FAI Amateur Built & Experimental Aircraft Commission (CIACA)

2023 Plenary Meeting Minutes

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1 WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT
The President welcomed all attendees, delegates, experts and FAI observers.

2 ROLL-CALL
Present

- Alfons Hubmann (SUI) Commission president
- Catherine Dartois (FRA) Commission Vice-President
- Hermann Eigner (AUT) Commission Vice-President
- Marina Cukic (SUI) Observer
- Eryl Smith (GBR) Alternate Delegate
- Christian Teuber (GER) Delegate
- David Gallezot (FRA) Alternate Delegate
- Dominique Simon (FRA) Observer
- Antonis Papadopoulos (GRE) FAI CASI President
- Scott Neumann (USA) FAI ICARE President
- Kamila VOKOUN HAJKOVA FAI Members and Commissions Relations Manager
- Visa-Matti LEINIKKI FAI IT Manager

Apologies for absence received from

- Mr. Alberto Beccaro (Delegate)
- Mr. Markus Haggeney (FAI Secretary General).

Proxies – none

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
none

4 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
The minutes have already been distributed to all members and delegates of FAI CIACA. They have also been published on the FAI CIACA Website.

On the minutes of last year’s meeting no comments have been expressed, nor changes requested.

The minutes for the 47th Annual General Meeting has been unanimously accepted.

5 ACTIONS PENDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 ACTION TASK 1:
CIACA could organize competitions and challenges during the World Games or at similar events. Proposals for competition drafts should be submitted to the President of FAI CIACA.

5.2 ACTION TASK 2:
The submitting of applications by national and international Aero Clubs for all diplomas should be
6 CIACA PRESIDENTS REPORT

An overview of all events 2022 in which FAI CIACA has been involved was presented.

The interests of FAI CIACA have been represented by the President of FAI CIACA at a total of 25 national and international meetings, 5 Fly-In’s and 6 special events.

A more detailed report was given on the successful Electrifly-in, which took place in September 2022 @Bern Airport (SUI).

7 FAI REPORT

Annex 1- CIACA-Plenary-2023-FAI-SG-report-(2023-May-16)

FAI IT Manager, Visa-Matti LEINIKKI, presented the report on behalf of the FAI Secretary General, who was unable to attend due to a parallel meeting taking place at the same time.

8 CIACA AWARDS 2023

Five applications for the Awards 2023 were received from NACs. Participants registered for the CIACA Plenary Meeting received the full nomination report. As the meeting was scheduled in time (45 days), but the time for submitting applications was too short (60 days before), all applications even if submitted recently, have been considered.

8.1 PHOENIX DIPLOMA

The application was submitted by Royal Aero Club of Great Britain with a nomination for Stephen Slater and his “Airymouse” (Currie Wot Aircraft).

This aircraft has been built in 1958 and Stephen Slater started the restore it in April 2022. The nomination for Phoenix Diploma has been handed in with all details required.

The Phoenix Diploma is therefore awarded to Stephen Slater.

8.2 PHOENIX GROUP DIPLOMA

The application was submitted by Royal Aero Club of Great Britain with a nomination for Anne Hughes representing the Lakes Flying Company and their “Waterbird” replica.

This aircraft was built in 1911, has been restored and will make its maiden flight in June 2022. The nomination for the Phoenix Group Diploma has been submitted with all the necessary details.

The nomination for this diploma was unanimously accepted.

8.3 HENRI MIGNET DIPLOMA

Two nominations were received for this diploma. Therefore, in accordance with the by-laws, a secret ballot (voting by mail) was held.

The applications were submitted by the Royal Aero Club of Great Britain with a nomination for Ivan Shaw and his "ISA 180 Seeker" and by the Royal Belgian Aeroclub with a nomination for Frédéric Maron and his "AA2 Gas Balloon".

Both nominations were submitted correctly with the required information.

Based on the voting results, the Henri Mignet Diploma is awarded to Ivan Shaw.
8.4 DAVID FAULKNER BRYANT DIPLOMA
The application was submitted by the Royal Aero Club of Britain with a nomination for Stephen Markham and his "MK26 Spitfire".

Stephen Markham bought this aircraft in 2006 and spent over 12,000 hours building it with his wife. The aircraft first flew in 2017, but thanks to Covid the PTF was issued last year.

The nomination has been submitted with all the necessary details.

The nomination for this award was unanimously accepted.

9 NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND THEIR PROGRESS FOR THE AVIATION
Vice President of FAI CIACA, Hermann Eigner and President of FAI CIACA, Alfons Hubmann have prepared presentations to impressive projects and studies in solar, electric, hydrogen and other categories. Some detailed reports were given.

10 FAI CIACA: RECORDS, COMPETITIONS AND SPORTING CODES
Catherine Dartois, Vice-President of the FAI CIACA, made a presentation in which she recalled the themes of the previous year. Some changes were discussed.

The issue regarding the schedule of the CIACA Plenary Meeting and the deadlines for award applications was explained. The deadline for the Plenary Meeting is 45 days, while the Award applications must be submitted 60 days before the meeting. In the future, the meeting should be announced much earlier or the deadline for award applications should be shorter. We look forward to a change in the by-laws to solve this issue.

The David Faulkner Bryant Diploma should be published on the FAI CIACA website. The FAI Office will take care of this.

Another topic mentioned was the Competition Rules which have already been published on the FAI CIACA website. Some issues regarding the organisation of competitions were discussed and explanations were given on how to set up international competitions according to the FAI General Section (which describes all requirements).

Alternate Delegate of FAI CIACA, David Gallezot (FRA), has prepared a report on the Eco Challenge in accordance with the sporting rules. Judging criteria for aircraft competing on pure environmental impact, e.g. amount of carbon dioxide emitted by the aircraft, amount of other polluting or environmental effects created during the design, manufacturing and operation process, have been explained. David Gallezot is working on the possibility of a simple Life Cycle Assessment tool for competitors to be able to judge on relative values of environmental impact. We look forward to receiving more information in this case.

11 UPDATE ABOUT OTHER RELEVANT BODIES: EFLEVA, ECAC, EAS, EASA
FAI CIACA maintains contact with its members and key bodies and regularly participates in their meetings and events. An update on the activities and missions of each body was given to the plenary and activities were openly shared.

12 PUBLIC RELATIONS
The Bureau of FAI CIACA will continue to actively seek information about worldwide developments and to look for activities and projects to support.
13 ELECTIONS
The following bureau members are still on duty as the election period is two years:

- Mr. Alfons Hubmann as President of FAI CIACA
- Mrs. Catherine Dartois as Vice President of FAI CIACA
- Mr. Hermann Eigner as Vice President of FAI CIACA

The next election will be made at the Annual General Meeting of FAI CIACA in 2024.

14 CIACA FINANCES
This point is covered in FAI Report (see article 7 of this document)

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
No questions or comments have been expressed.

16 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
The next Annual General Meeting of FAI CIACA will be held in April 2024. The location and details will be communicated later on.

Other events:

- FAI General Conference is planned to be held on 26th to 27th October 2023 in Dayton Ohio (USA)
- The next Electrify-in will take place from 09th to 10th September 2023 @Bern Airport LZSB (SUI)
- AERO24 @Friedrichshafen (GER) will be in April 2024

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Minutes have been established on 26th May 2023

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