanimously

BX WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Luc van Geyte (BEL):

There were no competitions in the last 5 years. So there was no activity. We are looking for organizers of events to organize small events for only a few airships and then creating a light version of the rules.

And we are looking into how to attract more pilots to airship competition and looking into creating a list with all airship pilots.

BX WG meeting minutes

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

SCORING WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Marc André (SUI):

A lot of work has been done in rewriting the Competition Operations Handbook. Acknowledgement to Lynn Sullivan and David Bareford for all their work.

There is a completely new COH.

Scoring WG meeting minutes

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1: Approve the update to the COH and publish it as COH 2022

motion adopted unanimously

SPORTING CODE SECTION ONE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Uwe Schneider (GER):

The coming time they will work on adjusting S1 to the changes that have been made in the sporting code.

The 2nd Challenge Cup was donated in 2021 by the Swiss Ballooning Association.

S1 WG meeting minutes

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously
Motion 1:

The changes to Internal Regulations Chapter 12 12.4 as given below be approved with an effective date of 1st April 2022.

motion adopted unanimously

Motion from the chair:

To empower the bureau to approve the work on the Section one adjustment.

Motion adopted unanimously

19 NEW TECHNOLOGIES SC REPORT

Claude Weber (LUX): Gave a presentation on NTSC work and the SubCommittee meeting. Attachment 18

New Technologies meeting minutes Attachment 19

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

20 PUBLIC AND MEDIA RELATIONS SC REPORT

Debbie Spaeth (USA) held a presentation remotely on the work of the PMR Sub Committee

P&MR meeting minutes Attachment 20

On a from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMPS

Presentations were given on the youthcamps that were held last year in France, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland and USA.

Motion 1.

The CIA Plenary commends the PMR SC for their work to bring (27) ballooning stories to the CIA Web site during 2021. It is noted that in 2014-2015, CIA stories on the web page were 4 each year. During 2021, Ballooning stories on the CIA web page included interviews and extended graphics, enhancing the Social Media footprint of the CIA. .

The motion was adopted unanimously
Motion 2.

Motion by CIA PMR SC for approval of 800CHF per camp (4000CHF total CIA expenditure) for CIA Scholarship Funds to the following 2022 Balloon Youth Camps, subject to the CIA PMR Scholarship rules and documentation prior to payment of funds. For BYC in the following five countries. •Czech Republic •France •Germany •Poland •USA.

The motion was adopted unanimously

Motion 3.

Motion to approve the CIA Hot Air Championship Event Website & Social Media Guide (2022 Edition) for publication on the CIA website. This PMR document is for the support of, and use by, sanctioned event organizers.

The motion was adopted unanimously

Motion 4.

Motion that permanent members of the CIA PMR (Public & Media Relations) Subcommittee will include the Chair of EDS (Event Development Service) and the CIA Secretary.

The motion was adopted unanimously

Request to CIA Subcommittee Chairs: •.

- CIA Subcommittee chairs are asked to review and update on-line materials during 2022.

- Where there are “Contacts” within documents, Chairs are asked to use a “generic” email, that can be issued by FAI IT. The “generic” email address will keep the document up-to-date as FAI will forward mail to the personaladdress of the chair, without documents needing update. Example: For CIA PMR Chair, the email issued by FAI is: cia-media@fai.org. The cia-media@fai.org email can be used in CIA documents as the PMR Chair Contact. No changes are needed for CIA documents when the chair changes. This CIA PMR Chair email is setup to automatically forward to the personal email of the current chair of PMR.

21 EVENT ORGANISERS COMMITTEE

Maury Sullivan (USA) this year the Committee organized the Event Organiser Workshop. Maury thanks all the presenters for their work. The discussion of the SubCommittee can be found in the minutes.

EOS meeting minutes

Attachment 21

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously
22 AWARDS WG

The suggestion of the bureau is to incorporate the work this Working Group has been doing into the bureau’s responsibilities.

Motion from the chair to let the bureau handle the responsibilities this Working Group had.

The motion was adopted unanimously

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24 FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

FAI MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION (CIMP)
The CIA representative David Bareford (GBR) reported on the commission meeting

FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
No report

FAI EUROPE AIR SPORTS
No report, we have no delegate. Request from the president if anyone would be interested in being a delegate to Europe Air Sports.

FAI CASI
See published CASI Meeting Minutes

Reports approved unanimously

Nominations for Commission representatives for 2022:

FAI Medico-Physiological Commission  David Bareford (GBR)
FAI Environmental Commission  President will reach out to Steve Ireland to remain delegate to the Environmental Commission.
Europe Air Sports
CIA Representative to CASI.  Mark Sullivan (USA)

Nominees elected unanimously

25 SANCTIONED EVENTS
Sanction Applications to all sanctioned events can be found in the documents on the CIA documents part of the website under Events, Events Sanction Documents.

Presentation by EDS chair Lindsay Muir (UK)  Attachment 22

25.1 REPORTS ON SANCTIONED EVENTS 2021
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ii.  64th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, Torun, Poland. 19th – 23rd August 2021
iii.  22nd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Szeged, Hungary. 13th – 18th September 2021
25.2 REPORTS ON SANCTIONED EVENTS 2022-2023

SANCTIONED EVENTS 2022

i. 65th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, St Gallen, Switzerland

Presentation by Marc Andre (SUI)

Safety Officer: Stephan Zeberli (SUI)

ii. 24th World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Murska Sobota, Slovenia.

Presentation by the organiser Matjaz Pavlinjek (SLO).

Safety Officer: Christoph Fraisl (AUT)

Motion to approve the Safety officers for these events passed unanimously

SANCTIONED EVENTS 2023

i. 6th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Poland

Safety officer: Jerzy Czerniawski (POL) approved in 2021 plenary.

ii. 5th FAI Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Australia

Safety officer: John Wallington (AUS) approved in 2021 plenary

iii. 66th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett, Sion, Switzerland.

25.3 SANCTION PROPOSALS

REVIEW OF SPORTING EVENTS FOR 2022

i. 21st Coupe d’Europe de Montgolfieres & 26st Coupe du Monde des Dames

ii. Central European Cup

To be sanctioned by the bureau.
26 EDS CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR AND EVENTS OPEN FOR PROPOSAL

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26.1 BIDS

2023 NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP, ST. JEAN SUR RICHELIEU

David Gleed (CAN) made a talk about the event and the location where it is going to be held. The event has not been held in about 30 years. The event organiser is interested in organizing more international events in the future.

Motion:

To sanction the 2023 North American Continental Championship

The motion passed unanimously
Safety Officer: Sylvain Tremblay (CAN)

The Safety officers for this event was accepted unanimously

Jury:

To be accepted by the bureau after proposal by the Jury Board.

2024 25th WORLD HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP

2024 World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Mallorca  Attachment 23
Presentation was held by Ricardo Aracil (SPA)

2024 World Hot Air Balloon Championship - Hungary.  Attachment 24
Presentation was held by Zoltan Palhegyi (HUN) and by Peter Takacs (HUN about the proposed logger system.
There was a discussion about the proposed logger system and Hungary agreed to use the Balloon Live System if the proposed system would not be approved.

25th World Hot Air Balloon Championship votes
Hungary: 12 votes
Spain: 9 votes
Abstain: 2 votes

The 25th World Hot Air Balloon Championship is sanctioned to Szeged, Hungary

Safety Officer: Goran GRGIC (SLO)

The Safety officer for this event was accepted unanimously

26.2 INTENTIONS TO BID

2023 11th WORLD GAS BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP ALBUQUERQUE, USA

Motion:

To appoint the bureau to decide on the sanction application for 2023 11th World Gas Championship, Albuquerque (USA). Coming in before 30 June 2022

The motion passed unanimously
2026 – 25TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, ST JEAN SUR RICHELIEU (CAN)

27 CIA FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sanne Haarhuis (secretary): A presentation was given on the expenses and income in 2021 and on the budgets for 2022 and 2023.

A motion to the Plenary to empower the Bureau to develop and present to FAI the budget 2020

The motion passed unanimously.

28 AWARD OF MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMAS

a) Montgolfier Diploma for Contribution to the development of the Sport is awarded to Garry Lockyer (CAN).

b) Montgolfier Best Performance Gas is awarded to Eric Decellieres and Benoît Havret (France)

c) Montgolfier Best Performance Hot Air is awarded to David Spildooren (Belgium)

29 AWARD OF SANTOS DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

No Nominees were presented.

30 NOMINATIONS FOR FAI AWARDS

CIA President: reminded all delegates of the importance to find nominees for these awards.

31 CIA HALL OF FAME

Troy Bradley on behalf of the AAIBM gave a brief report

Attachment 25

The FAI page for the Hal of Fame: https://www.fai.org/page/cia-hall-fame

The AAIBM Hall of Fame website: http://www.balloonmuseum.com/fai-ballooning-commission.aspx

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