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# Minutes

of the  
**Annual Meeting**  
of the  
**FAI Rotorcraft Commission (CIG)**

held in Lausanne, Switzerland  
**on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
at Maison du Sport International (MSI)

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**1. Roll Call**

President

David Hamilton CIG President

CIG Bureau Members

Konrad Geißler 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Irina Grushina 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Wolfgang Perplies Secretary

David Monks Secretary

The Roll Call was formally called by Robert Hughes with the following present:

Austria	Wolf-Dietrich Tesar Stefan Seer (Alternate delegate)
Belgium	Jacques Berlo
France	Jacques Escaffre
Germany	Konrad Geißler Wolfgang Perplies Hans Peter Schoeffler (Alternate delegate)
Italy	Fulvia Quagliotti
New Zealand	David Hamilton
Poland	Marcin Szamborski Jedrzej Wiler (Alternate delegate)
Russia	Irina Grushina Maxim Sotnikov (Alternate delegate)
Switzerland	Bernhard Lügstenmann
Turkey	Ridvan Özdemir
UK	David Monks Roy Harford (Alternate delegate).

FAI

Secretary General Jean Marc Badan (in part)

Senior Sports Manager Rob Hughes

The President gave a warm welcome to a number of new attendees: Stefan Steer (Austria), Hans Peter Schoeffler (Germany), Marcin Szamborski and Jędrzej Wiler (Poland), Maxim Sotnikov (Russia) and Ridvan Özdemir (Turkey).

The new Assistant Sports Manager, Annick Hauser, was introduced as the FAI Member of Staff looking after CIG's day to day interests.

## **2. Apologies**

A P Herbert  
Roger Gault

President of Honour  
New Zealand (Alternate delegate)

## **3. In Memoriam**

## **4. Proxies and Votes**

1 proxy vote was received. New Zealand to Germany;

10 votes present at the meeting, overall majority 6, and absolute majority 7.

## **5. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

In accordance with FAI Regulations and the FAI Code of Ethics, delegates were asked to declare any Conflict of Interest prior to the start of the meeting.

No Conflicts of Interest were declared.

## **6. Minutes of CIG Meeting Lausanne 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The minutes were circulated in March 2012 and published on the CIG Website. These were unanimously recorded as a true record.

## **7. Minutes of the CIG Bureau Meeting, Moscow August 2012**

The President informed the meeting there had been a brief discussion by the Bureau during the Championship. These had been published..

## **8. FAI General Conference Decisions taken**

### General Conference Oct 2012

The President's Annual Report to the FAI General Conference is on the CIG webpage having previously been circulated to CIG delegates.

The President gave an overview of items discussed at Conference:

- The Organiser Agreement is being revised.
- The Sporting Licence database is now live on the website.
- There are 6 new expert groups appointed and reporting to the Executive Board named Safety, Regulation, Air Sport Facilities, Technology, Marketing and Communication and IT. Two technical groups for Airspace and Navigation have been formed.

- **Anti-Doping**

The Executive Board required 5 Commissions to forward competitor's names for inclusion into the testing programme. The Executive Board will select, at random from the list, names of competitors for testing.

The President stated to Conference he believed doping was not a concern to the CIG.

Robert Hughes explained the workings of dope testing informing the Commission that if FAI had not subscribed to Anti Doping some countries would not allow FAI world championship events to be held in their country.

The President explained the formation of the Anti-Doping Commission stating we should forward a representative from CIG. He proposed Mr Jacques Berlo due to his experience as a pharmacist and an 'expert' on 'substances'. This proposal was accepted by the Commission.

### **CASI**

The President reported a decision had been made to amend the Appeal Section.

The President of CASI is to promote a discussion on the General Section.

## **9. FAI Sports Strategy – Proposals**

The President explained that the Bureau had met with Giancarlo Sergi CEO of FAME. He explained how FAME was set up to market and promote air sports. He believed that our sport offered all the opportunities that his vision requires and that it could be easily marketed. He was currently working on a project involving 120 proposals. He would contact the Commission when he required technical input. In the meantime a video held by several members would be forwarded to him.

## **10. 14<sup>th</sup> World Helicopter Championship**

### **a. Jury Presidents Report (Annex A)**

The President explained the Jury President's report had been circulated some 2 months earlier.

General Report- Contest Director (Annex D)

Irina Grushina presented her report.

Delegates were asked to comment on the report. No comments were made.

A video was played of the event which had been prepared by Austria

b. Chief Judge Report (Annex E).

Wolfgang Perplies presented his report. His recommendations will require detailed consideration

c. Protest in respect of Freestyle (Annex B)

Wolf-Dietrich Tesar spoke, referring to Annex B asking the question, why had the Austrian competitor been joint first when the Jury had recommended removal of the box infringement penalties.

The President explained as the Jury had been discharged and therefore no subsequent decision could be made by the Jury.

Irina Grushina explained that she had made a decision deciding two 1st places which she stands by as correct.

David Monks explained that Great Britain had requested a Jury hearing after the event Award Ceremony as their competitor Quentin Smith believed the 1<sup>st</sup> position to be his as declared by the Chief Judge prior to the prize giving only to be advised at the Bureau Meeting that the Jury had been discharged in Drakino. He commented that the Rules had not been correctly enforced stating that the 1<sup>st</sup> Austrian complaint had not been made with 2 hours of the published provisional results but some 12 hours later. In accordance with 3.16.1. the results of an International Sporting Event shall be final only when all protests have been dealt with by the Jury and the Jury has ceased its function. The final results must be made public before the prize giving is held. This rule was not complied with.

Irina Grushina proposed the CIG adopt the Championship Directors decision for 2 winners, the situation arose as a failing of the organiser and we should look forward to prevent this situation again.

Robert Hughes advised that the time for an appeal to CASI had passed.

The President concluded that the Commission had no powers to change the results. However the revised Rules must be made clear to ensure that no situation such as this arises again.

**11. Bid for 15<sup>th</sup> World Helicopter Championship (Annex F)**

The President advised there had been a bid for the 15th World Helicopter Championship. It was for 2014. If the commission were to consider holding the World Championships 2 yearly instead of 3 yearly there would need to be a secret vote.

Marcin Szamborski presented the Polish Bid.

Konrad Geißler asked at what stage are the finances for the event to be confirmed. Poland needs to hold a test event. Their Delegate explained that they intended to generate finance for the event thus they would like to change the proposed date of the championships to 2015 with a test event to be held during 2014.

Russia and Belgium offered their support to Poland.

Jacques Escaffre recommended the proposed airfield should not be handling commercial airlines due to the priority given to commercial traffic.

David Monks enquired about the size of the organisation. The response was 6. Russia offered to train 4 judges as Poland have no Judges.

The President proposed Poland continue to work on their proposal with a test event in 2014. There was no opposition to the proposal.

### **Bids for Category 2 Events and Open Events**

Jacques Berlo presented a short video promoting the Belgium Championships 29<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013. He advised that the event website will be active from 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013; hotels will need to be booked early due to the event being held during the holiday period. R22 and R44 helicopters would be available to hire. The German Helicopter Club were also supporting the event.

Irina Grushina announced the Russian Open Event will be held on the 8th August 2013 in the north of the Moscow region.

### **World Air Games**

Rob Hughes explained there were two bids considered serious for 2015 air games.

## **12. Revision to World Championship Rules**

The Chairman of the Rules Committee presented a draft revision of the rules which was circulated on a CD (Annex G). He proposed a consultancy period until the end of July in order to produce a final draft for the meeting in 2014. The President proposed the draft rules be discussed during the Belgium Championship in August. All comments to be forwarded to the Chairman of the Rules Committee and the President.

## **13. Internet Competition.**

David Monks reported there had been no uptake on the Internet Competition., Facilities are not yet available on the website to display results. This was to be addressed with Visa-Matti Leinikki the FAI IT Manager.

## **14. FAI Rotorcraft Gold Medal – 2014 Nominations invited**

There were no nominations for 2013

*President stated the official nominations for 2014 must be delivered in writing from the NAC not later than 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013 to the FAI Secretary-General with a copy to the CIG President.*

The President proposed the creation of a Gold Medal Book. This was unanimously approved. The President will proceed with this at the Commission's cost.

The President proposed the award of Air Sports Medals to two young pilots for their piloting achievements in competition. The proposal was carried. The President will liaise with the appropriate NAC's and obtain, at CIG's cost, the medals.

**15. Proposed Hems Award Annex C**

The President presented the HEMS Proposal (Annex C) The concept had been agreed by the Bureau. Following this he had received the support of the FAI President and that of General Conference. It is a joint proposal with the FAI Medical Commission whose President fully supported it.

There was negative reaction from UK. The Senior Sports Manager raised questions regarding the procedure and operation of the award. In view of the President's intention to introduce a sponsor he considered that their words said led him to withdraw the proposal.

**16. CIG Webpage**

David Monks to continue to analyse and report.

**17. Finance**

The President reported

Balance March 2012 CHF 11851.00

Income

Sanction Fee CHF 14100.00

Expenditure

Travel/Hotel CHF 2317.00

Plenary Dinner CHF 639.00

Bank Charges CHF 45.00

CHF 3001.00

Current Balance CHF 22950.00

**18. Approval of International Judges**

The Rules Chairman has revised the list of International Judges. This was approved and is published on the FAI website.

**19. Any Other Business**

a). The President advised that record claims were currently 11 in number which is pleasing to see. He proposed a vote of appreciation and thanks for all the work carried out by Christine Rousson in connection with recording and administrating records.

b) The President proposed that A. P. Herbert (President of Honour) was to remain as the Commission Representative on CASI and Wolfgang Perplies remain as Chairman of Rules Committee. Carried.

c) Irina Grushina advised on a planned trip around the world by Russian pilots asking for assistance in gaining permission for Russian registered aircraft to fly in USA airspace. It was suggested she contact the American Embassy.

Irina invited pilots to join in a flight across Europe starting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April completing on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

d) Wolf-Dietrich Tesar offered an invitation to Helidays fly-in Austria, the event will be held 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> September 2013, more details can be found on the Austrian Team website

[www.heli-team.at](http://www.heli-team.at).

Wolf-Dietrich Tesar also advised he was working with the University of Vienna to develop electronic measuring aids to assist in scoring WHC event competitions.

e) Ridvan Özdemir advised it was early days for him and helicopter sport in Turkey. He is a university lecturer with no connection with the Turkish Aero Club but the organisation he represents has some 17 active helicopters within it.

f) Fulvia Quagliotti explained that helicopter sport has not been included as an air sport within the Italian Aero Club. She is trying to get it included.

g) Roy Harford issued invitations to Delegates to attend the Helicopter Club of Great Britain Air Games, Sywell on the 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> June. More information at [www.hcgb.co.uk](http://www.hcgb.co.uk)

## **20. Date of Next Meeting**

The Plenary Meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Lausanne starting at 14.30 on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The Bureau will meet in Lausanne at 09.30 on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

An informal dinner will be held on the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> March

**N.B.1** Delegates are requested to submit their revised List of International Judges and Assistant Judges for 2014 to the Chairman of the Rules Committee not later than 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.

These minutes prepared by David Monks were approved by the President March 2013.