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# Minutes

of the Annual Meeting 2017 of the  
**FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)**

**held at the IBIS Paris 17 Clichy-Batigolles Hotel  
Paris, France  
on the 11th November 2017**

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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, 11th November 2017 at 09:00 by the GAC President Mr. Rodney Blois. He welcomed all 42 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 the United Kingdom to South Africa

For the records, it was noted that there were 24 and 1 proxy - total of 25 votes present. This means for the voting the absolute majority is 13 votes and 2/3 majority is 16votes.

Apologies received from the President of Honour Mr. Sven Hugosson

The President asked for 1min silence to remember Dmitry Sukharev

Mr. Schwebel 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 was added :

Celine Lajoux guest speaker, long range Rally

Deleted was 14.a

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved

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

The minutes of the meeting held in Limassol, Cyprus on the 5th November 2016 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 the Aero Club of Austria, especially Manfred Kunschitz as championship director, for a well organized and a successful FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2017 held in Spitzerberg, Austria .
- b. He extended a special thank you to the Aero Club of Spain, especially Jesus Maas and Pedro Cabanero for organizing and hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Air Navigation Race Championship. Special mention and thanks went to Jesus Maas for organizing the live tracking on the internet .This is a big improvement for our aviation sport.
- c. He also thanked Jean Birgen on his successful Hans Gutmann Memorial Flight from Luxembourg to Saint Petersburg.
- d. Mr. Blois attended the President's Meeting at the FAI /HO.
- e. He also informed the delegates about the FAI General Conference held in Lausanne, Switzerland .

## **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 Lausanne , Switzerland . (See Annex 5)

Mr. Leinikki presented the FAI report on behalf of the FAI Secretary General Susanne Schoedel

- a. Membership development.  
He gave statistics on present membership and new members in 2017
- b. FAI Air Sports Statistics review 2016
- c. Communication
- d. Team FAI Head Office
- e. FAI Partners
- f. Promote Air Sports
- g. FAI website

## **6. Past International Competitions**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Precision Flying Championships 29<sup>th</sup>July-5<sup>th</sup>August 2017 Spitzerberg, Austria**

- a. Mr. Hans Schwebel, President of the Jury, tabled his report on a very successful FAI World Precision Flying Championship held in Spitzerberg ,Austria. ( See Annex 6.a)
- b. Mr. Ralf Grunwald, International Chief Judge, tabled his report (See Annex 6.b)
- c. Mr. Manfred Kunschitz, Championship Director, tabled his report ( See Annex 6c )

### **1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Air Navigation Race Championship 2017, in Castellon ,Spain**

- a. Mr. Heinrich Schawalder , President of the Jury, tabled his report. (See Annex 6.d )
- b. Mr. Maurice Ducret, International Chief Judge, tabled his report ( See Annex 6.e )
- c. Mr. Jesus Maas ,Championship Director, thanked the international chief judge for his input and hard work and also Heinrich Schawalder, President of the Jury .

## **7. Subcommittee Reports**

### **Rally Flying Subcommittee**

Mr. Frank Eckard, Chairman of the Rally Flying Subcommittee, presented his report. He also proposed some changes to the Rules and Regulations for Air Rally Flying. The significant change is to go back to one class competition.

The proposed change was approved. (See Annex 7.a)

### **Precision Flying Subcommittee**

Mr. Allen Hansen, Chairman of the Precision Flying Subcommittee, proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for Precision Flying. The significant change is that aircrafts with different kinds of glass cockpits, as well as other newer fixed installed GPS systems are now allowed to be used. 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 )  
Mr.Greenfield proposed some changes at the FAI Sporting Code, Section 2 – Aeroplanes.  
The changes were approved .

### **8. Technical Matters Report**

#### Technical Adviser GNSS

Mr. Ralf Grunwald GAC Technical Advisor tabled his report. (See Annex 8 a)

#### Webmaster

All the webmaster's duties will be handled by the FAI.

#### Environmental issues

There were no environmental issues.

#### Long Range Air Racing

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

Mr. Birgen announced that the 2018 LRAR is planned to fly to the Eastern countries

### **9. Future International Competitions**

#### **a) 21st FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2018, in Slovakia**

Mr. Jan Chudy and Katarina Pohankova from Slovakia tabled the local rules to host the 21st WRFC 2018 in Dubnica,SVK. The local rules were approved. (See Annex 9.a )

#### **b) 24th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2019, in Spain**

Mr. Pedro Cabanero from Spain tabled the preliminary bid to host the 23rd FAI WPFC 2019

Final dates will be given at the next GAC meeting. ( June 2019) ( See Annex 9b )

#### **c) 2nd FAI World Air Navigation Race Championship 2019, in Portugal**

Filipa Oliveira and Joao Francisco from Portugal tabled the preliminary bid to host the 2nd FAI WANR in Santa Cruz, Portugal from the 6th to the 14th September 2019.  
( Annex 9c)

#### **d) 22nd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2020, in South Africa**

Mr. Frank Eckard from South Africa tabled a letter of interest to host the 2020 FAI WRFC and the 3rd WANR in South Africa.SA will table a preliminary bid at the next GAC meeting 2018 ( Annex 9d)

e) **25th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2021, in France**

France is interested to host the 25th FAI WRFC in 2021  
More details will be presented at the next GAC meeting 2018

f) **23rd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2022, in France**

France is interested to host the 23rd FAI WRFC 2022.  
More details will be presented at the next GAC meeting 2018

g) Mr. Han Zhaofang delegate from China reported that there is a possibility to host FAI/GAC championships in China in the near future.

h) President Rodney asked the delegates of the countries represented, to come forward for more bids to host the GAC competitions

## **10. Other Competitions**

There was a discussion about Extra Long Race Rally.

At this meeting we had a guest speaker Mrs. Celine Lajoux.  
Mrs. Lajoux gave us an interesting talk about the long range rally from Toulouse to St. Louis, Senegal. The first Rally took place in 1983. The 36th long range Rally from Toulouse to St. Louis will take place from the 15-29 September 2018 .

## **11. Finance**

### **Treasurer's report**

a) Mr. Jiří Dodal, GAC Treasurer, reviewed the income and expenditures during 2016-2017 (see Annexes 11a). The report was approved.

### **Budget for 2018**

b) Mr. Dodal also presented the proposed budget for 2018 (see Annex 11b). The budget was approved.

c) The sanction fee E 50.00 was approved

## **12. Awards**

Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

no candidates were submitted.

## **13. Other Business**

a) Anti-Doping: GAC fully endorses the FAI position on doping. From 1.1.2018 alcohol will be removed from WADA List of prohibited substances but still considered by FAI as a performance enhancing substance and therefore still tested by FAI.

b) The proposed amendment to the FAI Statutes by Art Greenfield was unanimously approved. (Annex 13b )

c) Mr. Pedro Cabanero gave a very interesting talk and listed the countries that have participated in organizing world championships or GAC meetings . He urged countries who haven't yet organized any championships or meetings to get involved as hosts.

## **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

## **14. Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges**

The Jury and Judge lists were updated and approved.  
(See Annex 14a & 14b)

## **15. Location and date of the next GAC Plenary Meeting**

One bid was received from Finland . After the vote to hold the next meeting outside of Lausanne, the vote was in favour of Helsinki ,Finland

The next meeting will be held at Helsinki, Finland from 16-18 November 2018.

## **16. Adjournment**

The President Rodney Blois, thanked the Aero club of France for hosting and organizing the meeting. A special thanks to Philippe Muller and the President Jean-Luc Charron of the Aero Club of France and his team 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 17:00.

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