

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

FAI HANG GLIDING COMMISSION (CIVL)

MEETING HELD AT 6 Rue Gallée, PARIS, FRANCE, ON TUESDAY 17th and WEDNESDAY
18th MARCH 1992

MINUTES

drawn up by Mr. Noel WHITTALL, Secretary of the CIVL.

In the Chair : Mr. Thomas B. BOSSHARD, President (Switzerland)

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.....	Mr. Thomas KREYCHE, Observer

GUEST :

SLOVENIA.....Mr. Zlato VANIC, Observer

FAI :

Dr. Cenek KEPAK, FAI Secretary General
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FAI CIVL MEETING March 17/18 1992
(International Hang Gliding and Paragliding Commission)

At the offices of the Aero Club de France, Paris

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Belgium (Mme Du Roy) and Poland (Miroslav Rodzewicz)

After recording the apologies, the meeting opened with a minute of silence in respect to the memories of two distinguished sporting aviators who had very recently died in accidents: Jens-Henrik Johnsen (Norway) and Helmut Reichmann (Germany).

2 Minutes of meeting of April 1991 (Lucerne)

The following corrections to the 1991 minutes were requested:

Item 7.2 John Zalewski (France) corrected the names of the electronic barographs which had been approved to:
ATW Skybox and Brauniger Alto Print

Item 10.a.3 Tom Kreyche (USA) noted that the dates of both the Pre-World competition in the USA and the European Championships in Norway had been moved to avoid conflict. The minutes as written gave the impression that only the Norwegian date had changed.

With these amendments, Dennis Pagen (USA) moved that the minutes be approved. This was accepted by the meeting.

3 Matters arising and other items not covered by this agenda

World record attempt in South Africa (Paul Thomas)
To be included in item 7a

Europe Airsports, JAA and World Air Games. (Sepp Humberger, Austria) The President indicated that these would be covered in item 6

Medical facilities at future championships. (Ann Welch, GB).
To be included in item 10

4 Report by the President, Mr Thomas Bosshard

Thomas Bosshard announced that this would be his last attendance as President. He looked back to the early days at Kössen in 1975 when the formation of CIVL was initiated by Ann Welch and Sepp Himberger and many others. For some time we were looked upon as renegades by the authorities and the status of CIVL had not been so good. He had aimed to bring hang gliding closer to the FAI, and to make sure that it stayed within it, because he felt that it would bring the sport down if it went outside. FAI is a big organisation, and things take time; at the beginning of his Presidency we were looked down on in General Conference, but now the Presidents of technical commissions such as CIVL are well-regarded and more important.

The President had always been keen to avoid splits between airports. He recalled demonstrating a paraglider to delegates at the CIVL meeting in Hungary in 1987. Now he was very happy that paragliding was inside CIVL and considered that we had helped it to develop worldwide. He was also pleased that projects such as the PIRS rating system, Superleague and the Paragliding World Cup were all within the influence of CIVL. He also included thanks to Norway for the introduction of the Safe-Pro and Para-Pro training systems which had become accepted.

During his presidency, he had regularly attended FAI General Conference, and served on the following FAI committees: CASI; FAI/IOC Committee; PR and Membership Expansion Committee; Business Expansion Committee; World Air Games movement; FAI 2000 Working Group. He had also taken a keen interest in the development of Section 7 of the Sporting Code, which was nearing a finalised state. This was a project which had taken longer than expected but which would be of great benefit to the sport.

He had enjoyed the help of many Delegates and other people who had helped CIVL during the last seven years, especially Ann Welch and Noel Whittall, and the Director General of FAI, Dr Cenek Kepak. He had come to learn that Dr Kepak is a very open-minded person who always defended the aims of the Technical Commissions and had a good eye to the future. Thank you.

Reviewing 1991, Bosshard particularly noted the successful Championships in Kössen (World Women's, Class 1) and Digne (World Paragliding). Also, the very good FAI Conference in Berlin, just one year after the Wall came down and 100 years after Lilienthal made his first hang glider flights in the area. He had been pleased to award Lilienthal prizes to three hang glider/paraglider pilots, Kari Castle, Jim Lee and Xavier Reymond, who were there as guests of the German Aero Club. He gave his thanks to that club and to the German Hang Gliding Association (DHV) for making this possible.

He had been grateful to the FAI for finding ways of helping pilots of certain countries which had difficulty in complying with all FAI requirements when wishing to compete in championships. He was pleased that the Paragliding World Cup series was following FAI guidelines, and he had worked

with them right at the start. He had also led the FAI 2000 Working Group in Berlin and contributed to the project in Washington. He had been kept busy with many other matters, such the large number of calls and faxes originated by the question of the status of Slovenia and the Baltic States, etc.

He commented on these practical considerations and highlights of the year:

The Workload! You need to be a wealthy person or to have a very wealthy organisation backing you, if you are to do the work. Time was always a problem. He was sometimes asked why he didn't go to more championships, but now he could only go to those to which he was invited and paid for by the organisers.

Unpleasant aspect: Finding that he had to chase people up! It is much more efficient if people keep in touch without being asked. Project Leaders etc, please keep in touch with your President; this is much more efficient. It would also help if countries contact the FAI office for documents. Generally, the President and Secretary of CIVL are not a distribution office.

Worst moment of the year: Having CIVL heavily and publically criticised by a CIVL Project Leader while acting as a Jury President during a World Championship.

Best moments: Being on the Greek isle of Icaria, and learning the spirit of hang gliding on the spot. Also, seeing Robbie Whittall (Class 1 World Champion in 1989), winning the Class 3 title in 1991, demonstrating that Hang gliding and Paragliding are all one sport!

The President's report was received with strong applause.

4a Report by the Director General FAI, Dr Cenek Kepak

Dr Kepak thanked Thomas Bosshard for his period in office. There was now a good balance between CIVL and FAI; hang gliding is now recognised as an important sport and CIVL respected for its activity.

The world is changing; new countries, new rules, new regulations and statutes. CIVL can operate freely within its powers, encouraging a sport which can reach young people in all countries, including those without so much money.

The changes affect the countries which can attend championships etc. The USSR has disappeared and there have been ten applications from ex-member states to join the FAI - sometimes from two organisations within the same state. First these countries have to decide at home how they are to be represented! Yugoslavia is another problem; it is now many territories, and the question of representation will be settled by FAI Council in April. First we take the interest of air sports - politics come second. It has been decided that new countries such as Slovenia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Kazakhstan etc, can attend the Council as observers this year. Their competitors can participate in Championships

under the provision in the General Section of the FAI rules, item 3.6.1, dealing with prospective membership. Organising events is another matter. Slovenia is a special case: it has not yet been accepted as a member of FAI, so the position of the 1992 European Championships (Class 3), which it had been awarded to organise when it was still a part of Yugoslavia, is still in question. However, as soon as the membership was approved, the Championships would be approved.

Dr Kepak concluded by pointing out that things were changing very fast.

5 Agreement of current agenda The President read out a letter received from Rodzewicz (Poland), proposing a 'World standard-class' hang glider for competition use. This could, he suggested, be the basis for an 'Olympic' class, and requested discussion. The proposal was held over until next year to allow all delegates to gather information.

Zalewski (France) then proposed that the revised current agenda be agreed, and the meeting moved to the next business.

Bosshard requested that Leaders of Working Groups present their recommendations in writing to the Secretary.

6 Reports from Vice Presidents and Project Leaders

6.1 Olympic Movement project (Thomas Bosshard)

Bosshard reported that we had long sought to get hang gliding included in the Olympics. The sport had been satisfactorily demonstrated to President Samaranch of the IOC, but so far we had made little progress. The parachutists had spent a lot of money attempting to get in, and had made a big effort to demonstrate at Barcelona, but had also failed to become an Olympic sport. We should persist, but there was little chance. The possibility may exist to be in the Winter Games, but both paragliding and hang gliding are primarily soaring sports and we should not let ourselves be turned into a kind of circus just to get in.

There was a little hope: there was a move for the Olympics to become more spread out and changes were possible. However, we have to realise that we do not have the thousands of dollars necessary for making an effective bid.

No report had been received from Richard Heckman (USA), who had been the official Project Leader.

6.2 The pilot proficiency card (Per Christian Dæhlin)

Per Christian Dæhlin (Norway), reported that the card is now finalised, and showed colour proofs. Bosshard appealed to all present to promote the card as strongly as possible. Welch (UK) asked if it may be useful in connection with European regulations. Bosshard took up this point and stated that our aim should be for the cards to become accepted by ICAO.

The cards will be ready for distribution by the end of May 1992, and should be ordered from the Norwegian Aero Club by NACs.

(Norwegian Aero Club, Postboks 3869 ULLEVÅL HAGEBY, N-0805 OSLO, Norway)

6.3 Joint Aviation Authority activities (Thomas Bosshard)

Europe Airsports Bosshard introduced the subject, which extended to cover all the organisations which are involved in the regulation of flying in both Europe and the rest of the world. Europe Airsports exists to attempt to protect and promote the interests of sporting fliers as EC regulation becomes increasingly onerous.

It is independent of CIVL and had nominated Juan-Luis Bahon (Spain) as Class 3 (paragliding) representative, without any consultation. Bosshard had asked Klaus Tanzler (Germany) to be representative for Class 1 and 2 hang gliders, and as Bahon was reported to be unavailable, it was suggested that Tanzler should also represent Class 3. The meeting endorsed this decision without opposition.

A discussion followed during which Welch and Bosshard explained the structure of the various Joint Aviation bodies.

Himberger (Austria) urged that we must take the initiative and act to preserve our rights. Things happened fast, and we must be ready to act equally fast. He warned that the Alpine Environment Organisation was putting out papers which sought to control hang gliding and paragliding. We have to make sure that our interests are represented.

Bosshard confirmed that it is the duty of all of us to try and keep the pressure on. He was not sure how effective a single letter from CIVL could be, but he recommended that we always try. He went on to illustrate some of the difficulties which appear when attempts are made to rationalise things internationally:

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) sought to unify descriptions of airspace so that they were the same worldwide. They identified seven categories of airspace, from the least-controlled to the most severely restricted, and required all countries to use the same grading system. However, it was for the individual national aviation authorities to apply the identities within their own countries. Different countries have interpreted the categories differently, so the desired unity has not been achieved.

6a.1 FAI 2000 (Thomas Bosshard)

Bosshard circulated the FAI paper which describes possible lines of development for the Federation. All delegates were requested to read this and respond to Bosshard by April 2. It was stressed that CIVL must respond, even though there was little time.

6a.2 World Air Games

WAG to be held in Greece, in 1995. A manager had been appointed, but there were still many problems. CIVL should help, but we have to operate through the correct channels within FAI. Bosshard and Ordody (Hungary) had already done quite a lot of work on the project. Bosshard explained the current situation concerning relationships between the NAC and the Hang Gliding Federation. Pagen confirmed the tremendous problems between the two organisations and saw little hope of the Hang Gliding Federation participating in the preparation of the WAGs.

Bosshard confirmed that the WAG were independent of World Championships.

6a.3 Nordic Women's Aviation Championships

Ingrid-Anita Strand (Norway) presented details and invitations to this 1992 event.

6a.4 Paragliding World Cup (PWC)

Bosshard confirmed that each single event of the series was an individual FAI category 2 event; the overall winner of the series would not achieve any particular status. He emphasised that the Secretary of the World Cup Committee must make sure that the NACs of host countries give their blessing to individual events.

Zico Franke (Germany, CIVL's WC Liaison Officer): Had been on PWC committee when it was founded, but had not been invited since August 1991. There were problems with the rules and the calendar. Against his recommendations, there were to be 8 events next year - too many for the calendar. Also the events are open, which could lead to 300 competitors.

Franke felt that we had insufficient influence. There needed to be a CIVL representative on the Committee.

Pendry stated that conflict with Class 1 events should be avoided.

Bosshard was of the opinion that the Secretary of WC had tried to keep within CIVL requirements: He did not think that they were trying to be in conflict. We do need a member on the PWC Committee.

Welch suggested an amendment to Section 7 to permit WC to upgrade to Category 1 if required.

After discussion, the meeting decided that Franke should seek full status on the PWC Committee, and that Bosshard would take immediate action in contacting PWC to ensure closer liaison.

7 Sporting Code, Section 7 (Ann Welch)

Welch reported that Section 7 was now virtually finalised. Draft copies were circulated. There were to be some minor changes to badge requirements. Bosshard added that copies would be available on floppy disk, as well as printed copies, but that it must be stressed that the printed version would always be the definitive text.

7a Barographs and records (John Zalewski)

Zalewski reported only 6 new records in 1991. Fewer than in 1990, but there were still a few pending. More speed was needed from NACs when submitting claims - there was a risk of pilots wasting their efforts.

Two new barographs had been approved (See annexe) and two more were currently under consideration. All instruments were becoming more reliable and trustworthy.

Discussion followed: Bosshard reported that there were problems with manufacturers claiming that their barographs had been approved when this was not true. Zalewski stated that Jan Whytlaw, at the FAI, was always informed when a new instrument was approved by CIVL.

Walter Neumark (UK) observed that advertisements need to be specific about which FAI Commission had approved any particular instrument; because CIVL had accepted one, it did not mean that it would automatically be approved for, say, sailplanes or balloons.

Bosshard stressed the need for more observers, with better training. There was a shortage for record claims.

Discussion of check lists for records followed lunch. These were desired by the delegates present. Zalewski reported that he had developed such a checklist for the FFVL, and that it was available to delegates. Pagen (USA) showed a comprehensive record attempt package which the USHGA had recently produced. A sample was given to the Secretary.

Neumark (UK) suggested that a simple version of the declaration form published for gliders (sailplanes) in Section 3 of the Sporting Code was needed. Bosshard agreed that the Bureau would investigate this.

Thomas (USA) asked if a reputed flight of 231 km by a paraglider could be ratified. The flight had been comprehensively observed and documented, but no barogram was available. Zalewski stated that we have a responsibility to be strict to maintain the credibility of records. This was clearly the feeling of the meeting, and Bosshard confirmed with regret that the proposition could not be accepted.

8 Review of past championships:

8a 1991 World Paragliding Championships (Digne, France)

Brief reports from Neumark, Bosshard and Dæhlin agreed that this had been the best paragliding competition ever. Safety had been outstanding, and the results had been excellent. The organisers had been quick to resolve any small problems which arose. Neumark added that eliminating only a small percentage of the entry through the 'cut' had helped the overall success. Bosshard then reported that Angelo Crapanzano had been deprived of his sporting licence by his National Aero Club because of alleged offences when wind dummying. A number of the CIVL members had been present, and were not convinced that any of his flying could have justified such action. The decision was now believed to have been reversed, but Bosshard appealed to all national federations not to suspend licenses without first holding a full investigation.

Bosshard then apologised to the meeting on behalf of himself and the Secretary, Whittall, for their combined error concerning the status of the Female World Champion. He confirmed that there was absolutely no doubt that Andrea Amman (Austria) was the FAI World Champion, Female.

8b Women's World Championships, Class 1 (Kossen, Austria)

Welch reported that there had been problems with weather and over-cautious task setting. All the entrants had flown competently, but many had insufficient experience of working to the limits of the rules. It was clear that women generally need more experience of big championships.

Himberger, for the organisers, stated that caution was justified because of the problems with thunderstorms. He also thought that CIVL needed more input from women pilots.

Bosshard drew attention to the need to define team scoring better. Proposed that normally the top four from each team on each day would contribute to the team score (as applied successfully at Digne). Talking of championships generally, he considered that we should only award an FAI Women's Championship title in competitions where a significant number of women participate.

The meeting separated into three Working Groups: their reports are incorporated in the appropriate numbered minutes.

1 Paragliding, including Championships at Slovenia; led by Yoshiki Oka (Japan)

2 Hang Gliding, including Women's and Open World Championships; led by Paul Mollison (Australia)

3 Sanction fees; led by Torben Taustrup

9 Funding of CIVL, Torben Taustруп (Denmark)

Taustруп circulated extracts from the FAI President's report to the 1990 Council meeting in Budapest (see annexe). This dealt with the requirement for its Technical Commissions (such as CIVL) to generate an income by charging sanction fees for Championships and other events, and explaining how such fees are to be applied. He went on to provide a brief review of the personal expenses incurred by the President and Secretary during the past year.

The Working Group put the following propositions to the meeting:

Ø The principle of charging fees was accepted.
Passed: all in favour

Ø Charging should start immediately.
Not accepted: 5 for, 7 against, 2 abstentions

Ø Fee for first category events to be 50 Sfr per pilot; 500 Sfr deposit to be paid with any bid, refundable if the bid failed (this 500 Sfr not additional overall to the pilot payments); second category events to pay 200 Sfr per event.
Passed: 10 for, 1 against, 1 abstention

Ø All fees to be paid (to FAI) before a competition starts.
Passed: unanimously

Ø Bosshard requested a return to the question of when fees would be first introduced. He also sought confirmation of the 1991 decision (Minute 9) that the fees charged for an event would be those applying at the time the bid was finally accepted by CIVL.

Taustруп proposed that fees should be introduced for all events taking place after January 1 1993. This was seconded by Pendry.

Passed: 11 for, 3 against, 1 abstention

Kreyche (USA) observed that he considered this to be unfair as it would affect the budget of the World Championship he was organising. The money would have to be raised from pilot's entry fees.

Bosshard proposed that CIVL Bureau should lay down operating procedures for charging and handling the fees and report to next meeting.

Passed: 11 for, 2 abstentions

The Secretary confirmed that the revenue from the fees would primarily be used to reduce some of the clerical and communication expenses which certain CIVL officials were currently meeting from their own pockets.

10a.1 Future championships - reports of progress

Norway - European Championships, Class 1. (1992 May 27 on)

All preparations were on schedule, particularly the improvements to the landing area. Entries from some countries - notably Greece, Spain and UK - had yet to be received. Marton Ordody (Hungary) was unable to serve on the jury because of injury. His place would probably be taken by Sherry Thevenot (France). In this case the appointment would be approved by the Bureau.

Slovenia - European Championships, Class 3 (1992 June 25 on)

Bosshard reported on the situation concerning Yugoslavia, to whom the Championships in the then province of Slovenia had originally been awarded. Since the political break-up of Yugoslavia, Slovenia had applied to become an FAI member, but the first occasion that this could be considered would be at the Council meeting in April. Membership is required for the running of a valid FAI Championship.

Zlato Vanic (Slovenia) confirmed that the country was peaceful and that there was a strong desire to run the event. Already the World Ski Federation had held a competition in the area. Eventually the proposition that 'CIVL proceeds with the current plans for the European Championships' was put to the meeting.

Proposed: Zalewski (France)
Seconded: Pendry (UK)
Passed: 9 for; 1 against; 4 abstentions

Bosshard asked the working group to consider the possibility of date changes and report later to the meeting.

Switzerland - World Championships Class 3 Verbier 1993

The organisers had been late in presenting the first draft of the local regulations. These were available at the meeting, and first inspection indicated that some changes would be required.

Japan - Women's World Championships Class 1 Nanyo City 1993

Whittall (UK) reported that progress seemed good. The organisers were represented at the meeting by Tsueyuki Hirota. A pre-worlds competition was being run, and the meeting noted that it would have been desirable if more notice of that event had been given.

The Jury will comprise Bosshard (President), Valtonen and Whittall. Steward: Mollison

USA - World Championships Class 1 and 2 Owens Valley 1993

Mollison (Australia) was satisfied with progress. Kreyche (USA), for the organisers stressed that he had several items to discuss in the Working Group, particularly with regard to safety forums. Updated information was circulated.

Mollison had been invited to act as steward.

10a.2 Future championships: consideration of local regulations and final arrangements for forthcoming championships

The following minutes are the result of the deliberations of the Working Groups:

Paragliding Championships (Leader, Yoshiki Oka, Japan)

1. European Championships, Slovenia 1992

The published local regulations were good. Only these amendments needed:

- Ø Change the team scoring system to Digne model
- Ø If glider has to be changed during the event it may only be to an identical make and model (requires amendment to Section 7 to bring in this tighter restriction for Class 3)
- Ø Protest fee to be 200dm
- Ø Task validation changed to 20% from 10%
- Ø Timing: changed to when pilot crosses line - not 'nose of glider'
- Ø Jury to be Walter Neumark (UK), Per-Christian Dæhlin (N) + AN Other
- Ø A requirement for a photograph to be taken while still airborne before out-landing was rejected after a vote: For, 3; against, 7; abstained, 5

The meeting unanimously asked that the strongest representations be made to FAI Council for Slovenia to be admitted to membership and allowed to run this competition.

2 World Championships, Switzerland (Verbier) 1993

This was the first opportunity for CIVL to see draft regulations for this event, and the following changes were recommended:

- Ø Reduce entry size to eliminate the 'cut'
- Ø Entry size: 7 pilots from the teams which placed 1 to 8 in 1991 World Championships. All other countries allowed 4 pilots. In teams of 7, no more than 5 may be of the same sex. In teams of 4, no more than 3 may be of the same sex.
- Ø Team scoring: Top 3 per team/per day to be scored. This was considered by the meeting to be potentially discriminatory and the suggestion was subsequently amended, at Pendry's instigation, to a system whereby the top 3 in teams of 7 are scored, and the top 2 in teams of four. These scores are then divided by 3 and 2 respectively to produce the classification figures.

Ø Entry fee: to be revised to accommodate the smaller number of competitors. Not to exceed Sfr 1,000. To include helicopter search and rescue, films for turnpoint photography, some evening entertainment. Accommodation extra.

Ø Two-metre radios for emergency frequency use only.* The President stressed the need for the organisers to prove that permission had been obtained for the use of 2m radios.

Ø Second launch attempts only allowed when a take-off is aborted for safety reasons within the immediate vicinity of launch area.

Ø Scoring system as for 1991 World Championships.

Ø Jury: Zico Franke (D), Per Christian Dæhlin (N), Matthew Whittall (GB)
The meeting received only a verbal report. However, with the foregoing revisions, the regulations were accepted unanimously.

Hang Gliding, Classes 1 and 2 (Leader Paul Mollison, Australia)

World Women's Championships, Japan 1993

Ø Information concerning radio use changed to comply with national laws.

Ø Team scoring changed to top three in each task.

Ø Other detailed changes were provided to the Secretary in note form: a transcript is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1

World Championships, USA 1993

The group considered the regulations for the 1992 pre-world competition, which is the pattern for 1993.

Ø The launch window organisation was questioned because of reported congestion in the start area during national championships.

Ø The management of the start gate needed to be clarified.

Ø The scoring system needs minor modifications for tasks of open distance and those in which all pilots fail to reach goal.

Ø references to waypoints to be deleted.

Ø Jury (1993): Geraldo Nobre (Brasil), Pedro Chapa (Spain), Ann Welch (UK)

The rules will not be accepted until the pre-world event has been run. It was important to see how the starting system and launch area management works.

Ø Other detailed changes were provided to the Secretary in note form: a transcript is attached to these minutes as Appendix 2

10a.3 Other items from the Class 1 and 2 Working Group:

Delegates at the next CIVL meeting are requested to bring clear statements from their countries concerning competitors from South Africa.

Suggested that future Women's World Championships should be held in alternate years to World Championships because some countries had encountered difficulty in gaining funding for more than one national team in one year.

Global Positioning Systems (GPS) should not be used by competitors in competitions until there was more experience of them in the sport generally and guidelines prepared and approved.

The Group noted that work on Local Regulations was time consuming. Organisers should work more closely to the requirements of Section 7. The Group suggested that and detailed discussion should take place between Project Leaders and Organisers on the day before CIVL meetings.

10b Future championships: bids

The provisional bid for the European Championships, Class 1, which the 1991 meeting had received from Tannheim (Austria), was **withdrawn**.

Australia and USA **declared interest** in Women's World Championships, Class 1 in 1995

Japan **confirmed interest** in the World Championships, Class 1, in 1995

USA **bid** for the Women's World Championship, Class 1, to be held in the Owens Valley in September 1995. In view of the request from the Working Group regarding holding World Championships and Women's World Championships in alternate years, the bid was moved forward to 1994. The organisers agreed to provide regulations based on the forthcoming 1993 Championships to be held at the same venue.

Bid accepted: 13 for, 2 abstentions

Australia **bid** for the Women's World Championship, Class 1, in the MT Buffalo/Bright area, Jan/Feb 1996

Bid accepted: Unanimous

Spain **bid** for World Championships, Classes 1 and 2, to be held at Ager in 1995. This was a comprehensive bid which confirmed their previous declaration of interest.

Bid accepted: Unanimous

11 Nominations and vote for award of 1992 FAI Hang Gliding Diploma

There were no nominations. Bosshard reminded the meeting that proposals for a new design for the Diplomas had been requested at previous meetings, but none had been forthcoming. Still needed.

12 The Pepê Lopes Award

Zalewski and Whittall are to finalise design and arrange production via the Bureau. Mrs Carolina Lopes had very kindly supplied a photograph for reference. CIVL Bureau suggested Steve Blenkinsop to be nominated as first recipient, and two medals from the first striking are also to be presented to Pêpe's two children.

Moved: Pagen (USA). Accepted by the meeting

13 Regulations for aerobatic competitions

Mollison (Australia) accepted leadership of this project. He reported difficulty in obtaining definitive regulations of Australian 'freestyle' events, but would persist. He accepted documents from Raymond Caux (France) and regulations from Telluride (USA).

14 Elections

The President, Thomas Bosshard, announced that he was retiring, but that he would help his successor with FAI matters.

President: Per-Christian Dæhlin (Norway) Elected unopposed

Vice Presidents: (Votes after a ballot):

Paul Mollison (Australia)	12
John Pendry (GB)	11
Dennis Pagen (USA)	8

Secretary: Noel Whittall (GB) Elected unopposed

President d'Honneur: Thomas Bosshard. Proposed Dæhlin, seconded Whittall, elected by acclaim.

15 Any other business

Medical assistance and rescue services at events (missed when the meeting dealt with item 10). Welch stressed the need to guarantee the highest standards at future championships. Reminded Project Leaders to consider this always. There is a need to include information about such services in an annexe to Section 7.

16 Date and venue of next meeting

Offers to host the next meeting were received from the USA and Finland. Voting was 8 to 6 in favour of the USA, with a further single vote for Paris.

The meeting will be 19 - 21 March 1993, in San Francisco

Thanks were offered to the Aero Club of France, and to Dr Kepak and Mrs Annie Segquier of the FAI for their assistance and hospitality in organising this meeting.

Minutes recorded by Noel Whittall, Secretary, and approved by Per-Christian Dæhlin, President. April 1992



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