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Minutes

of the
Annual Meeting
of the
FAI General Aviation Commission
(GAC)

held in Cordoba, Spain
on 2nd November 2013
at the Hotel Hesperia

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1. Welcome and Roll Call of the Delegates

The meeting of the General Aviation Commission (GAC) was called to order on Saturday, 2nd November, at 09:10, by the GAC President Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas. He also welcomed Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki, FAI IT Manager, as representative of FAI Head Office. Mr. Pedro Cabanero from the Aero Club of Spain welcomed all the delegates and wished a successful meeting.

A roll call of the delegates was taken by Mr. Leinikki.

The following two proxies were approved: Sweden to Denmark and Greece to Cyprus.

For the record, it was noted there were 23 votes present, including proxies.

This means for the voting: the absolute majority is 12 votes and 2/3 majority is 16 votes.

Apologies received from the GAC Honorary President Sven Hugosson.

Mr. Delmas asked if anyone wished to make a declaration of a conflict of interests. No conflict of interests was noted.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Two changes were made to the agenda: Point 5c was moved to point 8g and point 7e was moved to point 10e.

The modified agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Larnaca, Cyprus, on the 3rd of November 2012, were accepted as written. The minutes were approved by the UK and seconded by Spain

4. Report On GAC activities during the year

Mr. Delmas gave his annual report, as GAC president.

He also attended the FAI conference and the CASI meeting. (Annex 4).

He congratulated and gave special thanks to the Slovak Republic for hosting the 9th FAI European Rally Flying Championship 2013, as well to Germany for hosting the 21st World Precision Flying Championship. He also congratulated the championship directors, Jan Chudý from Slovakia and Ralf Grunwald from Germany, for their well organized championships.

He also thanked Paul Szameitat for taking over the position as International Chief Judge, under very short notice of absence of elected Chief Judge.

Special thanks were given to Jean Birgen who organized the Memorial Flight Rally Hans Gutmann.

Mr. Delmas congratulated 3 members from the GAC who received the following awards at the FAI general conference:

- Art Greenfield (USA) - FAI Silver Medal;
- Juan Ramon Alvarez Caramazana (ESP) - Paul Tissandier Diploma ;
- Jiri Dodal (CZE) - Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma.

5. Report On FAI activities during the year

The official representative of FAI, Mr. Leinikki reported back on the FAI activities and on the annual FAI conference.

He mentioned that the sponsorship with Breitling continues and that all championships will have the Breitling brand.

Mr. Visa-Matti gave the news that GAC pilots are not included in the FAI Registered testing pool for 2014, which means that no out-of-competition tests will be conducted by the FAI on GAC pilots.

He went on to report that the RED BULL AIR RACE will again take place in 2014.

He stated that an announcement will be made by the end of the year, as to which country will host the WORLD AIR GAMES in 2015.

The ANR is listed as one of the disciplines which can be nominated for the WAG.

6. Past International Competitions

a. The 9th FAI European Rally Flying Championship 2013, held in Dubnica-nad-Vahom, Slovak Republic

Mr. Jirí Dodal, President of the Jury, tabled his report on a very successful championship held in Slovakia (Annex 6.1).

Reports were tabled by International Chief Judge, Mr. Paul Szameitat, (Annex 6.2), as well as from the Championship Director Mr. Jan Chudý (Annex 6.3).

b. The 21st World Precision Flying Championship 2013, held in Bautzen, Germany

Mr. Jirí Dodal tabled the jury's report on behalf of Mr. Andrzej Osowski, who was unable to attend the championship. Mr. Dodal thanked the organizers for a very successful championship (Annex 6.4).

Reports were tabled by the International Chief Judge, Mr. Paul Szameitat, as well as from the Championship Director Mr. Ralf Grunwald (Annexes 6.5 & 6.6).

Mr. Jean Birgen tabled his report on a successful Hans Gutmann Memorial Rally 2013, (Annex 6.7).

7. Sub-committee Reports

Rally Flying Sub-committee

Acting chairman, Mr. Paul Szameitat, presented his report (Annex 7.1). He also proposed some small changes to the rules and regulations for Air Rally Flying, for future FAI World and European Rally Flying Championships. The proposed changes were approved (Annex 7.2).

Precision Flying Sub-committee

Mr. Rodney Blois, Chairman of the Precision Flying Sub-committee, tabled his report (Annex 7.3) He also proposed small changes to the Rules and Regulations for Precision Flying (Annex 7.4). The proposed changes were approved.

Air Navigation Race Sub-committee

Mr. Maurice Ducret, Chairman of the Air Navigation Race Sub-committee, reported on the activities during the past year (Annex 7.5).

He also proposed small changes to the rules and regulations of the Air Navigation Race.

The proposed changes were approved (Annex 7.6).

Records Sub-committee

Mr. Art Greenfield, Chairman of the Records Sub-committee, tabled his report (Annex 7.7a). He also proposed some changes to Section 2 of the FAI Sporting Code.

The proposed changes were approved (Annex 7.7b).

The new changes will come into effect on the 1.1.2014.

Long Range Air Navigation

Mr. Jean Birgen, Technical Adviser Long Range Air Navigation, gave his report (Annex 7.8).

8. Future International Competitions

19th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2014

Mr. Marian Wieczorek presented the final local rules and regulations for the 19th FAI World Rally Flying Championship to be held in Torun, Poland, from the 17th to 21st August 2014. (Annex 8.1).

The local rules were approved.

22nd FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2015

Denmark announced that the 22nd FAI World Precision Flying Championship will be held in Denmark, in 2015.

Thanks to the Danish delegates, Mr. Vagn Jensen and Allan Hansen, who, under very short notice, offered to organize the WPFC 2015. The dates for this championship will be announced in the next 6 months.

The final bid will be tabled at the next GAC meeting.

20th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2016

The delegates from Portugal presented their final bid for hosting the 10th FAI European Rally Flying Championship, in 2015, in Portugal.

After discussions, it was proposed to cancel European Rally Flying championship in 2015, and that Portugal organises a World championship, a year later.

The proposal was approved: Portugal will host the 20th FAI World Rally Flying Championship, in 2016.

The official bid documents were approved (Annex 8.2), with modified dates 4th to 10th September 2016.

23rd FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2017

The delegate from Austria, Mr. Manfred Kunschitz, gave a preliminary bid to host the 23rd WPFC in Spitzerberg, Austria. (Annex 8.3).

Long Range Air Navigation 2014

Mr. Jean Birgen announced that he is planning the Hans Gutmann Memorial Rally in 2014. (Annex 8.4).

Air Races F1

Mr. Jeff Zaltman, Air Sport Organizer from company AIRRAC F1, gave the GAC delegates a very interesting presentation on air races F1 of different types. (Annex 8.5).

Mr. Delmas thanked Mr. Zaltman for his contribution.

9. Finances

Treasurer's report

Mr. Jiri Dodal, GAC Treasurer, reviewed the income and expenditures during 2012-2013 (Annex 9.1). The report was approved.

Budget for 2014

Mr. Dodal also presented the proposed budget for 2014 (Annex 9.2). The proposed budget was approved.

10. Technical Representative Reports

Technical Advisor, GNSS

Mr. Ralf Grunwald, GAC Technical Advisor for GNSS, tabled his report. (Annex 10.1).

Webmaster

No report was received from Mr. Michel Frere, but Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki, as FAI IT Manager, gave overview of IT development under progress at FAI.

Environmental issues

No report was received from Mr. Lindholm, but Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas gave a summary of the presentation made, at the FAI General Conference, by the new Chairman of Environmental Commission, Pierre Duval.

World Air Games

Mr. Heini Schawalder gave his report (Annex 10.2). Mr. Heini Schawalder will look into participation in the next WAG.

Long Range Air Navigation

The point was already discussed under point 7.8.

11. Awards

Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

The names of four candidates were submitted Claude Lelaie (FRA), Igor Tselischev (RUS), Jesus Mas Menargues (SPAIN), Mark Van Tine (USA)

The Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma was awarded to Jesus Mass Menargues, Spain

12. Other Business

Anti-Doping

GAC pilots are not included in the FAI Registered testing pool for 2014, which means that no out-of-competition tests will be conducted by the FAI on GAC pilots.

GAC Film Production

Mrs. Celeste Blois presented her film production for Rally and Precision Flying, as well as the ANR.

The films are very professional and all delegates agreed that these films will be copied and sent to aero-clubs for advertising.

Mr. Delmas thanked Mrs. Blois for her very good work.

Historical and statistical review

Mr. Pedro Cabañero gave an interesting and informative presentation on countries who have been involved in organising Championships and GAC Meetings. (Annex 12.1).

13. Elections & Appointments

The commission held elections with the results as follows:

Election of Bureau

President..... Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas
1st Vice- President/Secretary..... Mr. Hans Schwebel
2nd Vice- President/Treasurer..... Mr. Jiri Dodal

Election of Sub-committee Chairmen

Precision Flying Sub-committee..... Mr. Rodney Blois
Rally Flying Sub-committee..... Mr. Paul Szameitat
Air Nav Race Sub-committee..... Mr. Maurice Ducret
Records Sub-committee..... Mr. Art Greenfield

Election of Technical Representatives

CASI..... Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas
FAI Environmental Commission..... Mr. Henry Lindholm
World Air Games Liason Officer..... Mr. Heini Schawalder
Webmaster..... Mr. Michel Frere
Technical Advisor, GNSS..... Mr. Ralf Grunwald
Technical Advisor, Long Range Air Navigation..... Mr. Jean Birgen

Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges

The Jury and Judge lists were updated and approved. (Annex 13.1 & 13.2)

14. Date and time of the next GAC Plenary Meeting

The next meeting will be held at:

**FAI Head Office, Maison du Sport International, Lausanne, Switzerland,
14-16 November 2014**

**Thursday 13 November : Bureau Meeting
Friday 14 November : Subcommittees Meetings
Saturday 15 November: Plenary Meeting**

15. Adjournment

The President Jean-Pierre Delmas thanked the Aero Club of Spain for a well organized meeting, as well all the delegates for their inputs.

Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas adjourned the meeting at 17:00.

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