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# Minutes

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

held  
on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015  
in  
**Lausanne, Switzerland**

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## 1 Welcome

The President offered a very warm welcome to Susanne Schödel, Secretary General, Markus Haggenev, FAI Sports Director & Gennadiy Maslov, Ukraine.

## 2 Roll Call

### President

David Hamilton CIG President

### CIG Bureau Members

Konrad Geißler	1st Vice President
Irina Grushina	2nd Vice President
Jacques Berlo	3rd Vice President
Wolfgang Perplies	Chairman of Rules Committee
David Monks	Secretary
Peter Schoeffler	Secretary

The Roll Call was formally called by Markus Haggenev with the following present:

Austria	Wolf-Dietrich Tesar Stefan Seer (Alternate delegate)
Germany	Konrad Geißler Wolfgang Perplies Hans Peter Schoeffler (Alternate delegate)
New Zealand	David Hamilton
Poland	Marcin Szamborski Wojciech Dobzyński
Russia	Irina Grushina
Switzerland	Bernhard Lugstenmann
Ukraine	Gennadiy Maslov
UK	David Monks Roy Harford (Alternate delegate).
<u>FAI</u>	
Secretary General	Susanne Schödel
Sports and Marketing Director	Markus Haggenev

## 3 Apologies

A P Herbert	President of Honour
Roger Gault	New Zealand (Alternate delegate)
Mitsuo Aoyama	Japan
Ridvan Ozdemir	Turkey
Jacques Escaffre	France

#### **4 In Memoriam**

None

#### **5 Proxies and Votes**

Proxy votes were received. New Zealand gave its vote to Germany; Belarus gave its vote to Russia; France gave its vote to UK.

##### **Voting**

At the start of the meeting, there were 9 votes present at the meeting, overall majority 5, and absolute majority 6.

At 16.30 the proxy vote from France was confirmed given to UK, making 10 votes present at the meeting, overall majority 6, and absolute majority 7..

#### **6 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.

#### **7 Minutes of CIG Meeting Lausanne 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

The minutes were circulated in March 2014 and published on the CIG Website. These were unanimously recorded as a true record.

#### **8 Minutes of CIG Bureau Meeting Eisenach 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

The President informed the meeting there had been no meetings of the Bureau since last August 2014.

#### **9 Presidents Report**

The President informed the commission of the highlights of the General Conference as Delegates had not received information from their NAC's.

The President spoke of the General Conference and gave an update.

The General Conference was held in Pattaya, Thailand.

The delegates were critical of the Executive Board and particularly the Finance Director.

There were no minutes of the Air Sports Presidents meeting. The President advised he would be discussing this with the Secretary General.

Air Sport Commissions enjoy autonomy within the framework of the FAI constitution

Electronic voting has now been included in the Statutes.

FAI income from partnerships / sponsorships (Breitling, Red Bull Air Race) are part of FAIs overall budget. Air Sport Commissions are expected to generate additional own funds through their activities.

FAI requires streamlining

The contract with Breitling continues and rules are published on how they are to be represented at Cat 1 events.

The General Section was reviewed by CASI last October. The President recommended the adoption of the new GS on 1st May 2015. Agreed.

Not all air sports will be represented in FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015, notably Human Powered Flight and Gasballooning due to technical restraints.

It is mandatory for the Chief Judge to check Sporting Licenses as of 1st February 2015.

There are some 6 or 7 expert groups advising the Executive Board.

A question has been asked as to where FAI will be in 5 years time. It is envisaged that new air sport disciplines need to be created to generate new income.

FAI has issued a document Critical Regulations Position, it can be viewed at

[http://www.fai.org/downloads/fai/FAI\\_Critical\\_Regulations\\_Position](http://www.fai.org/downloads/fai/FAI_Critical_Regulations_Position)

FAI will strengthen its marketing efforts to promote and enhance the visibility of air sports.

A safety policy is to be formulated by FAI.

FAME is now wholly owned by FAI.

The 2015 General Conference will be in Rotterdam (NED)

The 2016 General Conference will take place in Bali (INA)

Markus Haggenev spoke of a workshop held in order for Air Sports Commissions to encourage communication between them. He said it was very worthwhile.

The President spoke of an idea to have three different disciplines flying together as a team against others.

The President advised Wolfgang Perplies represented CIG in Dubai.

## **10 Naming of FAI competitions**

The Executive Board have produced policy on naming of events it can be found at

<http://www.fai.org/downloads/fai/namingofcompetitions>

## **11 FAI World Helicopter Championship 2015, Poland**

A Video of the Polish Open Helicopter Championship was presented by the Polish delegate promoting the 2015 World Helicopter Championship.

Wojciech Dobrzyński spoke. Their organisation was ready to hold the World Helicopter Championships. The city of Zielona Góra was supporting the event with security, transport and advertising. Facilities will be put on in order for families to bring their children. All contracts will be signed by May. Polish national TV will cover the event, it is hoped to have some live coverage. Accommodation is ready, metrology will be provided professionally. Catering has to be finalised. A press officer has been engaged with experience in promoting air sports. A safety officer has been appointed.

Questions were asked.

Irina Grushina commented the test event in 2014 was a success and believes the World Championship will be a success.

Wolf-Dietrich Tesar complemented the organisers and advised the Commission the event would be a success. He asked that the airfield was free from other aircraft movement during the competition. The response was it will be.

He asked if there were pictures available of the equipment and the specification rope sizes etc. The response was yes.

Suggestions were made regarding presentation of the competition map as there were concerns to the accuracy and consistency of the map.

Bernhard Lugstenmann asked if helicopters would be available to rent. The response was positive. H300 is not available but the organiser will attempt to find one.

David Monks advised the Commission that he felt the test event in 2014 was a success and wished the organiser well for the World Championship.

Markus asked when would be best day for a member of FAI to attend. It was suggested to attend the closing / award ceremony on Sunday Aug 16.

Konrad asked when prize giving would be. The response was on the Sunday.

The President wished the Polish delegation well and said if they require any assistance just ask and all assistances would be given.

Bulletin 1 was issued to the delegates. (ANNEX 1)

## **12 FAI World Air Games, Dubai, 2015**

The President advised the Commission Wolfgang Perplies was the World Air Games Liaison Officer for the CIG. He then introduced and gave a warm welcome to Eric Bertin, FAI Sports and Event Manager

Wolfgang Perplies advised he had been to Dubai to meet the organiser and advise them of the CIG requirements.

Eric Bertin made a presentation and advised the Commission on the following:

Helicopter Competition schedule would allow 16 teams competing between the 1st to 4th December.

All in-country costs would be met by the organiser from 3 days before the competition to 1 day after, including for Hotel accommodation based on twin rooms, 3 meals day and local transportation. Travel expenses to/from Dubai are not covered for the individuals.

Germany has offered to ship their equipment to the event. Hubs are to be set up where equipment will be shipped from.

The President asked for confirmation that one of the 16 crew places is required to be saved for the UAE. This was confirmed.

Crew selection was discussed. Wolfgang Perplies advised the process for crew selection was in the World Air Games rules and that the organisers had asked for as many countries as possible to be represented. Application with full details of nominated crews to be sent to the President.

The President proposed a motion that CIG should compete at World Air Games 2015. This was carried unanimously.

The President recapped and advised 3 crew and two judges can be nominated by a country. He then requested from the Commission, crew nominations before the 15th March 2015 in order for the Bureau to give its final decision on the entrants as requested by FAI.

Russia announced their intention of bringing 2 helicopters. UAE must be urged to clarify that they will provide at least 2 R44/R22's now.

## **13 FAI World Helicopter Championship**

The Chairman of the Rules committee circulated a document (Annex 2).

He proposed a safety change to the precision event 5.2 regarding the two 90 degree turns, and that for safety reasons paragraph 5.2.6 the last two sentences should be crossed out and a new sentence be inserted "Performing the 90 degree turns, the 1st will be anticlockwise the second clockwise."

The second proposal was to reinstate the Freestyle rules as of 2011/ 2012.

Both proposals were accepted.

Annex 2 was referred to concerning a request for a clarification of a rule regarding the 360 degree turns in the precision, event by Belarus Judge Olga Sheveleva.

The Chairman of the Rules asked to make a decision as he is also the Chief Judge in Poland. He quoted the rules stating the Chief Judge is responsible for interpreting the rules for the event. He asked for a vote from the Commission that he should be allowed, in his capacity, as Chief Judge to solely interpret this rule.

David Monks, UK delegate, asked what the Chief Judge's interpretation was and remarked that the interpretation would require an addition to the rule as the word continuous was being added to the task. He proposed to the Commission to consider rule clarification requests such as this only be considered when there was more than one clear year prior to a competition in keeping with the rules. The Commission agreed.

#### **14 New FAI Anti Doping Rules**

The President welcomed Ségolène Rouillon, Members and Services Manager Anti-Doping Manager.

Jacques Berlo informed the Commission that the new code has been published and came into effect as of 1st Jan 2015, and provided a summarised report.

Summary See attached document (Annex 3).

#### **15 FAI Gold Rotorcraft Medal**

The President explained voting process to the Commission.

Markus Haggenev organised the vote and Wolfgang Perplies acted as scrutineer.

Proxy Votes were not valid.

There were 7 votes present at the meeting, overall majority 4, and absolute majority 5.

First Vote

To decide if the commission will award the Gold medal this year.

Decision: Unanimous.

Second Vote

To award the Gold Medal to the nominee Galina Shpigovskaya (RUS) (Annex 4)

Decision: Unanimous.

The President stated the official nominations for 2016 must be delivered in writing from the NAC not later than the end of November 2015 to the FAI Secretary-General with a copy to the CIG President.

#### **16 FAI CIG Financial Position**

The President reported.

See attached (Annex 5)

*Following the Meeting and before the Minutes were published the President received an addition to the circulated papers revising the position to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. This now forms part of the Minutes. The current balance held by CIG as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 was CHF 15'314.21 Commission Members are requested to make note of this*

## **17 Approval of Judges**

Wolfgang Perplies has produced an updated list of International Judges and is published on the FAI website. The list was adopted by the Commission.

## **18 AOB**

- The President proposed the adoption of the revised General Section on the 1st May 2015.

Decision: Agreed.

The President advised the Commission all Judges should understand the revised General section of the rules.

- Konrad Geißler spoke of a letter he received informing him of a proposal of an autogyro record attempt in Namibia, the writer of the letter Mr W Lintl asked for recognition as an official observer. Konrad Geißler will advise.
- Wolf-Dietrich Tesar advised Helidays in Gmunden, Austria, will be held 11th-13th September 2015 and all are welcome. Last year the event attracted 60 helicopters and attended by 8 nations.
- Wolf-Dietrich Tesar asked if an international crew can compete in FAI World Air Games, Wolfgang Perplies advised a competitor represents himself not a nation. The World Air Games is an event where athletes represent their country. Nonetheless, FAI will re-check the rules for the possibility for international teams to attend.
- Irina Grushina requested advice with regard to a “crew outside competition”. Chapter 3 permits this, however, the question was can the crewman of the crew be a member of another crew and the intention in this case would be for this crew to fly last on each course.

The commission agreed the crew consisting of Alexander Sotnikov and a crewman who was already a member of another competing crew could enter a competition providing it competed last for each task.

- Irina Grushina presented two videos of the Karlsson cup one of the event and one of the making of the video. The event was streamed on the internet. An invitation was made to all to attend and compete in the 50th Russian Helicopter competition, it will be held at Konakovo in the Moscow region. (Annex 6)
- Roy Harford invited all to attend the Heli UK Expo Helicopter Races which are to be held at Sywell during Aero Expo on the 29th and 30th May 2015.

For more information contact David Monks at david@djme.co.uk

- David Monks spoke on behalf of Jacques Escaffre of France if the Commission knew of any department within FAI that could address issues regarding EASA regulations as Jacques was struggling to get assistance through his NAC with regard to ATO requirements within clubs. Markus Haggeneay responded that there is a Memorandum of Agreement with Europe Air Sports and the contact is Dave Roberts to assist with these matters.
- FAI CIG Website

The President requested if any delegate had helicopter news which could be included in the content could they forward it to him for Brenda Nicoll (UK). Markus Haggeneay spoke of future developments of the website of a new air sports website, starting with selected few events in Q2 2015 and planned to be rolled out to include CIG championships as well

## **19 Date of next meeting**

A Bureau Meeting will be scheduled for Poland, August 2015.

The Plenary Meeting will take place on 10th and 11th March 2016 in Lausanne starting at 14.30 on 10th March 2016 and 9.30 on the 11th March 2016.

The Bureau will meet in Lausanne at 09.30 on 10th March 2016.

An informal dinner will be held on the evening of 10th March 2016.



N.B.1 Delegates are requested to submit their revised List of International Judges and Assistant Judges for 2016/2017 to the Chairman of the Rules Committee not later than 1st February 2016.

N.B.2 The Plenary Dinner with Guests will take place on Thursday evening. Would you please advise the President and Secretary by mid-January the members in your party including any guests. If anybody has a special food requirement i.e. vegetarian would they please let the President know as quickly as possible.

These minutes prepared by David Monks were approved by the President of CIG on March 12th 2015.