



## **FAI International Hang Gliding Commission (CIVL)**

**Annual Meeting, Ager, Spain. March 30 — April 2 1995**

*Secretary's note: proposers and seconders of non-controversial motions have been omitted in the interests of brevity. Papers which accompany these minutes as annexes carry the same number as the related minute. Abbreviations: HG = hang gliding, PG = paragliding, IOC = International Olympic Committee*

The meeting was opened by the President, Per Christian Dæhlin, at 0940 hrs.

### **1 Welcome and roll-call, proxies and apologies for absence**

Delegates, Alternates and Observers were welcomed to the meeting and all credentials approved. Twenty seven votes were verified

Proxies: Liechtenstein, held by Switzerland; Finland, held by Sweden; Venezuela, held by Spain

Apologies were received from Lithuania, Belgium, Ukraine and Liechtenstein

See attached list (**Annexe 1**) for full details of all present.

### **2 Approval of Agenda**

Additions were submitted for items 8b, 12, 16 and 35. Further, it was proposed to extend the period for acceptance of nominations for CIVL awards (32). These alterations were accepted unopposed.

### **3 Minutes of last meeting (Marbella, Spain, 1994)**

Oka (Japan) pointed out that the team size reported for the Paragliding World Championships was incorrect in the minutes. It was confirmed that the correct figures (4 + 1 and 3 + 1) had been implemented in the local regulations. With this amendment, the minutes were accepted unopposed.

### **4 Appointment of working group chairmen for the meeting**

Three working groups were established.

*Hang gliding competitions:* Chairman: Dennis Pagen

*Paragliding competitions:* Chairman: Judy Leden

*Sporting Code, Section 7:* Chairman: Ann Welch

### **5 FAI activity report**

The FAI Secretary General, Max Bishop, addressed the meeting, reporting a very active year, not least in the area of competitions. Fourteen World Championships had taken place, involving a total of 1,600 competitors. A summary of Mr Bishop's speech appears as **Annexe 5** to these minutes.

## 6 CIVL President's report

President Dæhlin reported a generally good year. The Bureau had been active, with much business conducted by fax, as well as a three-day meeting in the UK (Wales) during November. The full President's report is reproduced in **Annexe 6** to these minutes.

## 7 Reports from Subcommittee Chairmen and Technical Officers

### 7a.1 *Sporting Code, Section 7, Ann Welch*

There is a complex situation because the FAI has undertaken to revise the General Section, and this inevitably affects Section 7. A large number of drafts of General Section have been prepared and a final version is now ready for acceptance by CASI, the FAI general Airports Commission. We will need to extend Section 7 to cover in detail several items which were previously dealt with in General Section. These include: flight definitions; definition of 'junior'; juries; responsibilities of stewards; penalties; etc.

Welch concluded that there was much to do!

### 7a.2 *Paragliding competition: Judy Leden*

The committee was actively attempting to get more bids for competitions, to raise the overall standard. There may be conflicts with Paragliding World Cup events in the calendar in future, but generally problems were small and contact with PWC was very positive.

There were still problems with international events. We should work towards a standardized set of regulations because important items were still omitted sometimes. The committee is in favour of more positive input from Stewards and CIVL officers, and comments that training is needed.

On the question of women in paragliding championships, Leden stressed the need for positive discrimination to ensure a good depth of participation.

### 7a.3 *Hang gliding competition: Dennis Pagen*

The biggest part of the committee's work is reviewing rules and local regulations. Work had also been done on promoting the idea of a Pan-American Championships as a form of FAI Continental Championship. Organizers at two venues had expressed interest: Chelan (USA) and Mexico.

Other matters which had been dealt with by the committee were the question of 'cuts' in competitions — should they be allowed, and if so, when? Also, the matter of class definitions. This is becoming more important as interest in Class Two develops.

### 7a.4 *Safety and training Klaus Tänzler*

Tänzler's report is **Annexe 7a4** of these minutes. He commented further upon the progress being made with acceptance of the IPPI card in countries where there were specific government requirements concerning licensing. The cards were proving useful and he considers that there are good prospects that they will be accepted by EU bureaucrats.

#### *7a.5 Records and badges Stewart Midwinter*

Midwinter's report is **Annexe 7a5** of these minutes.

#### *7a.6 Flight verification — barographs and instrumentation Per Arne Soldal*

Soldal's report is **Annexe 7a6** of these minutes.

#### *7a.7 Youth development plan Declan Doyle*

Doyle reported difficulties with his computer system which had delayed development of the plan. It was not easy to obtain detailed information on the ages of participants in soaring sport worldwide, and he proposed a questionnaire. He also suggested that a promotional video about the sport for showing in music bars would be effective.

#### *7a.8 Olympics Thomas Bosshard*

Bosshard reported on the meeting in Paris concerning the Olympic centenary. The report of Uwe Beckman, FAI's liaison officer, will be circulated. Unfortunately Beckman has recently retired due to ill health. It was vital for us to maintain contact with IOC, but was undoubtedly extremely difficult to gain full participation. Bishop (FAI) commented further: big changes were possible within IOC; these may come when the current President, Juan-Antonio Samaranch, retires. We should maintain our long-term effort. Currently FAI receives \$10,000 annually from IOC for Olympic purposes, but so far this has all been spent on parachuting. Changes are possible if we produce a reasonable plan. Joe Hayler asked if Speed Gliding could possibly become a Winter Olympics event. This was considered possible.

#### *7a.9 Business Sepp Himberger*

Himberger urged us all to become more professional in our approach to the sport. We must be aware that sponsorship for sport is diminishing in many countries, while sponsorship for cultural activities is increasing.

#### *7a.10 World Air Games Jim Bowyer*

Bowyer reported that South Africa and Turkey were still potential hosts for the Games. He was confident that satisfactory facilities existed in both countries for hang gliding and paragliding. See Agenda item 18 for his further comment.

#### *7b Reports from 1994 Working Group Chairmen*

There were no formal reports. The items involved (scoring systems, class definitions and ranking systems) are dealt with where appropriate under the agenda.

#### *7c Reports from Liaison Officer*

##### *7c.1 Paragliding World Cup*

The President apologised for not having requested a report from Urs Haari, the PWC Liaison Officer

### 7c.2 FAI Medical/Physiological Committee

It was confirmed that Torsten Hahne would be attending the next meeting of the committee. This would be particularly important because the matter of drugs and doping in aviation sport would be prominent on the agenda.

### 7c.3 Europe Airsports

Tänzler had been very active within the Europe Airsports working group. His report was circulated with the Agenda and appears here as **Annexe 7c3** to these minutes.

The other items under this heading (Olympics etc) are dealt with elsewhere in these minutes.

## 8 Review of 1994 Championships

### 8a European PG Championships, Preddvor, Slovenia. June—July 1994

See report from Welch, **Annexe 8a** to these minutes

### 8b Womens World HG Championships, Chelan, USA. July 1994

See report from Whittall, **Annexe 8b** to these minutes

### 8c European HG Championships, Laragne, France. July—August 1994

See report from Dæhlin, **Annexe 8c** to these minutes

### 8d World PG Championships, Kitakyushu, Japan, March 1995

In addition to the 1994 events, the World Paragliding Championships in Kitakyushu were included with this item.

Dæhlin, President of the Jury reported as follows:

A scoring system giving 1,000 points to all tasks may not be ideal.

The one-hour protest period after publication of results is too short. Two hours should be allowed.

Photographic verification of flight: a pilot forum had been held during the event, the outcome of which was to recommend that the requirement for a photo of the wing during flight be abandoned. Also, the requirement for the glider number to be visible on the photo of the wing after landing need should be dropped. It should be enough that the glider/pilot is identifiable.

The launch system for tasks with an aerial start should be revised to ensure that all pilots can launch before the start signal is activated. Some pilots were disadvantaged by the existing system when the window was intermittently closed in the interests of safety.

Team Leaders need more education about the nature of protests and the procedures.

If a pilots safety committee is used, their influence should be confined to appraisal of the safety of proposed tasks, not to the planning of the tasks.

We should increase the Stewards' participation in safety matters.

The limitation of maximum flying weight to pilot weight + 30kg worked well and was generally well-accepted by the pilots. Fixed checking procedures should now be established. See also **Annexe 12d** to these minutes.

## **9 Decisions made by CIVL Bureau during the last period**

### **9a European Female Hang Gliding Championships, Norway 1995**

Bureau had approved several changes to dates and personnel. However, it was announced during the meeting that unfortunately the event was cancelled because of shortage of entries.

### **9b Block payment of sanction fees**

A 20% discount had been granted to the USA for block-payment of five Second-category events. This was agreed by the meeting, with the understanding that similar discount be allowed for other such block payments (eg PWC).

## **10 Accounts and balance sheet**

The accounts were presented and accepted unaltered (see annexe). Dæhlin reported that the main problem was collecting sanction fees for Category 2 events. Bishop said that help was available from FAI in Paris. See also minute 31 concerning administration expenses.

## **11 CIVL internal regulations**

### **11a Reference I.R. 4.1**

Changed to: *All Bureau members other than the Treasurer and Secretary shall have a vote in Bureau sessions. The Secretary and Treasurer may only vote if they are also delegates.*

### **11b Institution of a FAI/CIVL Hang Gliding World Cup subcommittee**

See **Annexe 11b** to these minutes for details of this alteration, now called the World Hang Gliding Series. The amendments to the internal regulations were drafted to ensure that a correctly-constituted committee could run a World Series from within CIVL.

Himberger questioned whether such a subcommittee complies with FAI Rules. Bishop believes it does, but welcomed comment.

The Bureau motion :*to accept the internal regulations of the World Hang Gliding Series.* Passed: 19 for, 4 against

Any further mandatory changes will be deferred until the publication by FAI of the new General Section of the Sporting Code.

## **12 The Sporting Code Section 7**

### **12a General amendments**

Plenary discussion was chaired by Ann Welch prior to undertaking detail work in the working group. Written commentaries had been received from ZlatoVanic, Yoshiki Oka and Olivier Burghelle, and these were included with

the agenda. Welch's response is **Annexe 12** to these minutes. The detail changes to Section 7 resulting from general discussion and the reports of the working party are in **Annexe 12a** to these minutes.

The requirement for helicopter rescue facilities to be available at championships was reviewed; In certain circumstances alternative arrangements may be permitted.

#### 12b Stewards' role in championships

See paper from Urs Dubach (Switzerland) — **Annex 12 b** to these minutes

Discussion followed: Franke suggested that we contact the FIS for details of their rules for stewards and technical delegates at skiing events. Welch pointed out that the forthcoming changes to General Section may affect the status of stewards. Eventually it was decided to refer the matter to Bureau. Mollison will produce a single paper from all submissions, including Dubach's.

#### 12c Scoring Systems

See Burghelle's letter — in annexe 3 of the agenda

There is criticism of the Crapanzano scoring system, which is complicated and not understood by many pilots, but the alternatives also have problems.

Italy and Poland spoke in favour of the Crapanzano system which they considered to be 90% right. They had made analyses which had been sent to the Scoring Subcommittee. Australia was critical of the built-in normalization and other features. After general discussion the matter was referred back to the working group for evaluation and preparation in time for the 1996 CIVL meeting.

Bowyer is to ask Robin Hamilton if he is able to carry on as chairman of Scoring Systems working group. The Crapanzano system is to be used at Ager for World Championships this year. Any changes will be subject to approval of CIVL 1996.

#### 12e Anti-doping policy (refer to Burghelle's question in annexe 3 of the agenda.)

The current situation is not satisfactory: pilots are unsure of what is permitted and what is forbidden. Some countries carry out drug tests regularly for all international competitions, but FAI does not currently have adequate rules regarding doping. Countries where the HG federation is a member of the national sports association will normally have rules based on the IOC rules. Other countries may have no rules at all. Thus there is the chance of differential treatment for someone caught using 'illegal' substances.

FAI is working on the problem. The General Airsports Commission (CASI) is currently developing rules concerning drugs and medication and the Medical and Physiological Commission is scheduled to discuss the problem in depth at its 1995 meeting. It will also review the IOC list of forbidden substances.

A useful debate followed, covering most aspects of drug use and misuse. Eventually Australia proposed: *Until such time as CASI present a policy for adoption by CIVL, competition organizers should include in their local regulations a*

*statement which indicates the national doping standards that apply in the country where the championship is to be held. Where the national standard is the IOC standard, all that is necessary is a statement to that effect. Where the national standard is different to the IOC standard, then details of the differences must be given.* Seconded by South Africa

The motion was accepted unanimously. Dæhlin will represent CIVL's viewpoint to CASI. If the Medical and Physiological Commission proposes to create a special list of forbidden drugs, it may be possible for that list to be shorter than the IOC one.

## 12g Global Positioning Systems

(see paper from UK at end of annexe 3 in the agenda)

Discussion: GPS has become cheaper and is a useful tool for competition pilots. It is not yet developed to the point where we should consider it for flight verification.

Proposal by Australia: *Section 7 be modified to allow the use of GPS for navigation and all other purposes except flight verification.* Seconded by UK

Carried: 21 for, 3 abstentions

This modification takes effect immediately.

## 12 h Badges

Suggestions for alterations to the badge requirements were referred to the Records and Badges subcommittee.

## 12s Supplementary items under Sporting Code

### Helmets for Class 2 pilots

Welch introduced the subject of helmets in Class 2. These are mandatory in FAI HG competition at present. She observed that sailplane pilots do not use them and that they may be unduly constricting. After discussion a vote was taken on the motion: *Keep the requirement for helmets as at present.* This was accepted For:12, against: 1

### Cancellation of the task during unstable conditions

See letter from Burghelle in annexe 3 of the agenda. This concerns Section 7, item 4.19.6. After discussion a vote was taken on the motion: *To accept the alteration proposed by France.* For 4, against 12. The rule remains as currently written.

Effective dates for changes: GPS effective immediately; all other changes to become effective 1 August 1995.

## 13 Proposed World Speed Gliding Championships 1995

Murray Rose, the organizer, announced that the event was not to proceed

#### **14 1996 Championships - consideration of local regulations and final arrangements**

Working groups were established and reported as follows:

##### **14a European Championships in Paragliding. Vaga, Norway. Chairman — Judy Leden**

The scoring system is not yet settled: the Crapanzano system is too complex and the PWC one too inflexible. Final decision later. The entry fee has been reduced to Nkr 3500 — welcome news. A seeding system in groups of ten will be used for launch order.

Jury: President Noel Whittall, Members, Zico Franke and Zlato Vanic.

Rule checking: Judy Leden and Per Christian Dæhlin

##### **14b European Championships in Hang Gliding (class 1). D Dunaujvaros, Hungary**

Chairman — Dennis Pagen

Jury: President Ann Wech, Members Pavel Vavro, Miroslav Rodzewicz.

Rule checking: Rodzewicz and Dennis Pagen

##### **14c World Female Championships in Hang Gliding (class 1), Bright, Australia**

Jury: President Pedro Chapa, Members Paul Thomas and Sherry Thevenot

Rule checking: Chapa and Thomas

##### **14d World HG Championships, Ager, Spain 1995.**

Circulation of the final regulations was late. Now urgent.

#### **15 Female participation in Paragliding Championships**

South Africa proposed: *To ensure adequate female participation in Class 3 (paragliding) world and continental championships, a quota of at least two female pilots per national team will be required. This quota is not to be taken up by male pilots if females do not enter.*

Joe Hayler spoke against the proposal, suggesting that one place (as at present) was sufficient.

Zico Franke (Ger) spoke in favour of the motion, which was then carried unanimously.

#### **16 Pan American and Asian Championships**

Dennis Pagen (US) reported that there was serious interest in Pan American Championships from both Chelan (Washington State, USA) and Mexico, but that no formal proposals had been received. CIVL recorded these as declarations of interest at this stage.

Hayler commented that PWC was helping countries to organize, but he didn't think that South American countries were ready yet.

China declared interest in an Asian/Australian Championships for 1996, assuming that authorization could be given by Bureau later. However, they



subsequently decided to run a PWC event before organizing a major continental championship.

### 17 Aerobatic Championships

Bureau has a firm policy of encouraging aerobatic championships, although it is acknowledged that the reluctance of manufacturers to certify their gliders for aerobatic use is a problem. The Secretary reported that he had corresponded with some pilots active in aerobatics and had no doubt that there was a clear demand for world-class competition to internationally accepted standards.

After a broad discussion with contributions from Bosshard, Oka, Pagen and Mollison, the following motion was proposed by Switzerland and seconded by Australia:

*CIVL will continue to encourage the development of aerobatics championships within CIVL. The Bureau shall nominate a working group for the development of rules to be included in Section 7. The proposal shall be circulated before the next CIVL meeting, with the aim of acceptance at that meeting.*

This was accepted unanimously. It was also noted that aerobatics are to be part of the forthcoming Hang Gliding World Series.

### 18 World Air Games

Srecko Medven, from the FAI co-ordinating committee, introduced the item. With the recent withdrawal of South Africa (news received during day 2 of the meeting), Turkey is now the only candidate to host the event. It is for CIVL to decide on the content of the Games regarding HG and PG.

Vanic had visited Turkey on behalf of CIVL, with Mike Scholes an experienced British HG pilot. The preliminary impression is that there are suitable sites in the proposed competition area (see **annexe 18** to these minutes). The following points were made during discussion of the item:

- Meet directors: HG Jim Bowyer; PG Zlato Vanic
- Official language — English
- Some organization infrastructure already exists and would be available to us. Good support from local authorities and the military.
- HG and PG events at same mountain (2,500 ft). Local city: Kayseri, approx 450 km from Ankara. University buildings available as HQ.
- It is already CIVL policy to support WAG, so HG and PG will be included if Games are held.
- WAG is automatically a First Category event. However, it does not necessarily mean that it replaces World Championships for that year. See also minute 19.
- If Speed Gliding is a success, it should be included.

Some Delegates expressed concern at the possible size of entry fees and the publicity disadvantages of gliding sports being associated with powered ones such as helicopters etc.

## **19 Future Championships**

### **19a Hang Gliding 1997, Forbes, Australia (Jan 1998)**

Mollison made a brief presentation. This will be a tow-launched event. Considerable experience in the area. Alternative site is available if Forbes paddock is unuseable for any reason. Individual teams will be responsible for their own towing equipment. Aerowtow will be permitted. All tasks will use remote start points. There will be a Pre-world event, run by the proposed meet director.

Stephane Villedent (France) was concerned about the fairness of allowing some teams to use aero-tow while others would have only line towing. Mollison said that this was being tested further. There would be two tow events in 1995/6, as well as the pre-worlds. If mixed towing appeared to be unfair, fixed-line only may be used.

On the question of entry fees, Mollison stated that it was intended to keep the fee down to about Sfr 500. Deals for accommodation etc had not yet been made, but the organizers will help.

Villedent concluded the discussion by commenting that the French pilots liked the type of flying offered by the Forbes area.

### **19b European Women's HG Championship 1997**

Hungary presented a bid for a Class I Female Championship.

### **19c World Paragliding Championships (Class 3) 1997**

Excellent detailed bids were received from Switzerland (Bernese Oberland) and Spain (Castéjon de Sos)

### **19d World Air Games, Turkey, 1997**

Turkey proposed that all three classes should hold their world championships within the World Air Games and presented a supporting bid. See also item 18.

#### *Voting on bids:*

19a: Australia 19, Turkey 8. Australia was awarded the championship.

19b: Hungary was awarded the championship. All in favour.

19c: Spain:21, Switzerland 5, Turkey 1. Spain was awarded the championship.

#### **Presentation of bids for 1998 onwards**

### **20a European Paragliding Championships**

Pedro Chapa, Spain, made a preliminary presentation, but unfortunately this was not supported by representatives from Piedrahita, the proposed site.

20b Millenium celebration — see letter from Hayler, in annex 8 of the agenda.  
Ideas are sought at this stage. Bureau will follow up any useful suggestions.

#### 20c European Championships HG class 1 1998

Pavol Vavro, General Secretary of the Slovak Aeronautic Association proposed to host the event in the Low Tatra mountains. Hungary offered assistance.

#### 21 Sporting Calendar — Second Category events

Dates for Hungarian Hang Gliding tow meet (*pre-Europeans*) confirmed as 3—10 September. Ordody made a presentation about aerotowing and trusted that it would be acknowledged that Hungary had taken a lead in introducing aerotowing to FAI events.

USA events confirmed as per list in item 21 of the Agenda.

Kössen, Austria. European Union Masters Championship, 15—25 June

The announcement of this event by Himberger prompted some discussion. Bosshard questioned whether we should sanction an event which acknowledged politically created artificial boundaries. He would like Austria to apply for a full Continental Championship next time. Himberger stated that pilots from excluded countries could enter as guests. By the conclusion of this discussion, Bosshard asked that item 30 of the agenda be deleted.

Foreign entries were invited for the British League (dates yet to be confirmed).

There is to be a Swiss round of the PWC.

Pre-European Competition in paragliding is to be held by Norway (Vogo)

16—26 June.

#### 22 Hang Gliding World Cup (World Series)

Pagen stated that the object is to rejuvenate hang gliding. In the USA the average age of hang glider pilots is greater than that of glider (sailplane) pilots. CIVL has much to offer towards stability, status etc, and the intention is for the World Series to be part of CIVL. There will be three types of competition within the Series: Cross Country, Speed Gliding and Aerobatics. The cross country will comprise triangle courses of different sizes, so that where possible the pilots will return to a contest centre. The World Series will be for individual pilots, not teams

Hayler announced that the preliminary arrangements had been made. There would be a trial period after the World Championships in Ager, particularly to test the Speed Gliding component. He was grateful for the support given by the CIVL President, and for help from well-known pilots who were on the committee.

Comment and discussion followed:

Bosshard: Supports the new development but questions the finances.

Dæhlin: The finances will be dealt with under 'Budget'.

Bosshard: If this is to be approved by CIVL plenary session, the rules and regulations should have been circulated before the meeting.

Hayler: We (individuals outside CIVL) have put a lot of cash into it. CIVL will get its investment back.

Franke: Why was CIVL's Sfr 20,000 put into this?

Dæhlin: The outlay for 1996 is balanced by Sfr 10,000 of income, therefore the expense will be Sfr 10,000.

Bosshard: Average pilots do not feel the need for more international competition. There are enough now.

Pagen: PWC has been successful — this will do the same for hang gliding. Also, the European Championships in 1994 were over-subscribed. There is a need.

Himberger: What was money spent on?

Hayler: Computer, fax, telephone, time. We're grateful for the cash, but sanction fees will give CIVL a good return.

Bowyer: We do need more championships for our improving pilots.

Breughelle: Is this a sub-committee of CIVL? Have studies been made to seek possible sponsors?

Hayler: It is developing. There will be a complete programme by next CIVL meeting. I am backed by a good committee and this is a long-term job.

Tänzler: I am worried that we are doing two things at once: Speed Gliding and World Series of Hang Gliding. Would prefer to see speed gliding demonstrated on a national basis first.

Hayler: I tend to agree, but we have to develop new ideas when they come. We must go forward.

Pagen: Speed gliding is not new. It was done in the 1970s. It may also be done in conjunction with the British League in 1995 — we are currently liaising with the League and Murray Rose.

Bowyer: Understands concern, but CIVL are correct in being pro-active. This is a unique opportunity for us to support from the start.

Rose: Agreed that Speed Gliding is not new, and that is a good argument for using experienced international pilots.

Himberger: Agreed that new ways and championships needed. We must broaden the appeal for all pilots.

Bosshard: Why no demonstration event so far?

Hayler: It all takes time. Initial trials in Wales have been good. Unfortunately not yet a promotional video to show.

Bowyer (speaking as CIVL Treasurer): We are not looking at a big investment all at once. The sum is Sfr 7,500 in 1995.

### **23 International pilot ranking system**

See paper by Mollison, **Annexe 23** to these minutes.

*Discussion:* Franke considered that a ranking system was not needed; Pagen thought it should not have a very high profile, but countries may find it useful for team selection. Himberger, Bosshard and Bowyer were in favour. Brughelle considered it essential to define the purpose — is it to let top pilots into competition? Himberger said such systems were common in other sports and we should have them.

The motion: *CIVL Bureau develops and applies a pilot rating system in all three classes.* For 15, against 8. The motion was carried.

### **24 Technical Conference**

Bureau proposed that: *CIVL approves the project of organizing a technical conference covering diverse aspects of hang gliding and paragliding sport.*

Tänzler introduced the proposal, as there was a need to exchange ideas and move the sport forward. Dæhlin was working on it with him.

Tänzler stated that Germany would be prepared to host such a conference. Possibly in conjunction with INDUGA, the major trade fair for the sport. He also noted that several Delegates had indicated a strong need for such a conference and requested further information on the amount of interest.

Brughelle stressed the need for the objectives of the conference to be clear. The agenda should not be too wide. Possibly simply concentrate on safety, or training and instruction. It must be open — not just for CIVL.

Welch stated that OSTIV (the sailplane technical conference) was held every two years. It may be useful for us to draw information from that source. Dæhlin agreed that this may be a good idea, and that he would be happy to cooperate.

Himberger suggested that rescue and distress signalling should be included in any proposed agenda.

After brief further discussion the motion was accepted unanimously.

### **25 Youth Development Plan**

Declan Doyle will be continuing with the work. A questionnaire is being prepared and all delegates are requested to help in getting responses to this. There is the possibility of a 'Youth World Cup' in future. Welch asked CIVL to define 'junior'. Input from all interested sources is requested before the next CIVL meeting.

## 26 Class definitions

Item 1.1 of the Sporting Code Section 7 is amended to read *method of primary control*, rather than the existing wording *primary method of control*. This is a clarification applicable to Class 1 and Class 2.

A further clarification was added to Class 2: *It is considered that a roll control will always induce yaw and vice versa. Therefore such controls automatically affect two axes.*

It was then proposed by the USA that Class 1 definition is further amended by the addition of: *Camber-changing or lift reducing devices, when symmetrically applied, are allowed.* Discussion followed, after which the proposal was amended to: *Class 1 remains unaltered.* Proposed Switzerland, seconded Australia. This motion was carried: 10 for, 5 against. Class 1 therefore is unchanged apart from the clarification.

Weight limits for Class 2 were discussed. Weighing accurately is a problem, and indoor facilities for this are desirable. Eventually the motion was put:

*Establishment of weight limits for Class 2 shall be postponed until after the 1995 (Ager) World Championships, and a working group will evaluate the issue before the next CIVL meeting.* Passed: 8 for, 2 against

## 27 Back-up sites for championships

Bowyer (UK) suggested that CIVL funds could be used to set up championships at sites where there are insufficient resources at present.

After discussion the consensus was that assistance could (and in some cases already was) be given on an informal basis and without the CIVL funding. The item closed without a vote.

## 28 Powered paragliders (auxilliary motor type)

UK had requested information concerning the organization and administration of this activity in other countries. In Australia and Japan it is administered within hang gliding. The USA has a separate, independent organization. Most other countries present reported that there was either no specific rule, or that the microlight authorities dealt with it.

## 29 Competence of Bureau

Switzerland was very critical of Bureau's decision to sanction a World Speed Gliding Championships in the UK (these were eventually cancelled). *Bureau should not be able to accept new types of World Championship. Item 4.4 of CIVL Internal Regulations should be more limited.*

Dæhlin stated that we had the choice of taking a unique opportunity or turning it down. If we had turned it down, we could have been accused of not acting in the interests of developing the sport. We took the chance, knowing that it had the energetic support of the British authorities.

Tänzler stated that previous experience of the type of event is needed before a Championship can be held. The format should have been tested at national level.

Bowyer was concerned that Bureau's capability to be pro-active should not be limited.

The proposal was put (amending CIVL Internal Regulation # 4.4): *Sanction of new types of World Championships is to be allowed only by CIVL plenary meeting.* for 8; against 8. The motion therefore failed because of lack of a two-thirds majority.

### **30 Competence of Bureau etc.**

This was withdrawn at the request of the proposer during discussion of agenda item 21.

### **31 Budget**

Treasurer Bowyer introduced the amended 1995-6 budget.

Himberger urged us to spend money to promote the sport, to attract wider participation. Whittall commented that we were very aware of that, but funds were very limited: example suggestions would be welcome.

Franke enquire if PWC would receive money in the same way as the Hang Gliding World Series (HGWS). Dæhlin confirmed that it would, provided it became a subcommittee of CIVL. The Treasurer emphasised that this expenditure was seen as a good investment.

Himberger considered that we spend too much on competition. Discussion then returned to the HGWS. Bosshard requested details of expenditure.

Bowyer: of the Sfr 7,500 for 1995-6, half has been spent on equipment, the rest on administration. Further income will be from subscriptions. We can amend the budget at the next CIVL meeting. If the HGWS doesn't develop, the budget will be revised. This is the start; Hope all will have faith in the Bureau.

Hayler: Even if it all goes wrong, CIVL will get the equipment back.

Oka then asked for confirmation that no figure for CIVL's own administration expenses appeared. This was confirmed, with the exception of a late-presented account from the Secretary for Sfr 519 for postage and fax.

The budget was then accepted. For 17. None against

### **32 CIVL Awards**

Tony Barton (USA) was proposed for the Pêpe Lopes Award. See citation, *Annexe 32* to these minutes. *Carried unanimously*

Himberger requested that Bureau should canvass for nominations for 1996 awards in good time.

### 33 Election of officers

The following officers were correctly proposed and seconded before being returned unopposed:

President: Per Christian Dæhlin (Norway)

Vice Presidents: Dennis Pagen (USA), Paul Mollison (Australia), Paul Thomas (South Africa)

Secretary: Noel Whittall (UK)

Treasurer: Jim Bowyer (UK)

### 34 Date and venue of next meeting

A formal invitation was received from Preddvor, Slovenia, as an alternative to Paris.

*After voting with a majority of less than two-thirds for Preddvor, Paris was selected.*

The formal proposal to hold the meeting in Paris was Proposed Australia, seconded UK. 20 in favour. None against

*Dates: March 15 — 17 1996*

### 35 Any other business

35a *Team size for HG World Championship 1995, Ager, be increased to 7.*

Proposed UK, seconded USA. For 12, against 7. The motion was carried

35b *Class 2 be included in HG World Championship 1995*

Proposed Switzerland, seconded South Africa

Pedro Chapa, Meet Director, stated that he would run Class 2 if there are enough entries.

*The motion was passed unopposed.*

35c *Guest pilots are not permitted in World Championships*

Proposed Switzerland, seconded France.

(The meet director at Ager had proposed to admit up to 5 guest pilots.)

For 14; against 6. *The motion was passed, therefore guests are excluded from all future World Championships*

Close

**The President closed the meeting and thanked all those attending, as well as our generous hosts in Spain: the Real Aero Club de España, the Town Council of Ager and the Organizing Committee of the 1995 World Championships.**

These minutes recorded by Noel Whittall, Secretary, and approved by Per Christian Dæhlin, President



## List of attendance

- Australia: Paul Mollison *Delegate and Vice President*
- Austria: Sepp Himberger *Delegate*, Sigi Joast *Alternate*, Markup Villinger *Observer*
- China: Xu Zengwu *Delegate*, Yan Guangyer *Observer*
- Chinese Taipei: Frederic Wang *Alternate Delegate*
- Croatia: Ljubomir Tomaskovic *Alternate Delegate*
- Denmark: Claus Lykke Jepsen *Delegate*, Frank England *Observer*
- FAI: Max Bishop *General Secretary*
- Finland: Reini Valtonen *Observer*
- France: Olivier Burghelle *Delegate*, Stéphane Villedent *Alternate*
- Germany: Klaus Tänzler *Delegate*; Reinhard (Zico) Franke *Alternate (PWC President)*
- Hungary: Erno Biró *Alternate Delegate*, Marton Ordody *Observer*
- Italy: Pietro Bacchi *Delegate*, Marco Borri *Observer*
- Ireland: Declan Doyle *Delegate*
- Japan: Yoshiki Oka *Alternate Delegate*
- Netherlands: Flip Koetsier *Delegate*
- Norway: Per-Christian Dæhlin *President*; Christer Bonde *Delegate*
- Poland: Miroslav Rodzewicz *Delegate*
- Slovakia: Pavel Vavro *Delegate*
- Slovenia: Zlato Vanic *Alternate Delegate*, Srecko Medven *Observer*
- South Africa: Paul Thomas *Delegate and Vice President*
- Spain: Pedro Chapa *Delegate*, Jordi Salvat i Alabart *Alternate*, Anna Lopez *Observer*
- Sweden: Per Jutemar *Delegate*
- Switzerland: Thomas Bosshard *Delegate & President d'honneur*
- Turkey: Bekir Bastue *Delegate*, Luti Yuzuak *Alternate Delegate*
- United Kingdom: Judy Leden *Delegate*; Jim Bowyer *Alternate and Treasurer*; Walter Neumark *Observer*; Ann Welch *Presidente d'honneur*; Noel Whittall *Secretary*
- USA: Dennis Pagen *Delegate and Vice President*
- Sports representatives**
- PWC/HGWS: José Hayler
- HGWS: Murray Rose



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