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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting 2018 of the
FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)

**held at the Sokos Hotel Presidentti
Helsinki, Finland
on the 17th November 2018**

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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, 17th November 2018 at 09:00 by the GAC President Mr. Rodney Blois. He welcomed all 44 delegates and observers, as well as Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki representative from the FAI Head office.

It was noted that Mr. Arnold Grubek was nominated as alternative delegate for Germany

There was 1 proxy from the USA to Spain

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

For the records, it was noted that there were 23 and 1 proxy - total of 24 votes present. This means for the voting the absolute majority is 13 votes and 2/3 majority is 16votes.

Apologies received from Art Greenfield from USA

Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki asked if anyone wished to make a declaration of conflict of interests. No conflict of interests was noted.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The secretary Mr. Schwebel ask for the approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Paris, France on the 11th November 2017 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 Slovakia, especially Jan Chudy as championship director as well as Katarina Pohankova for a well organized and a successful FAI WRFC 2018 held in Dubnica, Slovakia .
- b. He also thanked Jean Birgen on his successful Hans Gutmann Memorial Flight from Luxembourg to Moldova and Ukraine
- c. Mr. Blois attended the President's meetings in Istanbul and Luxor
- d. He also informed the delegates about the FAI General Conference held in Luxor, Egypt
- e. He also informed the delegates about the possibility of an ANR competition in China.

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

a.) Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki FAI representative reported about the FAI General Conference held in Luxor, Egypt .He announced that the FAI has elected a new Executive Board with Mr.Bob Henderson from New Zealand as President.

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

- a. Membership development and commissions
He gave statistics on present membership and new members
- b. FAI Air Sports Statistics review
- c. Communication
- d. Team FAI Head Office
- e. FAI in the world of sports
- f. Promote Air Sports
- g. FAI World Championships
- h. World Air Games 2020 in Turkey
(See Annex 5)

b.) Mr. Blois announced that Spain was re-elected to the CASI commission

6. Past International Competitions

21st FAI World Rally Flying Championship 5th to 11th August 2018, in Dubnica nad Vahom , Slovakia

- a. Mr. Jiri Dodal, President of the Jury, tabled his report on the FAI World Rally Flying Championship held in Dubnica ,Slovakia. (see Annex 6a)
- b. Mr. Ralf Grunwald , International Chief Judge, tabled his report (see Annex 6b)
- c. Mr. Jan Chudy ,Championship Director ,thanked the international chief judge and the jury for their hard work during the championship. (see Annex 6c)

7. Sub-committee Reports

Rally Flying Sub-committee

Mr. Frank Eckard, Chairman of the Rally Flying Sub-committee, presented his report. Most of the sub-committee meeting dealt with the new proposed changes of the Rally rules, as well as the tabling of the preliminary bid from South Africa to host the 22nd FAI WRFC, in Stellenbosch. The proposed rule changes, as well as the preliminary bid from South Africa were both approved. (see Annex 7a .)

Precision Flying Sub-committee

Mr. Allen Hansen, Chairman of the Precision Flying Sub-committee, proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for Precision Flying. The proposed changes were approved. Also the local rules for the FAI WPFC in Spain were approved. (See Annex 7.b)

Air Navigation Race Sub-committee

Mr. Maurice Ducret, Chairman of the Air Navigation Race Sub-committee, reported on the activities during the past year and also proposed small changes to the Rules and Regulations. The proposed changes, as well as the local rules for the 2nd FAI WANR in Portugal were approved. (See Annex 7c)

Records Sub-committee

Mr. Art Greenfield, Chairman of the Records Sub-committee, sent his apologies.
Mr. Rodney Blois told the meeting on behalf of Mr. Greenfield, that no changes to the FAI Sporting Code were proposed.

8. Technical Matters Report

Technical Adviser GNSS

Mr. Ralf Grunwald GAC technical advisor tabled his report. (See Annex 8 a)
He also told the meeting that the Logger GT-730FL-S is approved.

Environmental issues

There were no environmental issues.
Portugal is interested to be involved in the environmental issues.
Details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Long Range Air Racing

Mr. Jean Birgen reported on a successful Hans Gutmann LRAR 2018 (Annex 8 c)

Mr. Birgen announced that the 2019 LRAR is planned to fly to Turkey, Israel and Egypt. We wish Mr. Birgen all the best for the planning.

9. Future International Competitions

- a) **24th FAI World Precision Flying Championship June 2019 in Castellon, Spain**
Mr. Pedro Cabanero from Spain tabled the final bid to host the 23rd FAI WPFC 2019. The final bid was approved.
Final dates are from the 9th June to the 17th June 2019 meeting. (See Annex 9a)
- b) **2nd FAI World Air Navigation Race Championship 2019, in Portugal**
Filipa Oliveira and Joao Francisco from Portugal tabled the final bid to host the 2nd FAI WANR in Santa Cruz, Portugal from the 8th to the 14th September 2019.
The final bid was approved (Annex 9b)
- c) **FAI World Air Games 2020 Turkey**
Mr. Heini Schawalder reported on the FAI WAR 2020 (see Annex 9c.)
The final decision to go ahead or postpone the WAG will be made in December 2018
- d) **22nd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2020, in South Africa**
Mr. Frank Eckard from South Africa tabled a preliminary bid to host the 2020 FAI WRFC in South Africa. The preliminary bid was approved (see Annex 9d)
- e) **25th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2021, in France**
Mr. Phillipe Muller from France reported that France would like to host the 25th FAI WRFC from the 9-20. August 2021
A preliminary bid will be presented at the next GAC meeting in 2019
- f) **23rd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2022, in France**
France is interested in hosting the 23rd FAI WRFC 2022.
More details will be presented at the next GAC meeting in 2019
- g) **24th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2024, in Italy**
Mr. Filippo Papale from Italy reported that Italy is interested in hosting the 24th FAI WRFC in 2024.
- h) China is still a possible host for FAI/GAC championships in China in the near future.
- i) President Rodney asked the delegates of the countries represented, to come forward for more bids to host the GAC competitions. We still need a host for the FAI WPFC 2023

10. Other Competitions

Extra Long Race Rally, from Ushuaia to USA with Biplanes (by selected individuals only)

11. Finance

Treasurer's report

a) Mr. Jiří Dodal, GAC Treasurer, presented the income and expenditures during 2017-2018 (see Annexes 11). The report was approved.

Budget for 2019

b) Mr. Dodal also presented the proposed budget for 2019 (see Annex 11). The budget was approved.

c) The sanction fee of E 50.00 was not changed

12. Awards

Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

Mr. JUDr. Stefan Vittek from the Slovakia National Aero Club was approved for the diploma by a special GAC Bureau Meeting.

13. Other Business

Anti-Doping

a) GAC fully endorses the FAI position on anti-doping.

14. Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges

Mr. Schwebel received new applications from different countries.

The Jury and Judge lists were updated and approved.

(See Annex 14a & 14b)

15. Elections

Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki assisted with the election.

The commission held the elections with the results as follows:

Election of Bureau

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

Election of Sub-committee Chairmen

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

Election of Technical Representatives

CASI Mr. Maas/Mr. Cabanero
FAI Environmental Commission
World Air Games Liaison Officer Mr. Heini Schawalder
Technical Advisor, GNSS Mr. Ralf Grunwald
Technical Advisor, Long Range Air Racing Mr. Jean Birgen

16. Location and date of the next GAC Plenary Meeting

One bid was received from Denmark. After the vote to hold the next meeting outside of Lausanne, the vote was in favor of Billund, Denmark from the 7th to 9th Nov.2019

Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki announced that holding the meeting there on this date could be difficult, as there is already another Commission meeting, and we need a FAI representative. Mr. Blois told the meeting that he will send a letter to FAI for special permission to keep the meeting for the above mentioned dates. If we can't get the dates, the delegates will get the new dates as soon as possible.

Mr. Schwebel tabled a letter of interest from South Africa to hold the GAC meeting 2020 in Stellenbosch after the FAI WRFC. More details will be tabled with the next meeting.

15. Adjournment

The President Rodney Blois thanked the Aero Club of Finland for hosting and organizing the meeting. A special thanks to Peter Tahtinen, Petri Hiltunen, Armin Zuger and Sami Viitanen and their team for their input and hard work, to make this a very successful and enjoyable meeting. He also thanked all the delegates, alternate delegates and observers for their input. Mr. Rodney Blois adjourned the meeting at 15:15

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P.S. Please note: With regards to point 16 subsequent correspondence with the FAI HO has APPROVED Billund