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of the **Bureau Meeting** of the **FAI Aeromodelling Commission**

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FAI AEROMODELLING COMMISSION (CIAM)



MINUTES

of the March CIAM Bureau Meeting
held at Hotel Au Lac, Lausanne
on Thursday, March 22nd 2007 at 08.15 hours

Present:

In the chair: Mr Sandy Pimenoff (Finland)

Mr Max Bishop
Mr Dave Brown (USA)
Mr Gerhard Wöbbeking (GER)
Mr Andras Ree (HUN)
Mr Massimo Semoli (ITA)
Mrs Jo Halman (GBR)
Mr Hartmut Siegmann (GER)
Mr Ian Kaynes (GBR)

Dr Laird Jackson (USA)
Mr Bob Skinner (RSA)
Mr Tomáš Bartovský (CZE)

Mr Horace Hagen (USA)
Mr Bob Brown (USA)
Mr Narve Jensen (NOR)
Mr Emil Giezendanner (SUI)
Mr Srdjan Pelagic (SRB)
Mr Guy Revel (FRA)
Mr Mihail Zanciu (ROM)
Mr Marius Conu (ROM)
Mr Marian Jorik (SLO)
Mr Ioan Brezeanu (ROM)
Mr Bill Lee (USA)
Mr Peter Halman (GBR)
Mr Steve Neu (USA)

President of CIAM

Secretary General
1st Vice-President
2nd Vice-President
3rd Vice-President
Secretary
Technical Secretary
Assistant Secretary
F1 Sub-Committee Chairman
FF World Cup Co-Ordinator
F2 Sub-Committee Chairman
F3A Sub-Committee Chairman
F3B/J Sub-Committee Chairman
F3B/J World Cup Co-Ordinator
F3C Sub-Committee Chairman
F3D Sub-Committee Chairman
F4 Sub-Committee Chairmen
F5 Sub-Committee Chairman
SM Sub-Committee Chairman
Media Consultant
Delegate
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1. Review of today's Agenda

Mr Woebbeking, asked that a noise related item be considered and this was taken under item 39.

2. Minutes of the December 2006 Bureau meeting, for Approval

The following corrections to the Minutes were noted:

At item 12.2 delete "A, B, C" to read "F2 – will hold an interim meeting."

At item 4.1, 4th paragraph delete "member of the FAI Jury" and insert "Contest Director"

At item 4.7 (SM) i) (*Add a new first sentence*): There was a written report.

ii) (*At the end of the second paragraph add*): It was made clear that despite these problems, the organisers had made great efforts for the Championships with magnificent ceremonies, splendid official receptions and a memorable banquet.

3. Matters Arising

Mr Pelagic requested to discuss the classes for Space Modelling which was considered under item 31.

4. Review of Bureau Proposals

Item 14 was taken with this item. Any further Bureau proposals will presented to the Plenary Meeting. The scheduling of the Education Meeting was briefly discussed and Bureau agreed to withdraw the proposal 11.1 a) from the Plenary Agenda. In principle any Technical Meeting may be held outside the Plenary meeting hours as long as the Minutes of those meetings are available for distribution the following morning. However, for practical purposes the Technical Meetings should take place at the Museum on the morning of the first day of the Plenary Meeting.

The method of competition sanction payments was briefly discussed and it was agreed that the Bureau proposal would not change.

5. Schedule of Plenary Meeting, Technical Meetings, & Award Ceremonies

It was agreed that if the recipient is not present then there will be an announcement but not a presentation and the diplomas & medals will be given to the Delegate or sent to the NAC in the case of the Delegate not being in attendance either. The Delegates will be informed of this at the beginning of the Plenary Meeting.

It was agreed that the published schedule be followed.

6. Bureau Officers Nomination Status

All the incumbents intended standing for election.

7. Nominating and election procedure for Bureau officers.

Elections will take place for the F1, F3A, F3B, F3C & F3D Sub-committee Chairmen and the other Sub-committee Chairmen including the Education Sub-Committee will be verified in post. However, if any Delegate requests an election for any post then an election must take place.

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Present procedure can be an indication of ambition and there is an inherent weakness in this system. There is nothing in the FAI By-laws to insist on a particular procedure in any of the Commissions.

The Secretary General commented that this really only affects the Vice Presidents and suggested that Delegates put forward three nominees for each of the Vice Presidents posts. Bureau agreed and accepted this procedure.

8. Aeromodelling Medals Status

There has been a delay in the manufacture of the correct quality of the new CIAM Gold Medals but this has now been resolved. Payment was withheld pending the receipt of the full order.

Well over five hundred Championship medals are required for 2007 with some 300 for Space Modelling alone. 700 medals were initially requested for three years but will only be sufficient for two years.

The World Cup medals were used up last year and 300 new medals have been manufactured and purchased. The first 18 will be awarded at this year's Plenary Meeting.

It needs to be established how many World Cup diplomas are left and it was agreed that the design should be updated to reflect the new FAI corporate image and should be instituted for the next print run.

Action: President

There are not sufficient CIAM Continental Championships medals for this year and the Bureau agreed that 900 would cover this year and 2008 and 2009. The cost is 20 € per piece. Only the Junior medals will be a true cost to CIAM as the Organisers pay for the Senior medals. The agreement with the Finnish mint is that delivery and invoice is by Championship.

Mr Zanciu (Romania) requested the CIAM President to present the F1E Championship medals on his behalf. The FAI Secretary General advised that medals should be couriered to the Championship organisers rather than utilising the postal system.

It is necessary to establish a procedure regarding the storage & delivery of the CIAM Continental medals.

Action: President

9. CIAM Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer submitted a written report that is attached to these Minutes and was fully discussed (Appendix 2).

9.1. CIAM 2006 Budget

This was accepted by Bureau.

9.2. CIAM 2007 Draft Budget

Additionally the Treasurer will attempt to consolidate the difficulties with the new FAI financial format and if successful will re-issue the Draft Budget.

The electronic format of CIAM Flyer may further reduce the figure in the Budget.

9.3. Invoicing of 2006 Championship Medals & EuroTour

Mr Woebeking confirmed that he had spoken to the organiser who will, in future, properly complete the appropriate EuroTour forms that had not been done previously.

9.4. Bureau Members' Reimbursements Policy

The written report states that the reimbursements would be in cash but this was changed by the FAI office to be reimbursement by bank transfer because of the high amount.

The report clarifies the different requirements of the Bureau officers reimbursements. The Bureau officers will be reimbursed the appropriate amounts by cash and bank transfer.

The Secretary General reminded the meeting that any Bureau office who was also a Delegate should be reimbursed by his NAC and not from the CIAM funds. The President said that it is usual that any unexpected or unforeseen expenses would be covered by the budget.

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9.5. Budget Related Remarks (additional item)

Sanction fees may now be paid by credit card, either Visa or MasterCard only. (The Annex A.2a Registration of Competitions in the FAI Aeromodelling Sporting Calendar will need to be updated by the Technical Secretary).

Action: Technical Secretary

The President thanked the Treasurer for the comprehensive report and the amount of work that he had obviously undertaken.

10. Technical Secretary & Subcommittee Chairmen's Reports Status

Bureau confirmed the continuation of Marcel Prevotat as the Chairman of the provisional F7 Sub-committee (Appendix 3). It was agreed that the F7 Sub-committee should be formalised and elections held at Plenary 2008. The F7 Sub-committee should be added to the nominations form at Annex A.2e.

The F3C Oceanic Championships report was submitted but inadvertently omitted from the Annexes. This will be resolved by the Secretary for the Annexes that will be attached to the Plenary Minutes.

The President advised the Sub-committee Chairmen to be brief in the presentation of their reports to the Plenary Meeting and to only highlight particular points if it were thought necessary and then to ask for questions.

The Secretary described the possible content of a summary report and the President asked him to submit a proposal in the usual way including an example.

Action: Secretary

11. CIAM Flyer Report Status by Emil Giezendanner, Editor

Emil was complimented on the high standard of the CIAM Flyer.

12. CIAM History. Report by Peter Keim.

The President complimented the work that Mr Keim has done and would like confirmation at Plenary meeting that he will continue in his role as CIAM historian.

Action: President

13. Sporting Code Status

There were no additions to the report prepared by the Technical Secretary for the Plenary Meeting and already distributed in ANNEX 3 to the Plenary Agenda.

14. Emergency Safety Notes and Rules

It was noted that there was a Bureau proposal on the Plenary Agenda regarding emergency safety notes and rules.

15. ABR B.5.2

The Secretary had been tasked at the last Bureau meeting in December to look into ways of preventing the mistakes of many recent Championships regarding Team Managers' meetings, medal ceremonies and banquet provision. The organiser activities: The FAI Jury should be more involved. The Secretary proposed a schedule/plan that should be submitted by the Organisers regarding timings and how the Championship will be conducted including the prizegiving. This schedule/plan would be evaluated and agreed by the FAI Jury. The Jury may not run the contest but it must ensure that the requirements in the rules are enforced. The President again reminded the meeting that the Juniors must always be presented with their medals even if there are not enough Junior entries for the winner to be awarded the title of World or Continental Champion.

16. Report Organisation and Management, Organisers' Agreements.

The Secretary outlined the type of report required and that each report be submitted by a single email with an appropriate title. The reports must be issued at least two weeks before the appropriate Bureau meeting. He wished to establish a report naming protocol and the report content to include the formal results signed off by the FAI Jury. The Secretary will provide this protocol to the Bureau members by end of June and the Bureau agreed to follow the protocol for all future reports.

Action: Secretary

There had been updated reports after the December Bureau meeting from the Education Sub-committee Chairman, the F2 Championships report, Technical Secretary's & Treasurer's reports. It was agreed that the deadlines for submission of reports would be 15th January for the March meeting and 15th November for the December Bureau meeting, effective from this point forward.

17. Subcommittee business E-mails to be limited to subcommittee members.

The President said that much time is wasted by the broad distribution of many topics that could be better dealt with direct email between, for example, the members of a S-C, and then present the solution if required, to the Bureau at the appropriate time. The Bureau members will try harder follow a more strict email discipline in the future and to restrict the exchange of emails to those Bureau members actually involved in the particular subject.

18. Review of 2007 World and Continental Championships

Mr Pelagic distributed Bulletin 0 that was a duplicate of one that had been recently distributed. A further Bulletin (1) was distributed later in the day. It was established that Kazakhstan will be the Organiser and Russia will be the Executive Organiser. The Secretary General gave to the President a copy of the email received by the FAI from ALARK that confirms that Kazakhstan will be the organiser of the 2007 Asian Continental Championships. The Secretary General confirmed that all was in order and the Bureau confirmed that it was its wish that a 2007 Asian Continental Championship be held.

It was noted that in Bulletin 1, Mr Maixner was listed as an RSO (Junior Championships) contrary to the decision taken at the 2006 December Bureau meeting after a telephone call between Mr Pimenoff and Mr Srdjan Pelagic. It was agreed that Mr Vladimir Minakov (RUS) would replace Mr Maixner.

Mr Hagen informed the meeting that representatives of the F3C World Championship (Poland), who had not been able to attend the December Bureau Meeting in Muncie, will be at the Plenary Meeting to answer any questions but it will not be necessary for them to make any presentation.

19. Maximum fees for W & Cont. Ch. Reports by Sub-committee Chairmen

F3D recommends a 20% increase in the maximum fee.

F3B recommends a 10% increase in the maximum fee.

F5 recommends a 10% increase in the maximum fee.

F1 will retain the status quo.

F4 recommends an increase of 100 € for 7 days.

F3C recommends an increase of 100 € for 7 days.

F3A will retain the status quo.

F2 status quo which already includes an increased F2B element.

Bureau unanimously approved these recommendations and each Sub-committee Chairman was requested to give his recommendation in writing to the Secretary.

20. F5D Continental Championship in Romania

Mr Zanciu reported that the F5D European Championships has been cancelled because of lack of entries. The F5B Championship will be held.

21. 2007 Contest Calendar Status

The Eurotour events were discussed under item 9. The President acknowledged that most NACs pay and submit the competition details in time, however if we become lenient then it becomes impossible for the Secretary to deal with. The deadline of 15th November must be enforced for all World Cups competitions.

22. 2008 and Future Championships Status

The status was amended as follows:

2009 World Championship

F1ABC – firm bid from Slovenia.

F3B – Czech Republic 2009 has declined.

2010 World Championship

F1D – firm bid from Serbia

F3J – firm bid from Hungary

2008 Continental Championships

F3A – tentative bid from Chinese Taipei

2009 Continental Championships

F1ABP – firm bid from Slovenia

F1D – firm bid from Serbia

F3C Italy & USA.

F4BC – is now a firm bid from Norway

2010 Continental Championships

F3C – firm bids from Italy & Romania

For the complete list of Championships, see item 11 of the Plenary Agenda.

23. Composition of FAI Juries

The Secretary General reminded the meeting that it is not appropriate for Organisers to suggest Jury members and indicated that this was institutionalising a conflict of interest.

The Secretary General also said that the Bureau should suggest the FAI Jury names and then ask the Organisers if these recommendations were acceptable and that it was perfectly reasonable to attempt to keep costs down

The President responded that the special circumstances of Aeromodelling make this impossible. The Secretary General then suggested that the S-C might suggest suitable Jury members and the President confirmed that this was part of the intent of this topic.

The Bureau agreed with the President and it was noted that the Sub-Committee Chairmen generally advise the Organisers of suitable people.

Mr Keynes and the Technical Secretary have already been tasked with an overhaul of the appropriate section of the Sporting Code and will continue to work on the project and will present the final paper on FAI Jury composition, including the items highlighted at this meeting, at the November Bureau meeting.

The President concluded with the comment that Juries have been remiss in enforcing the Sporting Code requirements.

Action: Mr Keynes & Technical Secretary

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24. Judges and expert lists

The lists are advisory and the President instructed this item to be removed from future Plenary Agendas.

Mr Giezendanner brought to the Bureau's attention that Germany had submitted judges for classes that do not require judges and Mr Woebbecking will ensure that this is not repeated in the future.

25. Assistant Secretary Duties

The Assistant Secretary's duties were agreed and the Secretary will produce a proposal for the Plenary Meeting (Appendix 1). Additionally, the Assistant Secretary will be responsible for the maintenance of the CIAM website in liaison with Mr Thierry Montigneaux for the time being. His tasks will also include the establishment and maintenance of the trophy list on the website and in hard copy. Bureau unanimously approved these duties. The Bureau thanked Mr Keynes for all the work he had undertaken on the CIAM website in the meantime.

26. Bids to Plenary, Information to Bureau and Fee Structure

There are a number of Bureau proposals in the Plenary agenda on this topic.

27. Championship Bulletins – report from Bob Skinner, Chairman of the Working Group

There had been no progress beyond the initial emails as the Sub-Committee Chairman had experienced restricted internet access that prevented this task from being ready for this meeting. There will be a proposal for December Bureau preparatory to submitting that to the 2008 Plenary Meeting. Mr Woebbecking kindly agreed to send an Excel sheet that he had designed to the Working Group.

28. FAI organiser seminars.

CIAM will not send a delegate.

29. Carriage of Models by Airlines – report from the Sandy Pimenoff, Chairman of the Working Group

The Secretary General confirmed that appealing to ICAO or IATA will not be effective as these organisations are only advisory. Negotiation must take place direct with the airlines themselves. He advised the meeting that the FAI will supply a letter detailed as required for the particular flier and/or category but that CIAM must supply the initial information.

Mr Dave Brown informed the meeting that the US FAA has a process that will allow some items that are considered to be dangerous, to be carried if they have been certified and prepared to certain conditions.

Mr Keynes will continue to liaise with British Airways in an attempt to get model aircraft accepted as "sporting goods" rather than excess baggage as is the current situation. Additionally the NACs should be encouraged to support the fliers at a local level. The Working Group of Messrs Pimenoff, Brown (D) and Keynes will circulate to the Bureau members a draft document in three weeks.

30. Aeromodelling Systemic - Report by Emil Giezendanner, F5 S-C Chairman

The goal was to integrate electric motor models into the classes into which they could naturally fit and not to duplicate rules ie F3D & F5D and to only have divergent rules where necessary. It would be greatly helpful if the F5 Sub-Committee were to advise on electric motors in the other classes.

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An analysis submitted by Mr Giezendanner (Appendix 4) showed that the re-design of the existing categories would create other problems. He further suggested that it might be necessary to make more glider classes. It was thought that the document focussed too much on the model aircraft design and did not address the type of flying site which has an equally important influence on the sport. The President agreed that the problems are various and complex and will not be easy to resolve.

31. Classes for Space Modelling Championships

Currently the organiser chooses the five classes from the existing eight classes. Mr Pelagic suggested that this be the responsibility of the Space Modelling Sub-Committee who will prepare a proposal for the 2008 Plenary Meeting which, if passed, will be effective in 2009. However the Sub-Committee will compel the organisers to follow the suggestions of the Sub-Committee for the 2008 World Championships.

Mr Woebeking had prepared a recommendation of the five classes and gave this to Mr Pelagic.

32. Extend the Space Modelling “Time Zone” Clause to Model Aircraft Categories

There was considerable discussion over the merits of the item. It was then agreed that the Control Line proposal, submitted by Russia, which is currently in the Deferred Section of the Plenary Agenda be moved into the Plenary agenda proper.

It was also agreed that each Sub-Committee with a World Cup series will submit a proposal for the next Bureau Meeting.

33. 2007 FAI World Gliding Grand Prix- report from Sandy Pimenoff, Chairman of the Working Group

Refer to the item below.

34. New Zealand World Airsports Challenge and Grand Prix 2007

This event will continue but it will not be a multi-sport event and there will be no Aeromodelling involvement.

35. World Air Games 2009

The Secretary General explained that the process is moving towards the end of Phase 1 and confirmed that there were five bids: Turin, Odense, Moscow, Melbourne & the London area. All the bids were from commercial companies or special consortiums. Only the Moscow bid was from a NAC. It is not known how many of these will go forward to Phase 2 but it is hoped that there will be three who will undergo an Olympic style selection at the Olympic Museum on 1st June.

The new World Air Games format is intended to be a two-year cycle and most of the Commission Presidents have supported this. Bidding for the 2011 World Air Games will begin at the next General Conference.

The Media Consultant reported that there is every possibility that all three of the F6 classes will be held. All events must be of limited duration and be attractive to spectators with few, but very high quality, competitors. It was confirmed that all the bidders have a dossier that includes information on the F6 Airsports Promotion classes.

It has been decided that two people will be sent to each of the sites to formulate questions for the selection procedure between 2nd and 25th April. The Media Consultant was directed to contact the successful bidder at the appropriate time.

36. FAI World Records

The President had received a communication from the Russia with a number of observations regarding F8 - Autonomous Flight records. The Technical Secretary was tasked with generating a draft response to the comments for mid-air distribution to the Bureau for discussion.

Action: Technical Secretary

37. FAI Shirts and Official "patches".

The Secretary General displayed some FAI merchandise and encouraged people to place orders for appropriate items. The dark blue garments are reduced in price. The new stock, is more expensive but has the facility for the new adhesive patches.

38. Letter from DMFV Germany

The Secretary General explained that the DMFV had requested Active Membership of the FAI. He explained that the DAC would have to approve any application from the DMFV for Associate Membership of the FAI. It is expected that the DAC, an Active Member of the FAI, will liaise with the DMFV and resolve the situation.

39. Acquisition and preservation of flying sites. Report from President Sandy Pimenoff

The President reported that the number of flying sites at our disposal are diminishing. CIAM could not directly promote this in as conditions and cultures differ so much in the member countries that would prevent a single, overall standard. Additionally, CIAM has minimum manpower resources. The President felt that it was necessary for the impetus to come from the local clubs. It was noted that there had been some success in Italy and the US in gaining flying sites from "contaminated" land.

It was thought that classes that can be flown completely within the confines of a soccer field would be beneficial. Sharing sites with other sports would help to raise the profile of aeromodelling.

Mr Woebeking informed the meeting about the German DAeC that had invested 20,000€ on two research documents on noise, written by experts in that field. These documents are used for working within the law-making areas of countries. The DAeC would offer English translations for a cost of 1,500€. The Bureau thought that this might be a worthwhile investment but only if there is a clear plan for distribution of copies of the document to NACs along with instructions on how to use it. It would also be of great benefit to have a document detailing the laws and facilities in Germany that had been generated by the document.

The Secretary said that noise is not the only problem: safety has to be considered too however it was unsure at this stage how this could be addressed. Nevertheless, the Bureau unanimously agreed to proceed with this initiative and the President will progress the project.

40. Digital Spread Spectrum (DSS) Radios – update from the RC Subcommittee Chairmen

Mr Dave Brown reported the experience with digital spread spectrum (DSS) in the US where, at a single event, a great number of DSS radios from two manufacturers were in use and no problems were reported. DSS has also been used for two F3D Pylon competitions with the same result.

Mr Hagen reported that for F3C competitions, a frequency pin is still required for flying with DSS radios to emphasise the frequency pin safety procedure for the times when fliers revert to flying on the 72 MHz frequency.

It will be necessary to devise procedures for the use of DSS into the matrices of appropriate competitions and this needs to be addressed earlier rather than later. The Bureau agreed that the DSS radio will be treated exactly like any other radio.

41. Naming of Championships

The Secretary General drew the Bureau's attention to the official view of the Naming of Championships that may, however, not be fully appropriate to Aeromodelling. Changes may be agreed for Aeromodelling. The Bureau formulated an additional Bureau proposal for the Plenary Meeting's consideration:

FAI Model Aircraft F1 World Championship 2007
FAI Model Aircraft F2 World Championship 2007
FAI Aerobatic Model Aircraft F3 World Championship 2007
FAI Soaring Model Aircraft F3 World Championship 2007
FAI Helicopter Model Aircraft F3 World Championship 2007
FAI Pylon Model Aircraft F3 World Championship 2007
FAI Scale Model Aircraft F4 World Championship 2007
FAI Electric Model Aircraft F5 World Championship 2007

42. Any Other Business

Mr Bob Brown requested guidance on how to approach the issue of the F3D full rule re-write proposal that he believed should be separated into mandatory and recommendations elements. The President advised that the F3D Sub-Committee could have used the submitted proposal as a base for an F3D Sub-Committee counter-proposal or could have liaised directly with the Netherlands Delegate. The President again advised the F3D Sub-Committee Chairman to approach the Netherlands Delegate for a compromise and report to the Plenary as necessary.

The President closed the meeting at 18.45.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Assistant Secretary's Duties, Additional ABR Bureau Proposal.

Appendix 2 – CIAM Treasurer's Report.

Appendix 3 – F7A Report

Appendix 4 – Aeromodelling Systematic