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# Minutes

of the Annual Meeting 2016 of the  
**FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)**

**held at the Atlantica Miramare Beach Hotel  
Limassol ,Cyprus  
on the 5th November 2016**

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## **1. Welcome and Roll Call of the Delegates**

The meeting of the FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC) was called to order on Saturday, 5th November 2016 at 09:05 by the GAC President Mr. Rodney Blois . He welcomed all 37 delegates and observers, as well as Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki representative from the FAI Head office.

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

There was 1 proxy from Venezuela to Spain

For the records, it was noted that there were 18 and 1 proxy total of 19 votes present. This means for the voting the absolute majority is 10 votes and 2/3 majority is 13votes.

Apologies received from the President of Honour Mr. Sven Hugosson

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

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

To the Agenda the following were added :

8a approval Landing System from Czech Republic

9e WRFC 2018 Poland

9d 1<sup>st</sup> WANR 2017 Spain

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved .

## **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held in San Miguel, Azores, Portugal on the 8th November 2015 were unanimously accepted as written.

## **4. Report on GAC activities during the year**

President Rodney Blois reported on the GAC activities over the past year.(See Annex 4).

- a. He thanked all involved specially Heinrich Schawalder, Maurice Ducret Pedro Cabanero in organizing and running the ANR at the World Air Games in Dubai. Only 1 crew per country was invited to make it a fair international event.
- b. 20<sup>th</sup> WRFC held in Santa Cruz, Portugal.  
A special word of appreciation and thanks was extended to Joao Francisco and Filipa Oliveira and to the Portuguese Aero Club.
- c. He also thanked Jean Birgen on his successful Hans Gutmann Memorial Flight to Georgia.
- d. Live tracking is to be improved as GAC is far behind on this.FAI working on this matter to share information and provide help.
- e. Mr. Blois attended the President's Meeting in Crete.
- f. He also informed the delegates about the FAI General Conference /BALI, Indonesia

## **5. Report on FAI by the FAI representative Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki**

Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki FAI representative reported about the FAI General Conference held in Bali, Indonesia.

Mr. Leinikki Highlighted 3 main aspects viz:

- a. Membership development.  
He gave statistics on present membership and new members in 2016
- b. FAI Air Sports Statistics review 2015
- c. Mr. Leinikki reported on the FAI General Conference
  1. Strategic Goals
  2. Support to FAI strategy and Air Games
  3. New president Mr. Frederik Brink and 3 new Executive Board members
  4. He also reported on IT projects, IT workshop/Extranet/web pages.
  5. Objectives for the New Air Games Series were outlined and aspects to be addressed.
  6. Potential locations for Air Games
  7. How to build on WAG.  
(See Annex 5)

## **6. Past International Competitions**

### **FAI World Air Games 1-12.12.2015 Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

- a. Mr. Pedro Cabanero President of the Jury tabled his report on a very successful World Air Games held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. (See Annex 6.a)
- b. Mr. Heinrich Schawalder International Chief Judge tabled his report (See Annex 6.b)
- c. Mr. Maurice, Championship Directors, report was incorporated in Mr. Schawalders report.
- d. Mr. Heinrich Schawalder Liaison Officer tabled his report. ( See Annex 6.d )

Mr. Frank Eckard thanked the ANR organizers on behalf of the Pilots and Navigators for the well run completion at the WAG .

### **20<sup>th</sup> FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2016, in Santa Cruz, Portugal**

- a. Mr. Vagn Jensen , President of the Jury tabled his report. (See Annex 6.e )
- b. Mr. Paul Szameitat, International Chief Judge tabled his report ( See Annex 6.f )
- c. Mr. Joao Francisco ,Championship Director tabled his report (See Annex 6.g )

## **7. Subcommittee Reports**

### Rally Flying Subcommittee

Mr. Paul Szameitat, Chairman of the Rally Flying Subcommittee, presented his report (see Annex 7.a). He also proposed some changes to the Rules and Regulations for Air Rally Flying. It was also agreed that at the next WRFC only one class will be flown. The proposed change was approved. (See Annex 7.a)

### Precision Flying Subcommittee

Mr. Allen Hansen, Chairman of the Precision Flying Subcommittee, proposed small changes to the Rules and Regulations for Precision Flying. He also thanked Frank Eckard from South Africa for revising the rules and regulations into a more understandable English. The proposed changes were approved. . (See Annex 7.b)

### Air Navigation Race Subcommittee

Mr. Maurice Ducret, Chairman of the Air Navigation Race Subcommittee, reported on the activities during the past year . and also proposed small changes to the Rules and Regulations. The proposed changes were approved. (See Annex 7c)

### Records Subcommittee

Mr. Art Greenfield, Chairman of the Records Subcommittee, tabled his report. (See Annex 7 d )

## **8. Technical Matters Report**

### Technical Adviser GNSS

Mr. Arnold Grubeck tabled his report on behalf of Mr. Ralf Grunwald GAC Technical Advisor. (See Annex 8 a)  
The Landing system from the Czech Republic was approved and will be added to the GAC equipment list

### Webmaster

All the webmasters duties will be handled by the FAI.  
Therefore no Webmaster from GAC is needed

### Environmental issues

There were no environmental issues.

### Long Range Air Racing

Mr. Jean Birgen reported on a successful Hans Gutmann LRAR ( Annex 8 d )

Mr. Birgen announced that the 2017 LRAR is planned to fly to the Northern countries (Annex 8. e)

## **9. Future International Competitions**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2017 ,in Austria**

The local Rules and documentation were tabled by the Austrian delegate Manfred Kunschitz, and approved . (annex 9a)

### **21th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2018, in Slovakia**

Mr. Jan Chudy and Katarina Pohankova from Slovakia tabled the final bid host to the 21th WRFC 2018. (See Annex 9.b )

Poland also tabled a bid by Mr. Wieczorek and Mr. Lenartowicz to host the 21th WRFC in Poland. ( See Annex (9.c)

After a secret vote Slovakia's bid was accepted to host the 21th WRFC in Slovakia.

### **1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Air Navigation Race Championship**

Mr. Pedro Cabanero announced that Spain was interested in hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Air Navigation Race Championship.

He told the delegates that if at least 16 teams have entered by end January 2017, the 1<sup>st</sup> FAI WANR 2017 will be held in the 2/3 week of September 2017 in Castellon . (see Annex 9.d )

### **24<sup>th</sup> FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2019 ,in Spain**

Spain is interested to host the 24<sup>th</sup> FAI WPFC 2019  
Spain will table the preliminary bid at the next GAC meeting 2017

### **22nd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2020**

France is still interested to host the 2020 WRFC, more details at the next meeting

## **10. Other Competitions**

There was a discussion about Extra Long Race Rally.  
More information will be announced at the next meeting.

## **11. Finance**

### Treasurer's report

Mr. Jiří Dodal, GAC Treasurer, reviewed the income and expenditures during 2015-2016 (see Annexes 11a). The report was approved.

### Budget for 2017

Mr. Dodal also presented the proposed budget for 2017 (see Annex 11b). The budget was approved.

## 12. Awards

### Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

no candidates were submitted.

## 13. Other Business

### **Anti-Doping**

GAC fully endorses the FAI position on doping.

## 14. Elections & Appointments

Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki assisted with the election.

The commission held elections with the results as follows:

### Election of Bureau

President.....	Mr. Rodney Blois
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President/Secretary .....	Mr. Hans Schwebel
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Treasurer .....	Mr. Jiri Dodal

### Election of Subcommittee Chairmen

Precision Flying Subcommittee .....	Mr. Allen Hansen
Rally Flying Subcommittee.....	Mr. Frank Eckard
Air Nav Race Subcommittee .....	Mr. Maurice Ducret
Records Subcommittee.....	Mr. Art Greenfield

### Election of Technical Representatives

CASI .....	Mr. Rodney Blois
FAI Environmental Commission .....	
World Air Games Liaison Officer .....	Mr. Heini Schwalder
.....	
Technical Advisor, GNSS.....	Mr. Ralf Grunwald
Technical Advisor, Long Range Air Racing .....	Mr. Jean Birgen

### Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges

The Jury and Judge lists were updated and approved.

(See Annex 14a & 14b)

## 15. Date and time of the next GAC Plenary Meeting

One bid was received, from France. After the vote to hold the next meeting outside of Lausanne, the vote was in favor of France.

The next meeting will be held at Paris, France from 2-5. November 2017.

### **Post-plenary note:**

2017 GAC Plenary Meeting dates were changed for :

9 November 2017	PM Bureau Meeting
10 November 2017	AM Sub-Committee Meetings (Rally Flying/Precision Flying/ANR)
	PM Combined Meeting of all Sub-Committees
11 November 2017	full day Plenary

## **16. Adjournment**

The President Rodney Blois, thanked the Aero club of Cyprus for hosting and organizing the meeting. A special thanks to Demetrakis Hadjidemetriou and Andreas Solomou for their input and hard work, to make this a very successful and enjoyable meeting. He also thanked all the delegates for their input.

Mr. Rodney Blois adjourned the meeting at 17:15.

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