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Meeting of Microlight Committee

Friday 19th November 11h00 - 12h30 GMT

Meeting of Paramotor Committee

Friday 19th November 13h00 - 15h00 GMT

Plenary meeting of the FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission

Saturday 20th November. 3 Meeting sessions

1100 – 1230 GMT

1300 – 1430 GMT

1500 – 1630 GMT

Sunday 21st November

1100 – 1230 GMT (voting on S10 proposals and officials took place during this session)

1300 – 1430 GMT

The meetings took place via Zoom. A meeting link was circulated to registered delegates and alternate delegates in advance of the event.

1 Welcome & Administrative Matters

1.1 Roll-Call

The CIMA President opened the meeting.

He welcomed all participants, especially those who are with are attending for the first time or listen as observer. He introduced the bureau: 1 VP Rob Hughes, 2nd VP Krisztian Dolhai. Secretary Barney Townsend is not with us for very urgent personal reasons. He apologised for that.

The FAI Secretary General will join the plenary at a later stage.

Attendees are David Monks FAI President, Agust Gudmundson, FAI EB Finance Director, further Pankul Mathur, EB-Member, and from the FAI Medical and Physiological Commission (CIMP) Marja Osinga.

The President asked for a moment of silence for those, who passed away since our last plenary. He mentions 2 names: Alek Dernbach from Poland and Maxim Semenov from Russia.

Some housekeeping issues about the procedure to run this plenary:

As done at the online FAI General conference it was proposed, that whenever a need to vote, it should be performed as an open vote. It will only asked about the votes against and abstentions.

In case of the need to have a secret ballot, 1st VP Rob Hughes prepared a voting procedure as last year.

One last word about procedure: I am very happy that we have so many attendees this time. And happy to have several observers for different reasons. Very warm welcome. But have in mind, that we have a limited time available to do our work. That means, that at first hand only delegates or alternate delegates are permitted to speak. All others only for important reasons or if invited by me.

Before the next agenda item FAI President David Monks welcomed the CIMA delegates.

No apologies received in time by FAI secretariat.

No valid proxies received by FAI head office.

21 Countries represented in person by delegates:

Great Britain (GBR)
Germany (GER),
Spain (ESP)
Brazil (BRA),
Switzerland (SUI),
Poland (POL),
Norway (NOR),
Ukraine (UKR)
Czech Republic (CZE),
Hungary (HUN)
Romania (ROU),
Saudi Arabia (KSA),
Qatar (QAT)
Japan (JPN)
France (FRA)
Greece (GRE)
United States of America (USA)
Sweden (SE)

Lithuania (LT)
Malaysia (MY)
Austria (AT)

1.2 Agenda

Agenda version 1.0 was distributed to the delegates on 7 October.

There was no request for any sequence change or amendments.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

1.3 Conflict of interest

Declaration of conflicts of interest.

Wojtek DOMANSKI (POL) is involved in the manufacture of paragliders for motors.

Daniel SPRING (SUI) is involved in the manufacture of gyrocopters

1.4 Minutes from 2020 CIMA meeting

The minutes of our last plenary had been published early February 2021 and are accessible since at the dedicated webspace at the FAI website.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

2 Report of the FAI

2.1 Report FAI Secretary General

CIMA-President introduced the topic. W Lintl expressed that FAI was in a very difficult situation since a few years. Since last year we have a new President, David Monks from United Kingdom, very active in the Rotorcraft Commission before. With the exception of two persons, all members in the FAI Executive Board had been newly elected in Dec 2020. FAI's financial situation is visibly improving, largely due to cost-cutting exercises in the FAI, mainly in the secretariat.

The Secretary General would provide further details, combining agenda items 2.1, 2.2 (FAI General Conference) and 2.3. (Status of new FAI finance system).

The FAI Secretary General, Markus Haggene, thanked for the opportunity to report to CIMA delegates. He shared his extensive presentation on the screen.

FAI Secretary General explained that the following presentation was a compilation of various presentations for the FAI General Conference held recently between 09-11 Nov 2021. He pointed at the fact that all such presentations and further support material have been shared with FAI stakeholders through a dedicated cloud-space. In case of more detailed interest, Commission delegates are invited to initiate contact with their NAC representative.

Main topics of the report were on the recent FAI GC:

- statutory report of the FAI president
- statutory report of the FAI Secretary General.
 - GC 2020 decision and Budget 2021
 - Projects in FAI and Secretariat following the 'budget 2020 narrative'
 - Finance projects (accounting tools, budgeting procedures)
 - Anti-Doping activities. Focus: education material on fai.org. CAS case (Dec 2020) against Russia with impact on FAI sanctioned World Championships in 2021 and 2022.
 - FAI communication: website and communication tools and channels

- Statistics: records and sanctioned events by year/by commission
- IT projects (delivered and in the pipeline for 2022)
- Staffing in the office (secretariat is now down to 5.4 full time equivalent). Adjusting to the pandemic.
- Finances 2020 (audit)
 - FAI results for the year 2020
 - FAI special reserves (for the year 2020 and accumulated)
 - Social charges audit 2015-2020
- Finances 2021
 - Monthly reports of actuals to all Commissions
 - Monthly management report to EB (receivables, payables, unpaid invoices)
 - Based on Q1-Q3: positive outcome for FAi overall expected for year-end 2021
- Membership matters
 - Class changes and impact on budget
 - Board of Inquiry related to Egypt (GC voted in favour of the recommendations of the Board of inquiry)
 - Members not in good standing, members to be suspended, members to be expelled (as of 01.01.2022)
- Finances 2022
 - Budget narrative and budget figures (Administrative & General, Commission budgets)
 - Submitted total FAI budget slightly positive for 2022
 - Commission investments supported by approx. 100'000 CHF from the reserves
 - Budget 2022 unanimously approved by GC

3 CIMA Bureau report on its activity since the last plenary

The President reports about some inactivity of some delegates, and expressed his fears about future improvement.

Then he talked about some success stories.

The first was the change in the FAI President chair, Mr David Monks took over the leadership, and there is a slight change in the FAI executive board as well.

Mr Monks opened the door for the commissions in terms of collaboration.

One of the results of this was the travel insurance for competition officials.

The other success story was with Capt. Khalil Al Jabri from Oman. He is an enthusiastic paramotor pilot and he is passionate about introducing others flying a Paramotor. For sure, young women are of course part of the Oman Paramotor Team that Capt. Kahlil has formed. His aim is to be get his Oman Paramotor Team an associated FAI member. Capt. Khalil invited me to visit Oman, see the paramotor activities and some spots, were Paramotor events can be held. This contact was established by our well know Delegate from Saudi Arabia, Aref Al Shammari. I would like to thank him for his effort very much. But back to the visit: I had the opportunity to meet three members of the Sultanate government: the Minister for Tourism, the Minister for Transport. All the leading politician promised their full support. That these were no empty words was shown a few days ago. Under the patronage of the Minister for Sport (by the way the son of the Oman Ruler Sultan Haitham), the "Oman Air Sports Committee" has been founded.

Due to the pandemic situation most of the competitions were postponed, but now we hope that we will have a successful year again.

The President thanked Endre Molnar for his work in the past as Treasurer. Due to his lack of availability we need to elect a new treasurer later in the meeting.

3.1 Competitions overview

Issues arising from cancellation of competitions in 2021 as a result of COVID-19, with general postponement until 2022.

CIMA President reports: No need to say, that COVID 19 had and has still a huge impact on everybody's personal situation but also on our sport. Due to travel restriction on both sides - the hosting country and the competitor's countries. And some strict rules for event organiser. At least it was difficult to predict the development of the Pandemic. Therefore, CIMA Bureau postponed all planned competition. This was also done to protect the local organiser from excessive financial risks, due to the uncertain number of participants.

The bureau about some open national competition with very good attendance, but it still believes that CIMA bureau and the event organiser together made the right decision.

4 Delegate reports

CIMA president pointed out, that it is very frustrating year by year to ask all delegates several times to upload their country reports on the wiki – unfortunately without much success.

He thanked those, who send their reports.

He urgently ask the delegates to upload the report until the end of the plenary session.

Delegate reports are available on the CIMA wiki documents for 2021 Plenary at:

<http://wiki.fai.org/display/cimaPlenaries/2021+Documents+and+reports>

Each delegate was asked about any issues arising from their reports to raise for discussion. No further issues were raised.

5 Reports on the 2021 Championships

None

6 FAI Championships 2022 – Bids to be carried forward

Event organisers will upload any relevant information or updates in relation to their postponed 2020 championships to the CIMA wiki in advance of the plenary for delegates to read. The organisers will then be available for questions during the plenary meeting

The Loc Reg and TC of all three 2022 competition had been on the wiki since a while – some are updated two days before the plenary. There was a discussion about the Loc. Reg for WPSC, but this problem was solved by the relevant subcommittee. The chairmen will report later.

At the end of this agenda item, the plenary need to decide about some officials. CIMA Secretary Barney Townsend has send an urgent call for proposals, who is suitable and experienced, to serve the community as an official.

6.1 11th FAI World Paramotor Championships 2022, Brazil

20th-30th April 2022, Saquarema, Brazil. Presentation from Ricardo Maciel. See wiki:

<http://wiki.fai.org/download/attachments/42074198/WPC-2020+Venue+Presentation.pdf>

Officials for WPC: Monitor Barney Townsend (GBR), Steward Ellen Hyleboos (BEL), Jury Richard Meredith-Hardy (GBR), Han Zhaofang (CHN), Noel Mazaudier (FRA).

The presentation is included in **Annex 1**.

6.2 17th FAI World Microlight Championships 2022, Czech Republic

2022, České Budějovice - letiště Hosín. Presentation from Petr Jonáš:
Officials for WMC: Monitor4 Krisztian Dolhay (HUN), Steward: Michael Kania (GER), Jury Wolfgang Lintl (GER), Tim Burrow (GBR), Martin Carpio (ESP)

6.3 4th FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships – Czech Republic

Presentation from Jana Bobkova.
Officials for WPSC: **Monitor Still to be Confirmed**, Steward jury: Wolfgang Lintl (GER), Sultan Alenzi (KSA), Oscar Mistri (ITA).

7 FAI Championships 2022 – New championship bids

As we have a full calendar with 3 Cat 1 events no bid is necessary.

CIMA President remind all nation interested to host a CAT 1 event in future to prepare a formal bid well in advance of the plenary.

8 FAI Championships 2023 - Provisional Bids

8.1 5th FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships 2023

Spain sends a bid for hosting the 5th WPSC in Bornos, a well-known place. Before Martin is invited to present the bid, please have in mind, that CIMA usually have at the year after World Championships a continental one.

The bid presentation is available on the wiki at

<http://wiki.fai.org/download/attachments/42074198/MUNDIAL+2023.pdf>

and is included in **Annex 2**.

The paramotor subcommittee agreed, that due to a low interest in paramotor slalom championships outside Europe, the usual pattern to hold Continental Championships every second year interchanged with World Championships shall be postponed until a bid for first non-European continentals is delivered to CIMA.

16th FAI European Microlight Championships 2023

There was no bids represented at the Microlight subcommittee meeting, nor a show of interest.

4th FAI Asian-Oceania Paramotor Championships 2023

No bids have so far been received

8.2 Other FAI Continental championships; Americas

No bids have so far been received

9 Other Championships 2021 - 2023

9.1 Asian Beach Games 2020

Postponed until 2023. Island of Sanya will be the venue, accessible only for pilots from Asia and Arab countries

10 FAI Championships 2022-2023

10.1 Classic World Championships

At the 2019 plenary Saudi Arabia expressed an interest in hosting WPC 2022.

Unfortunately, Saudi did not allow Paramotor flying since 2019. CIMA president will try to intervene.

10.2 Slalom World Championships

At the 2019 plenary both France and Spain expressed an interest in hosting WPSC 2023. Poland placed a bid for Przykona. Paramotor subcommittee voted by majority for Bornos (ESP).

There are 4 nations interested to hold the WPSC 2024: Poland in Prrzykona, Brazil in a newly build stadium, Egypt, France.

Oman is waiting to become a member of FAI and intend to bid for a classic or slalom competition as soon as are they are entitled to.

10.3 Classic Continental Championships

There is an informal declaration of interest for the 7th EPC 2023 in Belgium.

10.4 Slalom Continental Championships

No further information has been received in time.

10.5 Paramotor Endurance Championships

At the 2019 plenary Great Britain expressed an interest in hosting WPEC 2023.

Due to personal circumstance Barney Townsend (GBR) can not present his bid today. The information will be circulated to delegates early in 2022 for later approval at the 2022 plenary. It should be noted that the British National Paramotor Championships 2022 will take place 6th-10th July 2022 and will be used as a trial event for the WPEC. Pilots from CIMA member countries are warmly invited to join the event. Details will be available at www.ppgcomps.co.uk.

11 Working group reports

11.1 IT

Richard expressed his excuses about his missing time to improve the CIMA Wiki server, and stated that he will not charge any fee in the future to CIMA.

So far Krzysztof ROMICKI (POL), Barney TOWNSEND (GBR), Lukas BEHONEK (CZE) are members of this working group.

There is no formal report this year of the IT working group.

11.2 World League Cup

Wojtek Domanski will report. Document is uploaded at our wiki on:

<http://wiki.fai.org/download/attachments/42074198/WLC+Report+2020-21.pdf>

and is included in **Annex 3**.

Details about the **result** will be discussed at item 14.3 of the agenda.

11.3 Endurance Championships

There was a successful 4th British National Paramotor Championships that was run under this format in 2021. Pilots report finding it enjoyable and challenging, and it is attracting new pilots to competition.

12 Committee reports

12.1 Microlight Committee

Petr Jonáš reported.

Petr reported about the microlight committee meeting, and welcomed the new ideas about making our sport more open to the public and thanked his effort to the Spanish and Norwegian teams.

The minutes of the microlight committee are included in **Annex 4**.

12.2 Paramotor Committee

Wojtek Domanski reported.

The minutes of the paramotor committee are included in **Annex 5**.

12.3 FRAC - Flight Recorder Approval Committee

So far Krzysztof ROMICKI (POL), Barney TOWNSEND (GBR), Lukas BEHONEK (CZE) are part of this Committee.

Richard reported that this committee requires a new leader, and he would stay rather in background, but at the end of the discussion he stayed in position.

Krzysztof Romicki (POL) suggested that Krisztian Dolhai (HUN) shall be leading the committee, but Wolfgang Lintl (CIMA President) communicated that he should not take so many roles.

12.4 S10 Committee; FAI Sporting Code - Section 10 Proposals

All current proposals are maintained online at S10 Current Proposals:

No.	Title	Class	Microlight Vote	Paramotor Vote	S10 committee vote	Approved?	Notes
1	Decrease differential between risers in Competition wings	PARA	ABS	Withdrawn		Withdrawn	
2	Slalom Scoring	PARA	ABS	YES		YES	
3	New navigation task	Micro	YES	ABS		YES	
4	Using TYPE 1 FR Approved by GAC or IGC	All	YES	YES		YES	Task to the FR team to further investigate this together with the 2023 Class 1 event organisers, and force Bureau to approve

							the FR team's decision.
5	PROPOSAL TO APPLY FOR THE RPL1 FEMALE PARAMOTOR TRIKE CATEGORY		ABS	NO		NO	

No Section 10 editors report was available this year due to personal reasons but the original proposals as submitted can be found on the CIMA wiki at:

<http://wiki.fai.org/display/cimaS10/2021+Proposals>

13 Reports from delegates in expert groups and commissions

13.1 CIMP

Report by Wolfgang Lintl was uploaded on our wiki and is included in **Annex 6**.

13.2 ENVC

Report by Tom Gunnarson was uploaded to our wiki and is included in **Annex 7**.

14 Honours, medals and awards

14.1 Colibri Diploma

No nominations have been received this year.

14.2 Ann Welch Diplomas

A list of candidates was circulated in advance of the Plenary for consideration and voting.

firstname	Subclass	Record type	Ratified Date	NA C	Performance	Previous record	% change
Krisztian Dolhai	RAL2T	Distance over a closed circuit without landing	30.04.2021	HU N	1 036,073 km	1022.67km, 2018	1.31
Krisztian Dolhai	RAL2T	Speed over a closed circuit of 1 000 km	30.04.2021	HU N	154,9 km/h	121.1km, 2018	27.91
Jean-Claude	RWL1T	Distance in a straight line without landing	11.03.2021	FR A	906,9 km	811.64km, 1987	11.74
Daniel Tydecks	RPL1T	Distance over a closed circuit without landing	30.04.2021	GE R	303,3 km	249.9km 2019	21.37

Krisztian Dolhai (Microlight) and Daniel Tydecks (Paramotor) were voted for the Ann Welch diploma 2021. Congratulations to these pilots.

14.3 World League Cup.

Results will be available on CIMA WIKI and is included in **Annex3**. By combining 2020 with 2021, 6 Events were eligible for the WLC this year. 88 pilots from 14 countries were included.

Individual championship:

1st: Naif AL-BALOSHI (QAT)

2nd: Lubos HALAMA (CZE)

3rd: Dimitrios KOLLIAKOS (GRE)

Nation Championship:

1st: Czech Republic

2nd: France

3rd: Poland

Congratulations to all of these pilots and countries.

14.4 Other Award Business

Wolfgang Lintl reported about a proposal for a 'Hall of Fame'. After discussion the bureau was tasked to write a proposal for the next plenary.

15 CIMA Financial Report and Budget

15.1 Status of Financial Situation

15.2 Approval of 2021 accounts

15.3 Approval of 2022 budget

15.4 2023 Budget – discussion

Reports from Rob Hughes approved with no vote against. The report is included in **Annex 8**.

16 Any other business

16.1 CIMA History

There is plenty of new content added to the history space on the CIMA Wiki site which opens to an introduction and then four major sections breaking out significant eras. The first section now has a few paragraphs and links to documents to give some color to the story of our beginnings.

Content will continue to be added over time to capture more background on the dozens of remaining FAI documents. Please feel free to contact Tom Gunnarson with stories, photos, names or any other information that will help fill out the full CIMA history.

The plenary thanks Tom for his continuing hard work and passion for compiling these important records.

16.2 Delegates request for AOB

New championships model for precision flying. The Norwegian team have made a very colourful presentation about their new style competition, which looked very promising. The competitors can be followed from the ground or thru Internet online during the competition, and have even live camera view on board, and real time scoring. The system is for free and accessible to anyone. They even work together with ANR.

Antonio Marchesi presented ANR, which is also phone based at the moment, similar ideas and tasks to the Norwegian presentation. The only throwback in these proposals is that the phone as a GPS source is not approved by CIMA, so CAT 1 events can not use full benefit of these tasks and systems.

Pawel Surgiel, CEO of R&D company operating in a field of video and streaming technologies. This year I have reached about 1/4 million of live viewers with 50 EUR marketing budget doing a live

streams on just 2 paramotor events. He's sure that to make air sports awareness brighter and would like to pitch that idea.

17 Election of Officers

17.1 CIMA President

The CIMA president stated as follows: CIMA is a small commission. There are not more than up to 4 comps to manage each year. BUT: during the year there are some mails to read, some communication necessary and some time to spend. If this time will be spent continuously during the year, it is not too much even for someone who is not retired.

If delegates will making proposals or if someone accepting a nomination, please have these words in mind and contribute your voluntary work.

The election process was run by Wolfgang Lintl, and for 17.1 by Rob Hughes.

17.1 CIMA President

Wolfgang LINTL (GER) elected with no vote against.

17.2 1st Vice-President

Rob HUGHES (GBR) elected with no vote against.

17.3 2nd Vice-President

Krisztian DOLHAI (HUN) elected with no vote against.

17.4 Treasurer

Tom Gunnarson (USA) elected with no vote against.

17.5 Secretary

Barney TOWNSEND (GBR) elected with no vote against.

17.6 Paramotor committee

Woitek DOMANSKI (POL) elected with no vote against.

17.7 Microlight committee

Petr Jonas (CZE) elected with no vote against.

17.8 S10 Editor and committee

- a. S10 Editor and committee: Barney TOWNSEND (GBR) (editor), Rob HUGHES (GBR), Krisztian DOLHAI (HUN) Petr JONÁŠ (CZE) Aref AL-SHAMMARI (KSA).

17.9 Flight Recorder Approval Committee (FRAC)

- a. Flight Recorder Approval Committee (FRAC): Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR) (chair), Krzysztof ROMICKI (POL), Petr JONÁŠ (CZE), Lukas BEHONEK (CZE).

17.10 IT Working group

- a. IT Working group: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR - chair), Krzysztof ROMICKI (POL), Barney TOWNSEND (GBR), Lukas BEHONEK (CZE).

17.11 World League Cup Working group

- a. World League Cup Working group: Wojtek DOMANSKI (POL), Agust GUDMUNDSSON (ISL), Paap KOLAR (EST), Aref AL-SHAMMARI (KSA), Barney TOWNSEND (GBR), Ricardo MACIEL (BRA).

17.12 CIMA delegate to the FAI Medical Commission (CIMP)

Wolfgang Lintl

17.13 CIMA delegate to the FAI Environmental Commission (ENV)

Tom Gunnarson

18 Calendar

18.1 Date and venue for the next CIMA plenary meeting

In order to confirm conformity with the rules, proposals for venues away from Lausanne must be received by the President or FAI Secretariat 2 weeks before the CIMA Plenary meeting. Options: Switzerland Lausanne - MSI

Date checked with FAI Secretariat are

Paramotor and Microlight Committee meetings: 17th November 2022

CIMA Plenary Meeting: 18-19 November 2022.

18.2 Agenda deadline

45 days in advance of plenary date (4th October 2022). If delegates have items that they would like added to the agenda they should email them to the secretary in advance of this date.

18.3 S10 amendments deadline

45 days in advance of plenary date (4th October 2022). Delegates should upload their proposals to the CIMA wiki in advance of this date.

18.4 Colibri Diploma nominations deadline

60 days in advance of plenary date (19th September 2022). NACs should send their nominations to Segolene Rouillon at FAI (members@fai.org) in advance of this date.

19 Annexes

Annex 1 – Presentation from Brazil about WPC2021.

Annex 2 – Presentation on WPSC2023.

Annex 3 – World League Cup 2020 report

Annex 4 – Minutes of Microlight subcommittee meeting

Annex 5 – Minutes of Paramotor subcommittee meeting

Annex 6 - CIMP report

Annex 7 - ENVC report

Annex 8 – Treasurer’s report

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