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Minutes

of the
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of the
FAI Hang Gliding & Paragliding Commission

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FAI Hang Gliding & Paragliding Commission (CIVL)
Minutes of the Plenary Meeting, Belgrade, Serbia
20th to 21st February, 2015

Open meetings were held on February 19th and 20th. Reports on these meetings are annexed. Annexes refer either to the Agenda or to the Plenary.

1- Opening statement and roll call

The meeting was opened by the CIVL President Agust Gudmundsson. He welcomed the delegates and observers and introduced Susanne Schödel, FAI Secretary General, and Visa-Matti Leinikki, FAI IT Manager.

Voting procedure was explained by Visa-Matti Leinikki.

Roll calls were conducted by Susanne Schödel.

Roll Call Day 1.

30 nations:

Albania, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, China (Republic of), Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, F.Y.R. Macedonia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, USA.

11 proxies:

Canada to USA, Colombia to UK, Finland to Sweden, Hong Kong (China) to Chinese Taipei, Hungary to Slovenia, Iceland to Denmark, Liechtenstein to Switzerland, Korea to China, Malaysia to Indonesia, New Zealand to Australia, Romania to Serbia.

Apologies: none

Number of votes: 41

Number of votes required for simple majority: 21

Number of votes required for 2/3 majority: 28

Roll call Day 2.

29 nations: same as the first day except for Albania, absent.

11 proxies: same as the first day.

Number of votes: 40

Number of votes required for simple majority: 21

Number of votes required for 2/3 majority: 27

Vote: acceptance of electronic voting (E-vote) by show of hand unanimously approved.

All Bureau members were present:

Agust Gudmundsson	President
Goran Dimiskovski	Vice President
Igor Erzen	Vice President
Stéphane Malbos	Vice President
Zeljko Ovuka	Vice President
Hamish Barker	Treasurer
Jamie Shelden	Secretary

Attendance List.

See Plenary Annex 1.

2- Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Yoshiki Oka (Japan), PG importer; Torsten Siegel, (Germany), Gin test pilot.

Presenting PG bid for their country:

Alket Islami (Albania); Antonio Fernades (Portugal); Pietro Bacchi (Italy); Zhaofang Han (China); Murat Baycora (Turkey); Betinho Schmit (Brazil); Goran Dimiskowski (FYR Macedonia); Igor Erzen (Slovenia); Stéphane Malbos (France); Martin Scheel (Switzerland); Thomas Brandelhenner (Austria).

3- Additions to the Agenda

- Bureau information about revising SafePro, ParaPro and the IPPI scheme.
- PG Committee proposal to allow cleaning up of CCC requirements document.
- PG Committee proposal to allow new definition of riser limiters and their controls.
- HG Committee proposal for pilot score and leading coefficient.
- HG Committee proposal to apply to HG XC what has been successfully tested in PG XC.
- HG Committee proposal on altitude measurement.

Vote: additions to the agenda unanimously approved.

Late proposals from Bulgaria were not added to the Agenda (penalties for airspace violation, leading points in tasks with nobody in goal or with at least one pilot in goal).

4- Approval of the minutes of the last Plenary meeting

(Agenda Annex 4).

Vote: minutes unanimously approved.

5- Report of the FAI Secretary General

(Agenda Annex 5).

Susanne Schödel, FAI Secretary General, presented her report.

6- Report of the CIVL President

(Agenda Annex 6).

Agust Gudmundsson presented his report.

7- Report of the Bureau activity

(Agenda Annex 7)

Agust Gudmundsson presented the report.

Decisions that needs the Plenary approval:

Allowed registration deadlines to be modified for the France World HG championships.

Approved and published CIVL GAP 2014 Revision 1.0.

Approved the Local Regulations for the Serbia European PG Accuracy championship.

Approved and published CIVL Competition Class Revision 3.3.

Discussed and published Annex B to CIVL Competition Class document concerning glider controls.

Discussed and published a new version of the Jury and Steward Handbooks.

Published requirements for CIVL Competition Class gliders Revision 3.5.

Modified deadlines for certification of the CIVL Competition Class gliders.

Approved Local regulations for the paragliding XC World in Roldanillo, Colombia.

Approved Local regulations for the hang gliding XC World in Valle de Bravo, Mexico.

Published deadlines, process and measurement template for CIVL Competition Class gliders.

Extended deadline for bidding for Category 1 event in 2017.

Amended Valle de Bravo HG World local regulations.

Suspended the Final Glide Decelerator in PG XC Category 1 competitions.

Amended Roldanillo PG World local regulations.

Vote: Bureau decisions unanimously approved.

8- Report of the CIVL Treasurer

(Agenda Annex 8).

Hamish Barker presented his report.

Vote: report unanimously approved.

9- Approval of the 2012, 2013 and 2014 accounts

(Agenda Annex 9)

Hamish Barker presented the accounts.

Vote: accounts unanimously approved.

10- Discharge of Bureau responsibility for decisions since last Plenary

Vote: discharge unanimously approved.

11- Report on restructuring of the Sporting Code Section 7

(Agenda Annex 10 a,b,c,d)

Agust Gudmundsson presented the project.

Section 7 is reorganized in a General sub-section on one side, and in specific sub-sections on the other: Cross Country, Accuracy and Aerobatic.

Both Hang-Gliding and Paragliding are part of shared Cross-Country sub-section. Rules for both disciplines should be similar as far as possible.

Louise Joselyn and Brian Harris have been commissioned by CIVL to work on the project.

If the Plenary agrees, the Bureau and Committees will amend when necessary the new version of the sub-sections.

The 2016 Plenary will then approve the new Section 7 for an implementation on May 1st, 2016.

Vote: project unanimously approved.

12- Review of the 2014 and 2015 Championships and practice events

Championships

World HG Class 1 Women, 2, 5 and Sport Championships – Annecy, France.

13th FAI European Paragliding Championship – Raska Kopoanik, Serbia.

4th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship – Vrsac, Serbia.
2nd FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championship – Ranau, Malaysia.
2nd FAI Pan-American Paragliding Championship – Tucuman, Argentina.
14th FAI World Paragliding Championship – Roldanillo, Colombia.

Practice events

20th FAI World Hang Gliding Class 1 Championship – Valle de Bravo, Mexico.
8th FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship – Puncak, Bogor, Indonesia.

No questions asked.

13- Proposals from the Bureau

(Agenda Annex 11).

Internal regulations – Term of reference.

Bureau can take decisions along the year.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Internal regulations.

Change of terms.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

CIVL Jury handbook.

Consultation with the steward. Limitation of expenses.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

CIVL Jury handbook.

Stipend.

The proposal is amended by the Bureau (as follows in red).

Implementation on May 1st, 2016.

Vote: amended proposal unanimously approved.

CIVL Steward handbook.

Limitation of expenses.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Practice events.

Mandatory, except with Bureau or Plenary approval.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Change to local regulations.

Review who can make the decision during the competition.

The proposal is amended by the Bureau (as follows in red).

Section 7 A – 2.5.5 / Section 7 B – 2.6.4 / Section 7 C – 2.5.5 now read :

The published rules and regulations, including supplementary regulations, may not be altered once the competition has officially started.

Any additional requirements within the rules needed during the event must be approved during a team leader meeting by the Meet Director, the Jury President and 2/3 of teams leaders present at the meeting. Additional requirements shall not be applied retroactively.

Vote: amended proposal unanimously approved.

Diplomas.

Awarded systematically if medals are awarded.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Awards for hang gliding and paragliding.

Change of terms.

If adopted, it will require CIVL to push a proposal to modify FAI ByLaws.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

WPRS winners.

A specific ranking crowns winners every year.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Committees or Subcommittees.

Change of terms.

If adopted, it will require CIVL to push a proposal to modify FAI Statutes.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Scoring and tracklogs.

Live tracking logs.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Scoring and tracklogs.

Flight recording devices / GPS.

The proposal is amended by the Bureau and by the PG-C (as follows in red).

From May 1, 2015:

- Only flight recording devices capable of recording both GPS and barometric altitude in the tracklog will be allowed in Category 1 XC competitions for scoring. It must not be possible to modify the barometric altitude once tracklog recording has started.

Guidelines will be published for the implementation of the requirements in Cat 1 competitions.

- **The interval in track log must not exceed 5 seconds.**

- **Track files without signatures from devices not able to put signatures shall be downloaded directly from the GPS.**

Vote: amended proposal unanimously approved.

14- Report from the Safety Officer

(Agenda Annex 12).

Stéphane Malbos presented Raymond Caux's report.

Each CIVL member to appoint at least one Safety Officer. Requirement to FAI to activate the Safety Network mailing list. SafePro HG approval. Updating ParaPro to SafePro PG. Attendance at the iPES.

Stéphane Malbos's comment. All matters to be followed by the next Bureau and Safety Officer.

Bureau information about revising SafePro, ParaPro and the IPPI scheme.

Stéphane Malbos presented the Bureau project, already discussed during last year Plenary but not reported in the minutes.

Today, the IPPI Card is sold to NACs or federations by batches at the following prices:

Pieces	Price per piece
1 to 99	EUR 3.00
100 to 499	EUR 2.75
500 to 999	EUR 2.50
1000 to 4999	EUR 2.25
from 5000	EUR 2.00

Postage cost is added to the invoice.

The NACs / federations then sell it to the pilots who wish to buy it. Each card is good for life, you need to change it only when you change levels.

The IPPI Card could be sold differently to NACs / federations that wish so. For a small fee (maybe 0,15 cents), every pilot every year would have on his national licence an IPPI rating.

The proposal was presented to the 2015 European Hang gliding and Paragliding Union (EHPU) General Conference. Some federations are interested. The Bureau that will be elected should now:

- Implement a temporary working group to revise SafePro and ParaPro with the Training Officers of EHPU interested federations.

- Implement a temporary working group to study how practically the new scheme would work.

A level for towing could be added to the IPPI scheme.

15- Report from the Hang Gliding Committee (HG-C)

(Agenda Annex 13).

Oyvind Ellefsen presented the report.

16- Proposals from the Hang Gliding Committee

(Agenda Annex 14).

Sport class definitions. Risk assessment workflow. Updated prototype rule / definitions. Qualification requirements for Class 2 and 5.

No proposal on these matters.

Pilot score – Leading coefficient

To apply to Hang Gliding what has been successfully tested in Paragliding.

In the CIVL Gap Scoring document, 11.3.1 is modified accordingly.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved with 1 abstention.

Altitude measurement

Proposal to primarily use QNH for altitude evaluation including airspace violation.

Immediate implementation (will apply in the coming HG Mexico World championship).

Change to CIVL GAP scoring document section 4.3

Old text:

Altitude evaluation is based on GPS altitude, as given in GPS tracklogs.

New text:

Altitude evaluation is primarily based on barometric altitude, as given in the flight instrument tracklog. Pilots may submit a GPS altitude log as a backup log only in case of problems with the primary barometric log.

Vote: proposal approved, 36 for, 3 against.

Change to CIVL GAP scoring document section 4.3.1

Old text:

Airspace violation checks rely exclusively on GPS altitude for the time being..

New text:

Airspace violation checks rely primarily on barometric altitude. Pilots may submit a GPS altitude log as a backup log only in case of problems with the primary barometric log.

Vote: proposal approved, 36 for, 3 against.

17- Agenda for the Plenary Hang Gliding Plenary Open Meeting

(Agenda Annex 15)

Report on the Open meeting is in Plenary Annex 2.

18- Report from the Paragliding Committee (PG-C)

(Agenda Annex 16).

Stéphane Malbos presented the report.

19- Proposals from the Paragliding Committee

(Agenda Annex 17).

Eligibility of pilots.

The proposal reads as follows:

In the 36 months before the ranking reference date, which is 3 calendar months before the Championship starts, a pilot has to have either:

- For World Championships, ranked in the top 500 in the World WPRS for paragliding or scored a minimum of 40 WPRS points in any single FAI sanctioned event.
- For Continental Championships, ranked in the top 500 in the Continent WPRS for paragliding or scored a minimum of 20 WPRS points in any single FAI sanctioned event.

If a Competition Organiser wishes to set stricter criteria they must be declared with the bid for the event.

Amendment from Portugal to separate the proposal in 2:

- change of reference date (36 months before iso 24).
- change of ranking and minimum points.

Vote: amendment approved, 32 for, 3 against, 4 abstentions.

Change of reference

E-vote: proposal failed, 24 for, 15 against (2/3 majority needed).

Change of ranking

E-vote: proposal approved, 27 for, 12 against (2/3 majority needed).

Exception to Eligibility of pilots.

The PG-C amendment to the proposal as follows (in red).

For any exceptions to pilot qualification requirements, applications must be made by the pilot's NAC, with supporting evidence of the pilot's skill and international competition history. It is the responsibility of the NAC to ensure this is received by the CIVL Competitions coordinator no later than 60 days prior to the start of the competition.

Guidelines will define:

- who is giving the exemption and on what bases,
- how and where the list of exempted pilots should be published.

Vote: amended proposal approved, 38 for, 1 against.

PG Committee proposal to clean up and modify CCC requirements.

Allow cleaning up of CCC requirements document.

Allow new definition of riser limiters and their controls.

The Bureau will implement the changes in agreement with the PG-C.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Mandatory weight range.

It is kept as it is for 2016: 100kg-125kg. The 90-125 implementation in 2016 is disregarded. It is underlined that a larger weight range should be a fundamental aspect of CCC requirements for the 2017-2018 period.

The proposal is to erase Note 2 of CCC requirements document Point 6.

Vote: proposal failed, 17 for, 22 against.

20- Joint proposals from HG and PG Committees

(Agenda Annex 18).

WPRS adjustment.

The proposals are withdrawn by the HG-C and PG-C.

Rest day policy.

The proposal is withdrawn by the HG-C and PG-C.

Official practice period.

The proposal is withdrawn by the HG-C and PG-C.

21- Agenda for the Plenary Paragliding Plenary Open Meeting

(Agenda Annex 19-V2)

Report on the Open meeting is in Plenary Annex 3.

22- Agenda for the Plenary HG and PG Plenary Joint Open Meeting

(Agenda Annex 20-V2)

Report on the Open meeting is in Plenary Annex 4.

23- Report from the Paragliding Accuracy Committee (PG Acc-C)

(Agenda Annex 21).

Violeta Masteikiene presented the report.

24- Proposals from the Paragliding Accuracy Committee

(Agenda Annex 22).

Footwear.

Is added at the end of 2.16.3 Footwear: "Any footwear addition must be made of rubber."

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Rest days.

17.2 is modified as follow:

The policy on rest days shall be declared in the Local regulations before the competitions. A minimum of 6 complete rounds must have been flown before a rest day can be declared

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Sample LR's.

Cleanup for repetitions and wording

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Sample LR's: transfert to other parts of Section 7

7.2 The third sentence 'A pilot who is not present at launch

7.4 All this section on the final approach should be transferred to 2.21.5. Also regarding the 'Hill launch' wording the 'sufficient time' should read 'sufficient opportunity' to align it with the 'Tow launch' wording.

7.5 'The landing area will be of non-slippery material' should go in 5.6.2.

9.2 'There is no dropping of the worst score in team scoring' should go in 5.2.4.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

Pilot scores.

The proposal is withdrawn by the PG Acc-C

Hill Launch minimum.

The proposal is withdrawn by the PG Acc-C

25- Agenda for the Plenary Paragliding Accuracy Plenary Open Meeting

(Agenda Annex 23)

Report on the Open meeting is in Plenary Annex 5.

26- Report and Proposals from the Aerobatic Committee (Aer-C)

(Agenda Annex 24 and 24b).

Igor Erzen presented the report.

Simplify Jury and Steward requirements.

No formal proposal made.

Budget requests.

Matter addressed in point 34 – Provisionnal budget.

Competition rules

New manoeuvres.

Bonus for the twisted tricks.

Criteria for the twisted tricks.

Twisted synchro tricks.

New Synchro tricks.

Vote: proposal unanimously approved.

27- Report from the Software Working Group

(Agenda Annex 25).

No questions were asked.

Recommendations from the Software Working Group Chairman were received (to be found in the document Proposal Software Chair).

1000 points for 1000 points day. Altitude measurement. Distance calculation.
The HG-C and PG-C recommended that the matters should be discussed by the relevant committees before implementation.

28- Report from the Records & Badges Officer

(Verbal).

No questions were asked.

29- Report from the Competition Coordinator

(Agenda Annex 28).

No questions were asked.

30- Report from the Jury & Steward Coordinator

(Agenda Annex 29).

No questions were asked.

31- Report from the Communication Officer

(Agenda Annex 30).

No questions were asked.

32- Proposal on Age in WPRS from France

(Agenda Annex 31)

Stéphane Malbos presented the proposal.

France amended the proposal as follows (in red):

That date of birth be included in the WPRS. This might be possible simply by crossing the FAI Licence and WPRS data bases. **If not possible, the proposal will not be implemented.**

That sorting pilots by date of birth or by category in the WPRS be possible. (For instance, have a ranking for "under 26" years old pilots). **Current laws in regard with confidentiality of personal information will be respected.**

Approval of the proposal

Vote: unanimously approved.

33- Presentation of bids for 2016 and 2017 championships

Bids for FAI European Hang Gliding Championships 2016.

F.Y.R. Macedonia (Agenda Annex 33)

Vote: unanimously approved.

Bids for FAI World Paragliding Aerobatics Championship 2016.

France (Agenda Annex 34)

Vote: unanimously approved.

Bids for FAI World Hang Gliding Class 1 Championship 2017.

Brazil (Agenda Annex 32)

Vote: unanimously approved.

Bids for FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship 2017.

Albania (Agenda Annex 35a)

China (Agenda Annex 35b)

Germany (Agenda Annex 35c)

E-vote:

First round: Albania 18, Germany 13, China 8.

Second round: Albania 21, Germany 16.

Bids for FAI World Paragliding Championship 2017.

Austria (Agenda Annex 36a)

Brazil (Agenda Annex 36b)

Italy (Agenda Annex 36c)

Portugal (Agenda Annex 36d)

Slovenia (Agenda Annex 36e)

Switzerland (Agenda Annex 36f)

Turkey (Agenda Annex 36g)

E-vote:

First round: Italy 9, Slovenia 9, Turkey 9, Austria 7, Switzerland 3, Brazil 2, Portugal 1.

Second round: Italy 20, Turkey 12, Slovenia 8.

Third round: Italy 22, Turkey 18.

34- Provisional budget 2016

(Agenda Annex 37).

Hamish Barker presented the provisional budget.

Approval of the budget.

Vote: 30 for, 8 against, 2 abstention.

35- Awards

CIVL Hang gliding Diploma

Nomination from France of Daniel Raibon-Pernoux (Agenda Annex 39)

Approval that a diploma be awarded.

Vote: unanimously approved.

Stéphane Malbos presented the nomination.

Approval of the nomination.

Vote: unanimously approved.

CIVL Pepe Lopes Medal

None received.

36- Date and venue of next Plenary meeting

It will be in Lausanne as per General Section.
Dates will be, per April 2, 2015 Bureau decision:
- February 18 and 19, pre-Plenary meetings;
- February 20 and 21, Plenary.

37- Elections

For each position, candidates are invited to state the reasons for taking on the role and their intentions. The candidates for president are also invited to state how they would like to see their bureau constituted.

President

Nomination accepted: Stéphane Malbos.
E-Vote: elected with 36 for and 3 abstentions.

Vice-Presidents

Nomination accepted: Goran Dimiskovski, Igor Erzen, Adrian Thomas, Wahyu Yudha.
Vote: unanimously elected.

Secretary

Nomination accepted: Jamie Shelden.
Vote: unanimously elected.

Financial Secretary

Nomination accepted: Zeljko Ovuka.
Vote: unanimously elected.

Hang Gliding Committee Chair

Nomination accepted: Jamie Shelden.
Vote: unanimously elected.

Paragliding Committee Chair

Nomination accepted: Adrian Thomas.
Vote: unanimously elected.

Paragliding Accuracy Committee Chair

Nomination accepted: Violeta Masteikiene.
Vote: unanimously elected.

Aerobatic Committee Chair

Nomination accepted: Claudio Cattaneo.
Vote: unanimously elected.

38- Closing remarks of CIVL Presidents

Dennis Pagen (not a President!) asked to say a few words.

He evoked his 40 years involvement in the sport including many years at CIVL. This is his last Plenary. He is now ready to move on and start the second part of his life!

Outgoing President Agust Gudmundsson recalled its 15 year at CIVL, including 10 in the Bureau and almost 4 as President. He will remember the good work, the good times and the friendly atmosphere.

Newly elected President Stéphane Malbos declared:

"We've come a long way ! In June 1975, 40 years ago, Ann Welsh (FAI VP) presided the 1st Plenary. Anne Welsh was thanked by all for being the one who nearly single handedly created the commission.

In these times, Plenary reports were in French, the FAI official language. There was a lot to do on the plenary floor... Define a name for the commission. Define what was a hang glider. Define what records should be. Define what badges of pilot proficiency should be. Create an international network of judges. Discuss safety and insurances. Discuss what the first World championships should be : they would take place in Kossen, Austria, the following year (3 classes, flight duration, slalom and landing accuracy). Estimated the number of pilots in the world : 39 620 in 17 countries

Dan Poynter from New Zealand was elected 1st Secretary General of the Commission (at that time there was no president).

Thirty-six years later, Agust became president of CIVL. He's been a worthy successor in the line of great people who lead CIVL throughout the years to what it is today: a strong and healthy organisation taking care of 4 disciplines, with many ambitious project to realize.

This is why I have the pleasure and honour to ask this Plenary to confer to CIVL outgoing President, Agust Gudmundsson, the title of President of Honour."

The Plenary confers to Agust Gudmundsson the title of President of Honour.

Vote: unanimously accepted.

Stéphane Malbos resumed...

"For now, we have a new Bureau and new committee chairs. The Bureau will appoint technical officers. The committee chairs will choose the people they want to work with. We will work hard. We will have successes. We will make mistakes.

We know that we can count on your good will and support. We know also that we can count on your work, once you'll be back in your country, to face issues and keep building a stronger sport. The CIVL structure will be here to help you and we know that you'll be here to help the CIVL structure, because CIVL is one and one is us all..

CIVL President then officially closed the 40th CIVL Plenary.