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ROTORCRAFT COMMISSION

BUREAU MEETING - BALLENSTEDT SCHLOSS, GERMANY

1ST SEPTEMBER 2006

The President called the Meeting of the Bureau one month prior to the event.

1. In Attendance

David Hamilton, New Zealand – President,
Konrad Geissler, Germany – 1st Vice President
Irina Grushina, Russia – 2nd Vice President
Wolfgang Perplies, Germany – Secretary and Chairman of Rules Committee

The Bureau requested the attendance of Hubert Gesang, Germany and Anatoly Ulanov, Russia.

2. German Open Helicopter Championship

The Contest Director, Konrad Geissler, reported that there were no problems in respect to the Championship. He was congratulated on the work that he and his team, including the Chief Judge, had completed.

3. Signing of the Contract

The signing of the Contract for the 2008 World Helicopter Championship will take place on Sunday evening 3rd September 2006. The President was asked to explain the reason for the contract saying it was subject to English Law and English Judges when it was held in Germany and whether this could be deleted.

After discussion it was agreed that the President would speak to FAI Secretary General Max Bishop asking for his guidance as to whether this could be deleted.

4. FAI Rotorcraft Stickers and Badges

The Bureau agreed that the Commission are to obtain and pay for a supply of stickers and badges ready for 2007 and 2008.

The President and 1st Vice President were authorised to approve the design and the cost.

5. World Air Games 2009

The President reported that the FAI Executive Board was considering venues and dates for World Air Games in 2009. Several countries are interested in bidding.

The President reported that a formal decision was likely to be made at the General Conference in Chile at the end of October. The Bureau would be informed as soon as possible.

6. Russian Open Championship

The event is programmed for September. Several countries outside Russia are participating. A short visual programme was shown of a recent event from which it was noted that advertising boards around the arena may well attract funding.

Irina Groushina promised to send the President a copy of the DVD immediately upon her return to Moscow.

7. German Open Championship Eisenach 2007

This is to be a pre-run of the World Championship in 2008. All countries will be invited to participate. The organisation is well advanced.

The President reported that he had paid an official visit to Eisenach, had visited the hotels chosen for the event and the airfield to discuss the event and the facilities being offered.

The President was pleased to report that he found the standard of both proposed hotels was good and above the standard normally accepted by teams. Consideration was to be given to placing the judging teams in one hotel separate from the competing crews and the Jury in the Central Hotel as not all could be accommodated together.

It was recommended that the German Aero Club send out preliminary invitations for 2007 to assess numbers likely to attend at an early stage. The President will provide a covering letter when requested.

It was suggested that the German Helicopter Club may be willing to consider the event carrying the added title of 1st European Championships. A decision will be made shortly. It is stressed that no extra work would be involved but an additional title may help with raising further sponsorship money.

8. Other Events

The Bureau was informed that the French were interested in hosting a European Championship. No information was forthcoming from the French at this time. Any decision on such an event would wait for the Plenary Meeting in March 2007. It was stressed that full details and an application would be necessary well in advance of the Plenary Meeting in order that it could be evaluated.

Russia indicated that they intended to submit a bid to host the World Championship in 2011.

9. Frequency

The Bureau decided that a discussion on the frequency and number of events would form part of the Agenda for the March 2007 Meeting.

10. FAI Grand Prix December 2007

The Bureau agreed that, in principle, CIG wished to participate. 10 crews would be selected to represent the current known best crews. Not all CIG Member Countries could expect to be represented.

The basic difficulty was cost and sponsorship. There would be a risk of very few competitors unless money could be found to at least fund air fares. The President reported that he had made preliminary enquiries into the hire of helicopters. These could be made available. Prices were not yet known.

The Chief Judge agreed to consider how we could effectively provide the minimum number of officials to judge and run the events. There would only be a single person Jury to act under simple rules. Other members attending would duplicate tasks as much as possible.

Further discussions were made in respect to media style events. In the light of recommendations made by the Bureau and other interested parties it was agreed to revise the existing media events by doubling up. For example Fender would have two boxes operating simultaneously with helicopters in each racing each other in the media's eyes.

The slalom course would be considerably altered to representing a ski slalom with an out and return again with two parallel courses to increase the visual aspect.

It was considered vital that television cameras be fitted to all helicopters and beamed back to a central display board at the event airfield.

The Bureau agreed that in the event of poor weather they could double up on events to help the Organiser.

The President reported the interest by a media company in New Zealand. Although promises had been made to respond nothing had been received. The company will attend the General Conference in Chile at the end of October. The President will immediately report to the Bureau after he returns.

11. Media Presentation Events and Associated Sponsorship

The President reported that he had been approached by Hubert Gesang, with the approval of the German Aero Club. Mr. Gesang attended the meeting and gave a short address regarding the necessity to give maximum exposure to the media, to alter some of our events to make them even more media exciting. He believed that there were possibilities to raise some sponsorship.

Upon his recommendation the Bureau agreed to stage a media day before the Championships in 2007 which will be limited to a display to all the invited media and television of our media events.

The German Helicopter Club agreed that the Championship will be extended by one day to allow for this. Dates would be amended as appropriate.

Mr. Gesang believed that there was a possibility of obtaining limited funding for this and to contribute to sending a team to New Zealand. The Bureau unanimously invited Hubert Gesang to accept the appointment as CIG Media Advisor to start immediately. His appointment would be ratified at the CIG Meeting March 2007. Mr. Gesang was thanked for his keenness and in particular his offer to put in considerable efforts on behalf of the Commission.

12. FAI CIG Webpage

The Plenary Meeting agreed over the last two years that there was a need to appoint a webpage advisor to redesign our webpage, bring it up to date and make sure that it is regularly updated. An offer was made by Thilo Petry of the German Aero Club to undertake this task on a temporary basis pending ratification in March. The Bureau accepted his offer. The President was instructed to brief him as a matter of urgency.

In the next two months he is to provide his ideas for a complete redesign and to liaise with FAI to implement this. The President was authorised to approve as necessary his proposals and in his absence the 1st Vice President would make the appropriate decisions.

The German Aero Club gave the approval for his appointment. This was supported unanimously including later on the Austrian Delegate who was unable to attend the Meeting.

The President will contact FAI in the coming days and advise them of the action that we have taken. Mr. Petry will be invited to attend the CIG Meeting in Lausanne, March 2007 to report.

13. The Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Bureau will take place in March 2007.

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