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# Minutes

of the  
**Plenary Meeting**  
of the  
**FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission**  
**(CIMA)**

**Held in Phuket, Thailand**  
On 22nd to 23rd November 2013  
starting at 09h00

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*Note: the Microlight and Paramotor sub-committees met in the afternoon of 21 November 2012 in the Mercure Phuket Deevana hotel, in Phuket Thailand.*

## 1. Roll Call

The President introduced himself, welcomed Delegates and introduced them to Group Captain Veerauth DIDYASARIN, President of the Royal Aeronautics Sports Association of Thailand (RASAT) and host of this meeting in the Mercure Phuket Deevana hotel.

Group Captain Veerauth DIDYASARIN very generously stated that RASAT would be paying for all coffee breaks, lunches and dinner Friday 22nd evening; including for accompanying persons.

A PowerPoint presentation to guide the conduct of the whole meeting is attached as **Annex 1**

The President asked the Plenary to stand in silence in memory of Stephan SHRESTHA, CIMA delegate for Nepal who had passed away earlier in the year.

### Those present:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR, CIMA President)

### Delegates/Alternates:

BRA	Gustavo Henrique ALBRECHT	MAS	Rohaizi Md HUSSIN
CHN	HAN Zhaofang	NOR	Tormod VEIBY
CZE	Jana BOBKOVA	POL	Wojtek DOMANSKI
EST	Paap KÖLAR	POR	Carlos TRIGO
FRA	Patrice GIRARDIN (Treasurer)	ROU	Adrian BUZAN
GER	Wolfgang LINTL (1st Vice-President)	SVK	Marián SLUK
HUN	Erzsebet VIZAKNAI (Secretary)	SWE	Tomas BACKMAN
INA	Ari Ahmad EFFENDI	SUI	Hans FRITSCHÉ
INA	Wunwun MAULUDI	THA	Nayot KURUKITKOSON
ITA	Pietro D'INTINO	TPE	LAI Chien-Chih
JPN	Ryoya IGARASHI		

Rob HUGHES was introduced as the Acting FAI Secretary General and representative of FAI Secretariat in the meeting.

Tom GUNNARSON (USA), a past CIMA Secretary, was introduced. The meeting accepted that he was most welcome to attend the meeting in the status of Observer.

### Apologies and Proxies:

#### Apologies

Received from: Jose Luis ESTEBAN (ESP), Louis BERGER (BEL), Roy BEISSWENGER (USA), Robert GRIMWOOD (GBR)

#### Proxies

The following were received in good order:

FIN to EST; GBR to POL; AUT to GER; ESP to NOR; USA to SWE

## 2. Conflict of interest declarations

Mr. DOMANSKI (POL) is employed by Dudek, manufacturers of paramotor canopies.

## 3. Minutes of 2012 CIMA Meeting

The Minutes were published at the beginning of 2013.

**The Minutes were APPROVED** without any alteration.

## 4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

## 5. Report of the acting FAI Secretary General

Rob Hughes explained that Jean-Marc Badan had resigned as FAI Secretary General and would leave the FAI in October. Executive Board were in the process of selecting a replacement. In the meantime he was in some capacities the Acting Secretary General.

The General Conference in Kuala Lumpur had gone off well. Perhaps the most radical change was the introduction of an electronic voting system which considerably speeds business. While the equipment has not been brought to this meeting, it is available for use in future Commission meetings.

He apologized for there still being no new Organizer agreement, but this was a complex issue and other work had meant Secretariat had not been able to devote as much time to it as desired. He confirmed that Executive Board had stated at the General Conference this was now an item of the highest priority.

In his capacity as Senior Sports Manager he had been the Competition Manager for airsports at the World Games, Cali, Colombia in late July, overseeing the Paragliding (Accuracy), Parachuting (Canopy Piloting) and Aeromodelling (Indoor Aeromusicals, as a demonstration event.). Despite some difficulties with the LOC in the build up to the event it went off very well. With more than 3000 athletes and 1500 officials TWG is considered the World's premier multi-sports event short of the Olympics and there may be a small opportunity to get Paramotors into the next edition in Wroclaw, Poland in 2017.

## 6. CIMA Bureau Report

The President reported on Bureau activities in the past year, including:

- Bureau in almost daily communication
- Withdrawal of sanction to EPC 2013
- 3 May 2013; ASC Presidents meeting.
- July 2013; 2014 budget submitted
- 6 -17 August 2013; EMC Kamenica Nad Cirochou, Slovak Republic
- 9-15 September 2013 ; WSPC Aspres sur Buech, France
- 2 October 2013: ASC Presidents meeting, Kuala Lumpur
- 3 October 2013: CASI meeting, Kuala Lumpur
- 4-5 October: FAI General Conference, Kuala Lumpur
- Matters arising from Kuala Lumpur
- Parabatix Dubai

Further details in **Annex 1**

## 7. Delegates' Reports

These are attached in **annexes 7**

## 8. 2013 - FAI European Paramotor Championships - Otepa, EST

At the last plenary the organizer did not succeed to present a valid Local Regulation and Task Catalogue, the Organizers Agreement was still not signed due to matters raised by Mr. Kolar. The Bureau was commissioned by the plenary to work out solutions with Mr. Kolar respecting a strict timeline. Despite of all the efforts from the Bureau members and Senior Sports Manager the organizer did not respect the set deadlines which led to withdrawal of the sanction in late January 2013.

## 9. 2013 - 12th FAI European Microlight Championship - Kamenica nad Cirochou, SLO

This event was considered a success, although there were concerns due the lack of Slovakian competitors. The Jury President's report is attached as **Annex 9**

## 10. 2013 1st FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships - Aspres sur Beuch

The Championship had been a great success, very well organised.  
The President congratulated the organizers for doing such a pioneer work.  
The Jury President's report is attached as **Annex 10**

## 11. 1st FAI Asian Oceanic Paramotor Championships/ABG test Phuket Thailand

The Championships were considered a great success due to the talented Organizers who were able to meet all the challenges which occurred related to the site and weather. The Local Regulations and Task Catalogues were well prepared; the venue was perfect for Paramotors. Both the President and the First Vice president congratulated on the organizers success.

The monitor and Jury President's reports are attached as **Annex 11**

An issue arose over two Championship record claims by Alexandre Mateos.

Championship records were designed to only be available to competitors in championships because that is the only occasion they can be controlled by a CIMA appointed International Jury. In this case Alexandre Mateos (FRA) was competing in the ABG test event (Cat 2), but was not eligible to compete in the simultaneously occurring Cat 1 AOPC. Nevertheless, an AOPC Jury was present and controlled the record attempts by him according to all the rules on the basis that this Plenary (a few days later) might find a way of allowing them to be claimed.

The two performances were:

Clover Leaf Slalom; 33.18 sec

- Current 36.31 sec, Alexandre Mateos 2012 EPC Marugán (Spain)

Japanese slalom; 49.83 sec

- Current 56.95 sec, Ramón Morillas (ESP) 2006 EPC León (Spain)

### **Proposal:**

Change the existing text:

*S10 3.17.2 Championship records for Microlights and Paramotors can only be established during valid competition tasks by bona-fide competitors at a FAI category 1 Microlight or Paramotor championships or a FAI World Air Games.*

To:

*S10 3.17.2 Championship records for Microlights and Paramotors can only be established during valid competition tasks by bona-fide competitors at a FAI Microlight or Paramotor championship where a CIMA appointed international jury is present, or at a FAI World Air Games.*

**Vote:** This was APPROVED.

**Proposal:** The Plenary agrees this can apply retrospectively to the two record claims in question.

**Vote:** This was APPROVED.

## 12. Championships 2014

### **14th FAI World Microlight Championships and 8th FAI World Paramotor Championships Hungary:**

The organizers were obliged to change the venue of the competition from Dunaújváros to Matkópuszta. The plenary agreed to this change.

Documents: **Annex 12a**

The Local Regulation and Task Catalogue was approved for both competitions.

The Organizers Agreement was signed.

Officials were appointed

Jury: Wolfgang LINTL  
René VERSHUEREN  
Grant FINNEY

Stewards: José Luis ESEBAN  
Marta DENIS

### **Asian Beach Games**

RMH appointed Technical delegate by FAI EB

13-14 November 2013; attended ABG Technical Delegates meeting.

Planning seems to be going well for the event in November 2014

More detail in **Annex 1** and on the wiki

### **European Paramotor Slalom Championships**

**Proposal:** Add Continental Paramotor Slalom championships to the calendar, alternate years to WPSC

**Vote:** Unanimously APPROVED.

This permitted a bid by France to hold the 1st FAI European Paramotor Slalom Championships to be introduced. It had been received in the permitted time.

Bid document: **Annex 12b**

**Vote:** Unanimously APPROVED. France will hold the 1st EPSC at Couhe

The Bureau was given the authority to select suitable officials.

<b>13. Championships 2015 – Bids to be confirmed.</b>
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#### **WPSC 2015**

Poland presented a bid; **Annex 13a**

**Vote:** The bid was APPROVED The 2nd FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships 2015 are awarded to Poland.

Organizer Agreement to be signed at or before the 2014 Plenary.

Officials to be appointed at the 2014 plenary.

Local regulations and task catalogue to be submitted before the 2014 plenary agenda deadline for approval at the plenary.

#### **EMC 2015**

Slovakia presented a bid; **Annex 13b**

Poland presented a bid; **Annex 13c**

**Vote:** The bid from Poland was APPROVED The 13th FAI European Microlight Championships 2015 are awarded to Poland.

Monitor and officials to be appointed at the 2014 plenary.

Organizer Agreement to be signed at or before the 2014 Plenary.

Local regulations and task catalogue to be submitted before the 2014 plenary agenda deadline for approval at the plenary.

#### **EPC 2015**

Romania presented a bid; **Annex 13d**

It was noted that since no Romanian had ever visited a Paramotor championships they would have to bring in experienced outside help in the form of at least a Competition Director, Chief marshal and chief scorer and these should be in place before the OA could be signed on behalf of FAI. It was strongly recommended that a team of competitors and prospective officials should also attend the WPC 2014 in Matkópuszta to gain experience.

**Vote:** Unanimously APPROVED. The 6th FAI European Paramotor Championships 2015 are awarded to Romania but subject to the above conditions.

Organizer Agreement to be signed at or before the 2014 Plenary.

Local regulations and task catalogue to be submitted before the 2014 plenary agenda deadline for approval at the plenary.

Officials to be appointed at the 2014 Plenary.

#### **AOPC 2015**

Malaysia presented a bid; **Annex 13e**

**Vote:** unanimously APPROVED The 2nd FAI Asian-Oceanic Paramotor Championships 2015 are awarded to Malaysia.

Organizer Agreement to be signed at or before the 2014 Plenary.

Local regulations and task catalogue to be submitted before the 2014 plenary agenda deadline for approval at the plenary.

Officials to be appointed at the 2014 Plenary.

#### 14. Continental Championships 2016 – Provisional bids

The president informed the meeting that the expression of interest it had received from Belgium in 2011 for WPC 2016 had now been withdrawn.

Provisional bids were presented for the World Microlight Championships 2016, one by the delegate of Slovakia and one on behalf of the United Kingdom. **Annex 14**

Messages had also been received suggesting UK are considering making a joint bid for WMC & WPC at the same venue for 2016.

The meeting thanked both bidders, no decision was made pending presentations at the 2014 meeting.

#### 15. Championships beyond 2016 - Bids?

It was stated that Vietnam might be intending to bid for the World Paramotor Slalom Championship in 2017. They will be hosting the Asian Beach Games in 2016.

Thailand said they might consider bidding to host the World Air Games in 2017.

#### 16. World Air Games

The FAI representative briefed the plenary on the current situation and future plans: There had been two possible contenders for 2015, but it was still unknown whether either would go ahead.

#### 17. Working Group reports

##### **IT:**

The report is at **Annex 17a**

Through lack of time, no progress had been made on the data collection project approved last year with a budget of 5000 Eur, however it was thought it might be possible to do a deal with whoever got the scoring contract for ABG 2014 where if CIMA contributed to the cost of the data-collection element for the games, it would get a system to its specification, built by experts, but at a bargain price. ABG TDs had been told in November that Sansyong-Swiss-timing or MSL were in the frame for the contract which would be awarded in January 2014.

##### **World League Cup :**

Due to the appalling mess that is FAI accounts, prior to the meeting it was thought the WLC in 2013 was not valid through lack of events which had paid their sanction fee.

Questions to individual delegates the day before the meeting established that in fact there may have been enough valid events after all. Specific questions about the sanction fee payments were fired off to Lausanne, and this was found to be true. A league table was therefore constructed overnight by the hard work of Wojtek Domanski, ready for an awards ceremony the next day.

World League Cup Diplomas for 2013 were awarded to:

##### INDIVIDUAL

1st Grzegorz KRZYZANOWSKI POL  
2nd Andrzej MALKUSZ POL  
3rd Jakub ŠEDIVÝ CZE

##### NATION

1st Poland  
2nd Czech Republic  
3rd Thailand

Full results: **Annex 17b**

Because it had been assumed the WLC was not valid, no diplomas were physically available at the meeting. **Action:** These to be prepared and despatched by FAI Secretariat as soon as possible.

The consensus amongst delegates was that it is ridiculous, inappropriate, and contrary to the objectives of the WLC for the results to have to be calculated the night before the awards ceremony, but unavoidable if FAI Secretariat cannot supply the most basic information about sanction fee payments. The President was urged to press Executive Board to fix its accounting practices so CIMA can run its WLC properly.

**Microlight Autogyros:**

Since the work of the group was to bring Microlight Autogyros into the scope of Sporting Code Section 10, and this was now complete, the group's president Wolfgang LINTL recommended the closing of the working group.

**Vote:** This was APPROVED. The group is dissolved.

<b>18. Committee reports</b>
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**Microlight Committee**

The committee met the day before the main plenary meeting.

**Paramotor Committee**

The committee met the day before the main plenary meeting; Agenda and report: **Annex 18a**

The committee proposed to the Plenary:

1) In order to limit the risks associated with Slalom Championship, it may be necessary to introduce limits (eg area, wing loading). A useful measurement method must be developed, since the information provided by the manufacturer is generally not to be trusted.

An experiment should be conducted at ESPC 2014 to collect data for later analysis:

- a) Weigh all competitors and their equipment to determine the TOW
- b) Measure canopy area using the simple procedure developed by CIVL.

This was APPROVED

2) For Slalom Championships there will be a separate Local Regulations and Task Catalogue to be added as a new annex to SC Sec. 10.

A Working Group to be established to do this work consisting of Patrice Girardin, Wojtek Domanski and members of the Sec.-10-sub committee, to produce a draft version for approval by the 2014 meeting.

This was APPROVED

**Flight Recorder Approval Committee (FRAC):**

The committee reported that there had been no new developments in flight recorders except there had been some contact with Flytec, who had combined with Brauniger, and were interested to make their current offerings compatible with the CIMA flight recorder specification. After further discussions it became apparent that their memory and processing power would not be adequate, but this would not be a problem in the next generation of devices they had plans for; they promised to get back to us at the appropriate time.

**Internal Regulations**

There had been no proposals for changes.

CIMA president described the new 'handbook' recently approved by CASI at its meeting in October as the best publication of an internal regulations he had seen. He urged to CIMA internal regulations committee to do a review of the CIMA internal regulations with a view to producing a new version in the same format.

**WAG Microlights**

Wolfgang LINTL presented a report of the work of the committee, **Annex 18b** and announced that he no longer wished to be chairman of the committee when it came to the elections.

**WAG Paramotors**

The chairman said the committee had done nothing while there was still no news of the next WAG.

**S10**

Some proposals to change the CIMA Sporting Code were agreed

Summary of changes: **Annex 18c**

All proposals: **Annex 18d**

## 19. Honours, medals and awards

### Colibri Diploma

There were no nominations for the diploma.

### The Ann Welch Diploma

All candidates: **Annex 19**

**Vote:** The diploma was awarded to **Chris ATKINSON**

Claim No. 16740 in RPF1Tm, Distance in a closed circuit with limited fuel, 170.50 km

The meeting congratulated him for his splendid achievement.

The President apologised for the fact that he had still not acted upon the 2011 instruction to ask the FAI Executive Board to amend the FAI By-Laws to include a second Ann Welch Diploma for Paramotoring.

## 20. CIMA financial report and budget

The current financial report and the 2014 budget are attached as **Annex 20**

### 2013 Financial report

The Treasurer explained the report was not up to date as there were still some items not yet received, including the expenses from the President. Given the confusion over the WLC sanction fee payments there was no guarantee there were not other items missing too.

Whilst the precise accuracy of the accounts was unknown, in general it is possible to say that CIMA finances are in good shape, primarily because of the new sanction fee incomes from new events such as WPSC and OAPC.

### 2014 Budget

The Treasurer explained that FAI Budgeting rules dictate that the next year's budget must be submitted in July the previous year. The one presented is therefore the one created and submitted in July by the Bureau on behalf of the Plenary and it is presented here for plenary approval.

The Treasurer emphasised the short comings of the FAI finances and how this situation affects CIMA. He recommended to request our own bank account from the FAI which would help to keep a better track of our incomes and expenses.

**Proposal:** Executive Board is urged to give CIMA a separate bank account.

**Vote:** Unanimously APPROVED

The Treasurer promoted the idea that we are open to ideas for development programs and capital projects, They should be sent to the Bureau before July 2014 to included in the 2015 budget.

**Proposal:** Raise the Sanction fee for competitors from 29 to 30 EUR.

**Vote:** APPROVED

**Proposal:** The 2014 budget is approved.

**Vote:** Unanimously APPROVED

## 21. Any other business

**Proposal** from FRA: To establish a Hybrid Working Group with a view to defining definitions and new classes for hybrid powered microlights and paramotors:

**Vote:** APPROVED

Chairman: Patrice GIRARDIN, other expert members of his choice and keep the Bureau informed.

Information provided by the Acting Sec Gen suggests the very long-standing desire for winning team members to get small FAI medals is possible by distributing them after an event, but he said the process must be very simple or Secretariat would not agree to cooperate.

**Proposal** from CIMA President: Bureau to find a simple and effective way for Secretariat to do this, with implementation before WMC & WPC in Hungary.

**Vote:** APPROVED



Wolfgang LINTL presented a report on his attendance at the most recent CIMP meeting. **Annex 21**

Paap KOLAR drew attention to a miscalculation of votes during last plenary. The president responded that the procedural rules for meetings are available for all to see in FAI Statutes, Bylaws and CIMA's own Internal Regulations and it is incumbent on all attendees of meetings to point out errors of procedure if one is made. In the case of the error in question there was nothing that could be done now because the issue was past, and he apologised to the meeting on behalf of it for any mistakes that may have been made in the past.

**Proposal** from Wojtek DOMANSKI: In future the Section 10 committee should not have a part in voting on propositions, it should only issue recommendations.

**Vote:** APPROVED

Tom Gunnarson stated that he had quite a large archive of documents from when he was CIMA Secretary.

**Proposal** from CIMA President: Tom Gunnarson be appointed the informal position of 'CIMA Historian' and in this capacity he could improve the archive of documents CIMA already maintains on its wiki.

**Vote:** APPROVED

**Proposal** from FRA: To have two year terms for Bureau members.

**Vote:** NOT approved.

## **22. Election of Officers**

The following were elected:

CIMA President: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

1st Vice President: Wolfgang LINTL

2nd Vice President: Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Secretary: Erzsebet VIZAKNAI

Treasurer: Patrice GIRARDIN

Paramotor Sub-Committee Chairman: Wojtek DOMANSKI

Microlight Sub-Committee Chairman: Wolfgang LINTL

CIMA Delegates to:

ENV: Tom GUNNARSON

CIEA: Han ZHAOFANG

CIMP: Wolfgang LINTL

Flight Recorder Approval Committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (chairman)

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Nayot KURUKITKOSON

Section 10 Editor & Sub-committee Chairman: Rob Hughes

S10 Sub-Committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Carlos TRIGO

Paap KOLAR

Erzsébet VIZAKNAI

IT Working Group

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (chairman)

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Nayot KURUKITKOSON

Internal Regulations Sub-Committee

Patrice GIRARDIN (chairman)

Tormod VEIBY

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY  
Jacek KIBINSKI  
Erzsebet VIZAKNAI

World League Cup Working Group

Wojtek DOMANSKI (chairman)  
Agust GUDMUNDSSON  
Richard MEREDITH-HARDY  
Nayot KURUKITKOSEN  
Paap Kolar

World Air Games Paramotor Liaison Officer: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

World Air Games Paramotor Sub-committee

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (chairman)  
Rene VERSCHUEREN  
Patrice GIRARDIN  
Wojtek DOMANSKI

World Air Games Microlight Liaison Officer: Carlos TRIGO

World Air Games Microlight Sub-Committee

Wolfgang LINTL (chairman)  
Tormod VEIBY  
Paul DEWHURST (GBR, not present)  
Antonio MARCHESI  
Vladimir SILHAN

CIMA official historian: Tom GUNNARSON

<b>23. Calendar</b>
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a) Date of next CIMA Plenary:

27 to 29 November 2014 at the MSI Lausanne, Switzerland

b) Agenda deadline

45 days before – 13 October 2014 at 23:59 CET

c) S10 amendments deadline

45 days before – 13 October 2014 at 23:59 CET

<b>24. Closing</b>
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In conclusion, the President thanked Group Captain Veerauth DIDYASARIN, RASAT and Thailand for being such splendid hosts for the meeting and he also thanked all Delegates for their work and their attendance at the meeting.

Erzsébet Vizaknai  
CIMA Secretary