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# Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the  
**FAI Rotorcraft Commission**

**Held in Lausanne, Switzerland**

on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2009

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UK John Matchett ( Alternate Delegate )

In attendance

Jean-Marc Badan FAI Sports & Development Director

Robert Hughes FAI General Projects Manager

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Japan and USA

## **3. PROXIES AND VOTES**

No proxies and votes were received.

There were 8 votes present. Simple Majority 5 and Absolute Majority 6.

## **4. 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.

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## **5. a) MINUTES OF CIG MEETING TURIN 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

The Minutes were circulated and published on the CIG Website. These were unanimously approved as a true record.

## **b) MINUTES OF MEETING OF CIG BUREAU 12<sup>TH</sup> and 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008 EISENACH**

The Minutes of both Bureau Meetings were circulated and published on the CIG Webpage. These were unanimously approved as a true record.

## **c) MINUTES OF CIG BUREAU MEETING OCTOBER 2008 JONA-RAPPERTSVIL**

The Minutes were circulated and published on the CIG Website. These were unanimously approved as a true record.

## **6. ACTION BY CIG BUREAU SINCE LAST MEETING**

The President read out the decisions taken by the Bureau August 2008 – October 2008 ( See Minutes CIG Bureau Meetings ). These were unanimously approved.

## **7. FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT – GENERAL REPORTS**

a) The President gave a brief resume of those matters discussed at the General Conference, St Vincent ( Italy ) 2008.

- Amendments were made to the Statutes and Bylaws particularly in respect to Sporting Licences and the data base. Commissions must check very carefully before an event takes

place to verify that a competitor's details are on the FAI data base and hold Sporting Licences. The point was made that Commissions had a duty to verify and if a competitor turned up without the appropriate licence recorded on FAI records he could not compete. CIG must take the appropriate steps to check annually who is on the Accredited List for Competitors.

- Commissions are also reminded that they must tighten up on the periods of time for sending out the agenda and minutes. There have been breaches in the current regulations which must not be repeated.
  
- The World Air Games Turin 2009 plannings continues. CIG is well ahead. Technical and financial problems between FAI and the Organiser are to be resolved soon.
  
- For the World Air Games 2011 is Russia the only one bidder. Nothing has been tabled. Russia have asked for an extension of time to prepare their bid. Because there is no other FAI Executive Board are continuing their discussions and will make Commissions aware of the situation in due course.
  
- Wolfgang Perplies was presented with the Rotorcraft Gold Medal as awarded by CIG. He received a very warm welcome and was able with his wife to join President and President of Honour for dinner thereafter.

The President's Annual Report is on the CIG Webpage having previously been circulated to CIG Delegates.

#### **b) FAI Report to CIG Plenary Meeting**

Presented on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009 by Rob Hughes, FAI General Projects Manager

In addition to the President's Report the following matters were raised.

#### **CANS – FAI Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems**

Airspace being the vital element each air sport needs for its activities, the General Conference formally approved the creation of CANS, the new FAI Technical Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems. CANS' mission will be to coordinate and disseminate knowledge and information within and outside of FAI on airspace rules, regulations and policy affecting air sports, as well as on Air Navigation Systems.

#### **TV Production – airsports.tv**

After a successful cooperation with Flying Aces Ltd in 2007/08, which resulted in the production of two 13-episodes TV series covering the main FAI championships, cooperation with Flying Aces will be continued during the next five years. Video footage is available on-line at <http://www.airsports.tv>. The list of events covered by Flying Aces in 2009 is not yet finalised; event organisers will receive information in due time.

#### **FAI Sporting License Database**

The introduction of the on-line database for FAI Sporting Licenses has been slightly delayed to allow additional tests and fine-tuning of the system. Some 46 FAI member countries already

provided their Sporting License database. The system will be available for the main events in 2009.

#### **Next FAI General Conference**

6 to 11 October 2009, Incheon, Korea

5 to 10 October 2010, Dublin, Ireland

### **8. FAI WORLD AIR GAMES 2009**

#### **Selection Process**

The selection process will soon be completed and the official invitation letters sent out to the selected athletes. Each athlete will receive an access code to a personal webpage where he will be asked to complete his « Athlete's Profile ». Information contained in the Athletes' Profiles will partly be made available to media representatives and commentators during the Games. Up to 390 athletes representing 40 FAI Member countries on 6 continents will compete in June in Turin.

#### **a) Report and action to be taken regarding Turin 2009**

FAI WAG Coordinator Jean-Marc Badan presented a short update to the Commission.

The preparation for the WAG 2009 is going forward. The test events in 2008 ended successful. Until the opening a lot of work has still to be achieved. There is a considerable influence of the world-wide financial crisis. The Organiser has difficulties to obtain money from potential sponsors requiring a reduction in costs.

All Commissions are asked to check own possibilities of saving costs. The general agreement between FAI and LOC Turin is that it is better to keep the WAG running than to cancel WAG 2009

In principle all sports events will be kept untouched. There will be no reduction of crews concerning helicopter events.

Answering questions Jean-Marc Badan stated that the schedule of sporting events is not completely ready. It is not programmed to have on the closing day helicopter finals but demonstration of free-style.

Commission members made a proposal for the schedule of helicopter events in starting on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> and ending on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Italian Delegates were asked to suggest this proposal to the LOC with the requirement to respond to FAI-CIG within 2 weeks.

Jean-Marc Badan mentioned that the LOC will in the near future on WAG Website publish relevant information for accommodation and its costs for additional personal ( husbands – wives - visitors- supporters ).

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Italian Delegates asked for possible support concerning the loan of equipment. German Delegate promised full assistance in transport and provision of necessary material.

To be on the safe side in case of refusal of invited crews the Commission authorized the Bureau to select new crews as reserve crews.

## **b) Future bids**

### **World Air Games 2011**

During the first phase of the bidding process for the World Air Games 2011, initial contacts had been established with some 7 entities potentially interested in hosting the Games. Only one provisional bid had been finally received (RUS) but, at the end of 2008, this bidder withdrew its bid.

The current world financial crisis has a significant impact on sports events. and It seemed that potential bidders were waiting for the outcome of the 2009 World Air Games before considering placing a bid for 2013. The FAI Executive Board is considering further options for 2011.

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## **9. 13<sup>TH</sup> WORLD HELICOPTER CHAMPIONSHIP EISENACH GERMANY 2008**

**a) Report Contest Director ( KG )** presented a short verbal additional report to his published report ( Annex 1 to the Agenda ) and gave an overall view of the financial situation. From current situation there would be a slight profit of 4.000,- Euro, but it not clear at the moment whether all invoices had been tabled.

The President thanked and congratulated Germany for hosting the event.

**b) Report of the Chief Judge, (IG),** was published on the CIG Website and as Annex 2 of the Agenda.

The Report was accepted without comment.

**c) Report of the President of the Jury, (APH).**

The Commission decided not to discuss this report because the Jury President was absent and in serious ill health.

Some Commission members described the Jury Presidents report to be in their opinion a hard report.

The President explained that the report had been removed from Web-site as the Jury President was unable to express his opinion during CIG Meeting.

He stated that the Jury President's report is the personal separate report of Jury President with general comments and recommendations regarding rules and regulations to CIG in accordance to the Note of Appendix D of FAI Jury handbook. Such a report need not be approved by all Jury members.

#### **d) Complaint by the Chief Judge and the Deputy Chief Judge**

The Chief Judge and the Deputy Chief Judge felt accused by some passages of the Jury Presidents Report.

They asked the Commission members to express their opinion about their work during 13<sup>th</sup> WHC

After discussion CIG unanimously gave a vote of thanks to the Judging Panel and Chief Judge and Deputy Chief Judge for their work during WHC 2008.

### **10. AMENDMENTS TO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

The Commission approved unanimously the proposed changes:

1. Chapter 5 – Event 5.2 – Precision
  - a) Editorial correct of para 5.2.3  
The second sentence and following sentences to read “ The rope/chain lengths are exactly 2 metres for the first one and 3 metres for the second one being measured from the lowest point of the undercarriage (skid or wheel) to the lowest end of the weights. The total length of the first one depends on the additional length required to fasten the rope/chain to the fuselage of the helicopter. For a better make-out the rope/chain may be painted red or orange”.
  - b) Correction in para 5.2.7.  
In the second sentence the misprint is to be corrected from “...in Chaper 2 para 13.13” into”...Chapter 2 para 13.14”.
2. Additional infringement for all events ( Chapter 5 and 6 ) except Navigation:  
Departure before starting signal is given ( flag lowered or other starting system gives clearance for takeoff ) – 25 penalty points.

### **11. FUTURE EVENTS AND RE-ASSESSMENT OF EXPANSION OF CIG**

The President referred to Annex 5 of the Agenda and asked for approval of appointment of the proposed working group. Two names were proposed: Peter Kuhn (Switzerland) and David Monks (UK).

The Commission gave its approval for further action to be taken as proposed in Annex 5.

## **12. FUTURE WORLD HELICOPTER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **a) Bid for 2010 or 2011**

Russian Delegate Irina Groushina stated that the intention to organize World Helicopter Championship 2010 in Russia cannot be confirmed.

The reason is to be seen from present world financial situation.

The suggestion is now to organize WHC 2011 with open test event in 2010 in Russia on the airfield Drakino ( south of Moscov ).

On the same airfield will be held the National Championship 2009 from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of August. At the end of March Russian Helicopter Federation will publish new information and invitation for crews and judges. Interested parties are invited to take part.

The Commission and the President's recommendation agreed WHC in 2011 is acceptable for CIG. Russian Delegate was requested to submit a new bid accompanied by a signed Organiser Agreement.

## **13. NOMINATIONS FOR FAI ROTORCRAFT GOLD MEDAL**

The President reminded the Delegates of the criteria for the nomination of FAI Rotorcraft Gold Medal.

The Commission firstly decided unanimously to award the Rotorcraft Gold Medal in 2009.

Secondly the proposal to award Mr. Vladimir Zyablikov (Russia) Rotorcraft Gold Medal was supported unanimously.

Official nominations for 2010 must be delivered in writing from NAC not later than 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to the President with a copy to the FAI Secretary-General.

## **14. CIG WEBPAGE**

The post of CIG Web Master is vacant at the moment.

The President asked for a volunteer to become the CIG Web Master. No volunteers were found. The expansion of the webpage is limited until a Web Master can be found.

## **15. FINANCE**

The President reported that the Commission held, to its credit, approximately 17,000 SF.

In 2008 there was an income from WHC sanction fees and expenses for travel costs.

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## **16. APPROVAL OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES**

The Commission put the Chairman of Rules Sub-Committee in charge of producing and publishing the new list of CIG International Judges. ( see Annex 1 )

## **17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Peter Kuhn (Switzerland) presented an outline about personal and organisational changes within the Swiss Helicopter Federation. He reported that internal problems had lead to stagnation in helicopter activities in Switzerland.  
The President pointed out that internal domestic problems are not item of CIG but offered the hand of friendship to Swiss Helicopter Federation.

The Swiss Delegate also offered assistance in hiring helicopters for the World Air Games in Turin. This could reduce long travel and prevent crossing the high mountain region of the Alps.

2. French Delegate informed the Commission that on French Helicopter Federations Website will appears a new tool which could be of interest for all users.  
He announced an email with instructions how to open and use the webpage and the tool.
3. Rob Hughes reminded the Delegates to take an interest in Anti Doping Regulations.  
He stated that all NACs have some trouble with National Olympic Committees. Helicopter pilots may be tested during Championships. Medication must be announced 21 days prior to the event. Information can be found on Web-page.

Austrian Delegate complained that he has some difficulties to explain the regulation to his helicopter pilots that they have to announce their absence from residence to the system.

Rob Hughes answered that in general all holders of international sporting licences may be tested. At the time being there is no need for helicopter pilots to be in the competition pool of FAI.

4. UK Delegate raised the subject of planned new EASA regulation concerning flight over water with single engine aircraft. For such flights it will be essential to carry an adequate sea-survival equipment in the aircraft. This regulation will be problematic for light helicopters and micro-light airplanes. In the consequence of this regulation no light helicopter like Robinson R 22 and Hughes 300 can leave or reach the UK.  
The closing day for comments and objections to EASA is the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2009.

The Commission authorized the UK Delegate to prepare a detailed letter of concern to FAI President asking him to take the appropriate action.

UK Delegate additional announced that the British National Helicopter Championship will take place from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.

## **18. ELECTIONS**

Elections of the Bureau do not take place until 2010.

Rules Committee Chairman – The President recommended to the Commission that Wolfgang Perplies be reappointed as Chairman of the Rules Committee. This was approved unanimously. Until the Recommendations made under Annex 5 were debated in 2010 it was not necessary to appoint any other members.

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## **19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Plenary Meeting will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at Lausanne. The Bureau will meet on 25<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am. The Plenary Meeting will start at 14.30 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

The usual informal social dinner will be held on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> February to which the FAI Staff will be invited as guests.

**These Minutes were approved by the President of CIG on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009.**

**Annex 1 - FAI Rotorcraft Commission Minutes 2009**

**FAI ROTORCRAFT COMMISSION (C.I.G)**

**LIST OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES AS ON 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

<b><u>COUNTRY</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>
<b><u>AUSTRIA</u></b>	Leopold ATZGERSTORFER	Judge
	Klaus BAUER, Dr.	Assistant Judge
	Herbert BRANDSTÄTTER	Assistant Judge
	Rudolf EINHAUER	Assistant Judge
	Annelie FAUSTMANN	Judge
	Robert FAUSTMANN	Judge
	Armin GRÖBNER	Assistant Judge
	Thomas HABLECKER	Assistant Judge
	Otto LEEB	Judge
	Gerd LUXBAUER	Judge
	Josef PLATZER	Judge
	Thomas PRIBASNIG	Assistant Judge
	Franz PUMMER	Assistant Judge
	Otto SALZINGER	Judge
	Siegbert STRECKER	Judge
	Elizabeth TESAR	Judge
	Wolf-Dietrich TESAR	Judge
Martin WEGHOFER	Assistant Judge	
Jörg WULZ	Judge	
<b><u>BELARUS</u></b>	Victor PRONIN	Judge
	Vladimir SHESTAKOV	Judge
	Olga SHEVELEVA	Judge
	Albert SIDOROV	Judge
	Tamara STELMAKH	Judge
	Stephan ZAITSEV	Judge

BELGIUM

Jean-Denis GOFFARD

Assistant Judge

CROATIA

Mirko FRCEK

Assistant Judge

Snjezana HAJSTER

Assistant Judge

Vlaho MARIC

Assistant Judge

Mario KAPETANOVIC

Assistant Judge

Mirna WEDELJKOVIC

Assistant Judge

FRANCE

Pierre AMAT

Judge

Pierre ANGOT

Judge

Magali BARE

Judge

Denis BOSMENT

Judge

Florence BOSMENT

Judge

Emile COLLADO

Judge

Nicolas CUVIER

Judge

Renaud DEMARGNE

Judge

Jacques ESCAFFRE

Judge

Robert FOUQUE

Judge

Catherine GAGNE

Judge

Christine HENRIQUEL

Judge

Francis HENRIQUEL

Judge

Alphonse MENDY

Judge

Laurent MICHALLAT

Judge

Jean-Pierre NOBLET

Judge

Francis PIRES

Judge

GERMANY

Zuhair AL-ISHAKI

Judge

Hans-Peter DICKMEIS

Judge

Susanne FECHTER

Assistant Judge

Dirk GEBHARDT

Judge

Konrad GEISSLER

Judge

	Andreas HAHN	Judge
	Sabine NENDZA	Assistant Judge
	Lothar OEHLER	Judge
	Wolfgang PATSCHAN	Judge
	Boris PERPLIES	Judge
	Elinor PERPLIES	Judge
	Wolfgang PERPLIES	Judge
	Sonia PERPLIES	Judge
	Jörn PUSINELLI	Assistant Judge
	Ulrike SCHAUFF	Assistant Judge
	Hans-Peter SCHÖFFLER	Judge
	Rainer SOKOLOWSKI	Assistant Judge
	Ralf SOKOLOWSKI	Assistant Judge
	Peter J. SANDOR	Judge
	Heinz-Dieter WENDT	Judge
	Axel WINGERATH	Judge
<u>GREECE</u>	George LEGAKIS	Assistant Judge
	Leo CAMBANIS	Assistant Judge
<u>ITALY</u>	Pier G. FATTORI	Assistant Judge
	Roberto MINGOZZI	Assistant Judge
	Elisa CAPELLO	Judge
	Valeria MARIANO	Judge
	Francesco TAMAGNONE	Judge
	Massimiliano BOGGE	Judge
	Andrea TEMO	Judge
	Marco ANTONGIROLAMI	Judge
<u>JAPAN</u>	Takashi ONOSE	Judge
	Tioshiki YAMASHIRO	Assistant Judge
	Kazutaka NAKATA	Assistant Judge

NEW ZEALAND

David HAMILTON	Judge
Roger GAULT	Judge

RUSSIA

Tamara AMELKINA	Judge
Tatyana ANTONOVA	Judge
Georgy ARBUZOV	Judge
Mikhail BALANDIN	Judge
Anatoly BESFAMILNY	Judge
Arkady BEZROUKOV	Judge
Mikhail BIBISHEV	Judge
Valery BOLVACHEV	Judge
Viktor BRIKAEV	Judge
Victor DEGTYAR	Judge
Sergey DERBASOV	Judge
Tamara EGORKINA	Judge
Alexander FROLOV	Judge
Garri GEORKOV	Judge
Vasily GOLOVKIN	Judge
Irina GROUCHINA	Judge
Ljubov GUBAR	Judge
Gennady IVANOV	Judge
Nikolay KOMKOV	Judge
Liudmila KORNEVA	Judge
Lidya KORNILOVA	Judge
Liudmila NIKOLAEVA	Judge
Vladimir PANARIN	Judge
Jury PETRENIK	Judge
Georgy PLAKUSHCHIY	Judge
Alexander POLETAEV	Judge
Nikolay RODIONOV	Judge
Galina SHPIGOVSKAYA	Judge
Valery SMIRNOV	Judge

Valery TISHKIN	Judge
Anatoly ULANOV	Judge
Petr VASILYEV	Judge
Alexander ZLOBIN	Judge
Tatjana ZUEVA	Judge

SPAIN

José GUILLO	Assistant Judge
Antonio MANJON	Assistant Judge

SWITZERLAND

List on general revision. Names will be published later.

UNITED KINGDOM

Imogen ASKER	Judge
Peter BARKER	Judge
Terry BEAUMONT	Judge
Kevin CINNAMOND	Assistant Judge
Julian DARKER	Judge
Arno GLOVER	Judge
Caroline GOUGH-COOPER	Judge
Roy HARFORD	Judge
Tomas HEHIR	Judge
George HERITAGE	Judge
Gordon HIGGINS	Assistant Judge
Nick HAWES	Judge
Jeremy JAMES	Judge
Gill JENKINS	Assistant Judge
Christopher LANGDON	Assistant Judge
Simon LICHTENSTEIN	Assistant Judge
John MATCHETT	Judge
Alan NORRIS	Judge
John RICHARDSON	Judge
Pat RICHARDSON	Judge
Martin RUTTY	Assistant Judge

Colin SPENCE

Assistant Judge

Candy STOCKTON TRACY

Judge

Edward STURMER

Judge

U.S.A

Walter SONNEBORN

Judge

Jean K. TINSLEY

Assistant Judge