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# Minutes

of the  
**Annual Meeting**  
of the  
**FAI Amateur Built & Experimental Aircraft  
Commission (CIACA)**

held in Friedrichshafen, Germany  
**on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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## 1. Introduction and welcome

Opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed the delegates to the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission. He extended a particularly warm welcome to Markus Haggenev, FAI Sports & Marketing Director who attended the meeting as the FAI Headquarters representative.

The following delegates were in attendance:

### President:

- Alfons HUBMANN (Switzerland)                      CIACA President

### CIACA Delegates:

- Hermann EIGNER (Austria)                      2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

- Catherine DARTOIS (France)                      1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

- Jan FRIDRICH (Czech Republic)                      Delegate

- Roger HOPKINSON (UK)                      Delegate

- Christian TEUBER (Germany)                      Delegate

- Carlos TRIGO (Portugal)                      Delegate

- Ozdemir Ridvan (Turkey)                      Delegate

- Alberto Beccaro (Italy)                      Delegate

- Elaine FECHER (Germany)                      Secretary

### FAI Representative

- Markus HAGGENEV                      FAI Sports & Managing Director

## 2. Apologies for absence, proxies, conflict of interest

No apologies and no proxies had been received. No conflicts of interest were expressed.

## 3. Minutes of 38<sup>th</sup> CIACA meeting

The President thanked Mrs. Fecher for her help in preparing the minutes. No corrections have been received and the minutes were approved by the delegates. The agenda for the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting was also accepted unanimously with no items being added.

## 4. Actions pending from previous meetings

Both actions pending from the previous meetings concerned the Sporting Code which was a topic on the agenda. It was, therefore, decided to deal with these actions under this agenda topic.

## **5. CIACA President report**

Mr. Hubmann informed the delegates that he continues to build up a close working relationship with the FAI and that the process of change turning CIACA into a properly functioning Sporting Commission is still ongoing. He represented CIACA at the General Conference in Kuala Lumpur in October 2013. He also continues to work closely with EAS and EFLEVA.

The adoption of Sporting Code C13 which covers the specialities for solar powered flights has shown the need of several meetings with the experts of this section which have been convoked and conducted by Alfons Hubmann.

The three working groups which had been established have proved varyingly successful. The educational and social initiatives group to be chaired by Carl Roenn has not yet got off the ground. Catherine Dartois and Hermann Eigner have continued to collect facts and figures in the areas of sporting codes for competitions and new technologies, respectively.

The President reiterated his goal to double the number of "CIACA countries" (at present 30) within the next five years.

## **6. FAI General Conference 2013**

Before giving a short report on the General Conference, Markus Haggenev briefly introduced himself to the delegates as he is new to FAI, having only recently taken over his present post. He also informed the delegates of several other personnel changes, including the appointment of Susanne Schoedel as FAI General Secretary.

The FAI General Conference 2013 was held in Kuala Lumpur. Markus Haggenev informed the delegates that the minutes and all relevant documents are available on the FAI website.

There has been a slight increase in the number of members. There has, however, been a large increase in the number of events, championships and "athletes" issued with FAI sporting licences (necessary to participate in such FAI events).

Mr. Haggenev also informed the delegates of financial matters. A loss of approx. CHF 70,000 has been projected for this year. However, this should be regarded as an investment for the future, as indeed most of this money has gone to improving the FAI.

Breitling remains the major sponsor and global strategy partner. The company was involved in 10 events during 2013. In order to further focus the activities even more, the number of events for 2014 has been reduced to 4. These 4 will, however, offer the exposure that Breitling desires. The Red Bull Air Races will recommence in 2014. They are operated independently of FAI, Red Bull "buys" in FAI expertise on matters of safety. FAI is proud to continue contributing to the success of this event format which will further enhance the profile of the FAI. The FAI communication plan is "work in progress". The website is also undergoing a renewal procedure to include tablet and smart phone application. The database is being upgraded to include all information on awards, NACs, records, championships, etc, and a sporting licence management system is being introduced, including a unique licence number for each person, under which all information concerning events, records, etc. will be recorded.

FAI continues to play a leading role in anti-doping matters.

The World Games 2013 in South America were a great success. The next World Games will be held in 2017 in Poland.

## **7. World Air Games (WAG)**

It is planned to carry out the WAG in 2015. There is one remaining serious bidder from the Gulf region who would be prepared to host the WAG in December 2015 and the decision will be taken by the middle of May. Due to the proximity in time and the fact that CIACA only meets on an annual basis, it was decided to set up a working group immediately and to nominate a liaison-person once the decision has been taken.

## 8. CIACA Awards 2011

**Phoenix Diploma**                      1 nomination : Michel Porchet, Switzerland : Grandjean 3

Alfons Hubmann presented this nomination and the delegates voted unanimously to award the Phoenix Diploma to Michel Porchet for the Grandjean 3.

**Phoenix Group Diploma**            1 nomination : Swiss Tailwind Group : Tailwind

Alfons Hubmann presented this nomination. Delegates voted that the project was not eligible for this Diploma. They did, however, commend the excellent work carried out on the aircraft.

**Henri Mignet Diploma**            1 nomination : Olivier Millioud, Switzerland : Andromede

Alfons Hubmann presented this nomination and a majority (2 abstains) voted to award the Henri Mignet Diploma to Olivier Millioud.

## 9. CIACA Educational and Social Initiatives

Carl Roenn, Sweden, had offered to supply general information on the possibilities of EU funding in this field but, unfortunately, Mr. Roenn did not attend the last two meetings and the President has not yet received his report.

National organisations should continue to try to establish such initiatives as they are a very potent means of bringing the pleasures of amateur-building and flying to the younger generation.

## 10. New technologies and their progress for aviation

Hermann Eigner informed the delegates that 2013 has seen little change after the vast advancement during 2012. He then lead a discussion about the huge potential offered by these technological advancements, such as the "fuel-cell" plane which is a major step towards the development of emission-free aeroplanes. Electrically-driven planes are limited by technological and legal implications. The future is without a doubt "hybrid".

Mr. Eigner will continue to monitor progress and report back to the Commission at the next annual general meeting.

## 11. FAI Sporting Codes for CIACA events

After transfer from CASI, CIACA now "owns" the control of S13 (Solar-Powered Aeroplanes). The draft-document had been worked on by various experts from within and outside this Commission during the past year. It can be noted that CIACA President Alfons Hubmann was deeply involved in the creation of Section 13. With majority (3 abstain) the adoption of this Sport Code was carried.

Section 13 of the Sporting Code is especially important because one of its first challenges is to cover the upcoming "Solar Impulse 2" record attempt planned for 2015.

Following some upfront discussion in the FAI Head Office on the drafted Sporting Code Section 13, FAI Sports & Marketing Director Markus Haggenev pointed out that the size of the task to maintain a Sporting Code is significant. It is not only about records, but also – at a later stage – about defining disciplines for competitions, defining and maintaining the class structure, monitoring the quality of sanctioned events, sending officials to these events and more.

There was general consensus to focus air sport activities which are realistic to be covered. This – for the time being and following 2013's principal decision – is "electrical" / solar-powered.

Catherine Dartois will continue heading the Competitions group. Her presentation on "CIACA Sporting Codes" triggered a detailed discussion on which aircraft / which types of competition should be seen as Sporting Code subjects.

## **12. Update on other relevant bodies**

Roger Hopkinson gave a short presentation on the work carried out by EFLEVA in the past 12 months. The federation has been able to gain information on aircraft population, emphasising the fact that EFLEVA does indeed represent a very large portion of the amateur-built and vintage aircraft owners in Europe. Attempts are still being made to collect safety data for these aircraft but this is proving difficult as the national authorities vary in the way this kind of information is made available.

Mr. Hubmann informed the delegates that he continues to have profitable contacts to national associations. CIACA delegates still occupy two seats in the EAS working group where the general problems are discussed.

## **13. Elections of Bearers 2014 - 2016**

As a result of an open ballot, the following office bearers were elected:

President:	Mr. Alfons Hubmann	(Switzerland)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Ms. Catherine Dartois	(France)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Mr. Hermann Eigner	(Austria)
Secretary:	Ms. Elaine Fecher	(Germany)

## **14. Public relations**

Alfons Hubmann reiterated his message that less than 30% of FAI member states have nominated a CIACA delegate. Several of the NACs are unaware of home-building activities. He expressed his hope that with the new FAI Sports & Marketing Director and his PR experience, the situation might improve.

A discussion evolved on the use of the FAI logo. Christian Teuber proposed to remove the word "Commission" from the logo so that it could be used, for example, as a sticker for CIACA aircraft. Markus Haggeneby will take this suggestion back to Head Office.

## **15. Any other business**

After the discussions concerning the Phoenix Group Diploma, it was decided that this diploma would remain in place and to create a new diploma to be awarded for an aircraft built by a group. Catherine Dartois suggested that the diploma be named after Paul Pobernezy. This was sanctioned by the delegates and Ms. Dartois will contact the Pobernezy family to ask permission to use his name.

## 16. CIACA finances

CIACA has no income. Mr. Hubmann asked delegates to pass on any ideas they may have on this subject. Ms. Dartois suggested that an account may exist with money resulting from the last WAG. It was decided to contact the past president, Mr. Pierluigi Duranti, for information.

**Action 1-2014: Alfons Hubmann**

## 17. Date and place of next meeting

The 40<sup>th</sup> CIACA meeting will take place in Friedrichshafen on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and will be organised by the OUV, Germany.

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