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The CIG President Jacques Berlo welcomed Susanne Schödel, General Secretary of FAI, Mary-Ann Stevens, Member of the Executive Board of FAI and contact member of the Executive Board for CIG, Markus Haggeney, FAI Sports Director and Han Zhaofang, the Representative of the Aero Sports Federation of China to the CIG Plenary. He also welcomed all other participants and delegates of the nations.

2. Roll Call:

Markus Haggeney carried out the Roll Call confirming the attendance of the nations. There were eleven countries and three Proxies. Eight votes would be the majority, 10 would be the 2/3 majority. Proxies were given from Belgium to UK, from New Zealand to Germany and from Norway to Russia.

3. Apologies:

There were no apologies.

4. In Memoriam:

None

5. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:

No Conflicts of Interest were declared.

6. Secretary General’s Welcome Remarks:

Susanne Schödel, FAI Secretary General welcomed the participants and presented the current situation of FAI. Presently FAI has twelve Air Sport Commissions. The FAI has in total 88 active members and 14 associated members. In 2017 51 Category 1 events have taken place all over the world.

Partners of FAI are DHL, Leaseweb (who is hosting the FAI web page) and Noospere, who provide technical IT support to FAI.

Mary-Ann Stevens, former President of the Canadian NAC and member of the Executive Board of FAI, took the opportunity to welcome the delegates. She said she is looking forward to working with CIG.

Susanne Schödel’s presentation is annex 1 to these minutes.
7. Sports Director’s Welcome Remarks:

Markus Haggeney informed the CIG about the present focus of FAI to Asia. Asia is the part of the world where more people are living than in the rest of the world. The focus is to have Air Sports in Multi-Sport-Events. The next ones are the Asian Games in Jakarta in 2018.

The World Air Games have been awarded to Turkey to be held in 2020. It will be a multi-venue event with events in Ankara, Eskeshir, Pammukale, Efes, Antalya and Ölüdeniz. CIG should develop rules for a showcase event and should plan to hold its next Bureau and Plenary meeting in Turkey if possible with other commissions like CIMA, CIVA and GAC.

8. Chinese Presentation of Helicopter Sports in China:

The Chinese Representative Han Zhaofang gave a presentation of Helicopter Sports in China. There are 2400 helicopter pilots in China, mostly commercial helicopter pilots working in the helicopter industry. About 150 companies are operating about 800 helicopters. Chinese helicopter sportsmen are sponsored by the Ministry for Sport of China to join international helicopter events. National events are financed by sponsors. In 2018 China plans to have a national championship from 28th September to 5th October, maybe combined with a Helicopter World Cup Stage. In 2019 there will be an Asian-Oceanic Helicopter championship and after that China intends to bid for the next World Helicopter Championship in 2021.

9. 2017 PLENARY Meeting Remarks:

CIG President gave a final statement which will enclosed as Annex 2 to the minutes.

10. Financial Situation:

CIG Treasurer Pit Schöffler presented the provisional financial situation of CIG which shows for 2017 an income of CHF 825,00 and expenses of CHF 2,659,00. The CIG account balance is CHF 20.200.40.

The income of CIG from the Helicopter World Cup stages is presently CHF 100.00 per stage if it is published in the FAI Calendar. From that medals, diplomas and trophies have to be paid for. Commencing in 2018 competing will be in two classes and the costs for medals, diplomas and trophies will double. Therefore, Pit Schöffler asked the Commission to raise the sanction fee to CHF 200.00 starting from 2019. This was agreed by the delegates.

11. CIG President’s Report:

The President expressed his satisfaction on the success of the Helicopter World Cup. It is a good format to promote Helicopter Sport in the future. He requested every nation work together for the future development of our sport. His priorities for the next years
of his presidency is to make the CIG a more professional Commission and the creation of the handbooks which has already started.

12. 16th FAI World Helicopter Championship:

The date for the 16th World Helicopter Championship has changed to 23rd to 29th of July including the Helicopter World Cup Stage. The Commission was asked to approve the change what it did unanimously. Bulletin No. 1 was handed out.

Irina requested to be released from the task as Jury President. She proposed Wolfgang Perplies as her replacement. David Monks gave an immediate statement that UK will not join the World Helicopter Championship if Wolfgang Perplies is Jury President. Additionally, he announced that Jeremy James will be replaced by Rob Hughes as Jury member. The decision on that issue was postponed until Friday morning.

There will be no free style event at Minsk due to restrictions. The organiser is still looking for an R22 required for 1 or 2 German, 3 Swiss crews and 1 UK crew. The UK will fly in their own R22. Asked if other crews can rent this R22 David Monks answered that only one additional crew can fly on the aircraft.

Poland (Marcin Szamborski) will organise a formation flight from Warszaw Modlin (EPMO) to Minsk on the 19th July. The aerodrome of entry will be organised by the organiser.

The preliminary entry form for the 16th FAI World Helicopter Championship and the Helicopter World Cup should be send to the organiser before 19th March 2018. The online registration will be open from 1st April to 1st July 2018.

For flying in Belarus, a copy of the pilot’s license and medical has to be sent to the organiser. There are no validation flights necessary but check flights will be required for renting helicopters. The minimum qualification for attending the World Helicopter Championship is a minimum of 15 hours in the last year including 7 hours of training for the championship events and 3 hours training for the world cup events.

13. FAI IT-Services:

Visa-Matti Leinikki, FAI IT-Manager, gave a short presentation about how the FAI-IT-Services can support the Air Sport Commission. The eNavigator system for event management which can automatically create event websites includes also a content management system, a competition management system and result management system. As an example he presented the website of the last year’s World Games at Wroclaw.
14. Helicopter World Cup:

Irina summarised the Helicopter World Cup 2017 where 6 stages were flown with 31 crews from 10 nations participating. All events were flown safely through all stages. Irina thanked all organisers and people involved in the World Cup.

For the future standardisation is mandatory. The equipment must be the same at all stages. Commentators are mandatory to explain the events to the public. It was found that 6 stages are too many and in future there will be 4 stages in the years of World Helicopter Championships and 5 stages in all the other years. In 2018, 4 stages will be flown in two classes. For the final results the 2 best results will be taken.

In some countries standing on the skids is prohibited. World Cup organisers must inform the participants NLT 1 month in advance of their regulations.

15. Revision of Rules:

The Chairman of the Rules Committee David Monks presented the rules changing proposal. They were accepted unanimously by the delegates. The changes are listed in annex 3.

16. Organiser’s Handbook Working Group:

The Organizer’s Handbook Working Group mainly consisting of David Monks and Jacques Berlo advised the Plenary that an Event Organiser’s Guide can be found on the FAI website. They will continue their work on the Handbook for the next year.

17. Anti-Doping Update:

Segolène Rouillon, FAI Anti-Doping Manager, gave an update on the current Anti-Doping programme. Last year there were 9 events with In-Competition-Testing. There were 8 athletes across FAI in In the Out-of-Competition-Testing Pool.

She re-iterated again the possibility of the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for those athletes who need medications for therapeutic needs. They must have the form by their doctor and send it to FAI Anti-Doping Manager and to get their FAI TUE from the FAI TUE panel.

At that stage 2nd Vice-President Marcin Szamborski had to leave the meeting. He gave his Proxy to Belarus.

18. Awards:

No awards provided.

19. Rotorcraft Gold Medal Nomination:

There is only one nomination for the Rotorcraft Gold Medal. It is from UK for Mr. Jeremy James. This nomination was accepted unanimously.
20. Approval of International Judges:

CIG Secretary presented the list of international judges sent to the Commission before the meeting. The list was approved by the delegates unanimously. As France did not send a list of judges prior to the meeting, it has been agreed that the judges list will be accepted after the meeting and their judges will be included in the current list.

21. Elections:

All positions were to be elected. For President Jacques Berlo was elected. The Vice-Presidents are Irina Grushina and Marcin Szamborski. Secretary and Financial Manager Pit Schöffler was elected. For Chairman of Rules Committee David Monks was nominated. Olga Sheveleva was nominated as Assistant Chairman.

22. Any other business:

Irina requested the approval of the Commission that medals and trophies for the Helicopter World Cup will be paid for by CIG. The delegates approved this request unanimously.

The World Helicopter Championship will be conducted according to the rules valid at the date of the event. Rules adjustments are possible for safety reasons.

After UK announces it would not attend the 16th WHC if Wolfgang Perplies was Jury President, Irina withdraw her request to be released as Jury President.

Irina presented the Bulletin No. 1 for the Russian Open Helicopter Championship and Helicopter World Cup Stage 1 in Konakova. She asked everybody to provide articles about Helicopter Sports in the different countries to create a brochure for 60 years of Helicopter Sports NLT 15th April 2018.

The UK announced the Helicopter World Cup stage at High Wycombe and everybody was invited to this event.

Finally Irina asked the Commission to approve the travel expenses of the Chief Judge of the Helicopter World Cup are paid by the organisers. The Commission approved this request unanimously.

23. Date of next meeting:

The next CIG Plenary meeting will be held at 7th and 8th March 2019. The venue has to be decided.

Pit Schoeffler, 02.04.2018
CIG Secretary

Jacques Berlo fee
President of CIG