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Minutes

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FAI Gliding Commission (IGC)

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Meeting was held at:

Landessportbund Hessen e.V.
Sportschule und Bildungsstätte
Otto-Fleck-Schneise 4, 60528 Frankfurt/Main

Saturday 20th October and Sunday 21st October.

Participants:

Eric Mozer, President (Sunday only) (EM)
Göran Ax, Vice president (GA)
Brian Spreckley, Vice president (BS)
Roland Stuck, Vice president (RS)
René Vidal, Vice president (RV)
Peter Eriksen, Secretary (PE)

1. Welcome and opening

IGC president Eric Mozer came directly from the FAI General Conference in Antalya Saturday evening.

2. General Update from the president and feed-back from the FAI General Conference.

The FAI office is back on full speed after the move. There still seems to be some uncertainty about the distribution of tasks between the Air Sports Commissions (ASC) and the FAI Office.

At the ASC meeting Bob Henderson briefed about the World Air Games 2015. There are at the moment two interested cities. A change in the format towards more air show than competition is envisaged.

Doping was discussed at length at the General Conference. In competition control is not an issue, everybody seems to accept that. The “Whereabouts”, where the athlete is obliged to inform where he is 24 hours a day, is more of a problem. EM expressed a concern that the Whereabouts is a human rights issue. FAI is obliged to go ahead anyway. The total number of athletes will be determined, but is suggested to be 2 pilots per air sport e.g. selected amongst the top 100 on the Ranking List. Gliding is not included in 2013 tests. The Bureau will decide the selection process for 2014, when gliding probably will be included.

It is not yet clear how the process will be managed and pilots will be required to report and update their plans, work is still ongoing to define the exact process, but we feel that there should be other options than the present system.

The Bureau will continue to work on reducing the inconvenience for the pilots selected for the out of competition testing.

With regard to the new sponsorship agreement between FAI and Breitling, it is unclear what is expected from IGC. It will be difficult to add requirements competitions happening in the near future. We hope these requirements will be clarified very soon for the 2013 events.

3. Update on IGC Finances

The treasurer had not received the statements from the FAI Office in time for the meeting. This will be dealt with by e-mail. There are in any case no unexpected expenses.

4. Mid-year reports from Committees and Specialists

The following reports had been received:

4.1 GFAC

The report was noted by the Bureau.

4.2 Country Development Committee

A formalized cooperation with EGU has been initiated. This cooperation was endorsed by the Bureau. The Committee asked how it could help Albania, where there is a movement towards having gliding in the country. The Bureau will discuss that with the Committee.

4.3 Trophy manager

There is some uncertainty about the award of the Team Cup. Normally it is awarded after the second WGC of the year, but it was awarded in Uvalde. This will be clarified.

4.4 Safety Pays Working Group

The WG will deliver its final report and recommendations at the 2013 Plenary.

4.5 Continental Records Working Group Communication

The report was noted by the Bureau.

5. Feed-back from 2012 competitions

5.1 32nd WGC, Uvalde, Chief Steward's report and related actions

The Bureau went through the recommendations in the Stewards report and took a number of actions. These actions will be turned into proposals at the 2013 Plenary or will be discussed with the Stewards at the Steward's meeting planned just before the 2013.

6. Sailplane Grand Prix

6.1 2012-2013 QSGP

Only one QSGP has been flown so far, in Romania with 7 pilots. There are two more QSGPs in 2012, Australia and South Africa. Four QSGPs are planned in 2013 Plenary.

Two additional requests for the 2012/2013 season have been received from Zar/Poland and Wasserkuppe/Germany (organized by OLC). The Bureau decided to accept the two late bids, but may have to limit the number of pilots qualified to the Final from these two competitions in order not to have more than 20 participants at the Final.

6.2 2014 SGP Final – Sisteron, France

The Bureau accepted the bid from Sisteron/France to host the 2014 SGP Final. BS will take contact to the organizers to start discussing the event.

The competition will probably be organized under the MoU between FAME and IGC.

The intention is to change the format of the Grand Prix to run a Qualifying Series every year followed by a final the following year.

Closing date for bids for the 2014 Qualifying events and the 2015 final will be 30 September 2013.

7. The revised Grand Prix Website

The technical specifications have been completed and the build of the site will start now. The aim is to have the complete site finalized by March 2013. From 2014 the site will cover all IGC sanctioned events, including EGCs and WGCs.

8. SGP Company (FAME)

BS and RS have had a meeting with FAME earlier in October. The meeting was constructive and the outcome in line with IGCs expectations. FAME is aiming at having two events in 2014, of which one should be the SGP final.

We will have to adjust the way we organise the SGPs in order to meet the expectations of FAME, but this is in line with the SGP idea. The IGC Bureau intends to form a body with external participation to manage our FAME activities. The control over the sporting event remains with IGC, but the execution will be under the FAME management body.

9. IPC relationship to FAI

There has been some friction between IPC and FAI during the last months. The Bureau discussed this and will continue to follow the development, but did not take any action.

10. Status on 32nd WGC 2012 (Argentina)

Customs situation is under control. The first gliders are en-route to Argentina. ANAC, the Argentinean CAA becomes the de-facto importer and will guarantee the re-export vis-a-vis the customs authorities.

Jury members and Stewards have been appointed.

A question about acceptance of pilots and the criteria for doing this was clarified. The requirements laid down in Annex A will be followed.

11. Status on 2013 WGCs

7th WWGC, Issoudun, France:

IGC has still not appointed all officials. This will happen in the coming days.

8th JWGC, Leszno, Poland:

IGC has still not appointed all officials. This will happen in the coming days.

12. Status on 2013 Continental Championships

17th EGC 2013 Vinon, France

A new director will be appointed for the competition. The Bureau has not yet been informed about the new Director

The organisers have raised a request to increase the number of participants to three per class. The Bureau is against that, but the organisers can raise the proposal at the 2014 Plenary if they wish so.

The Bureau accepted that non-European entries could be accepted provided a separate scoring is provided and that the number of participants remains within the numbers provided in the bid.

17th EGC 2013 Ostrow, Poland

IGC has still not appointed all officials. This will happen in the coming days.

13. Year 2 proposals for plenary

The following Year 2 proposals will be at the 2013 Plenary:

Implementation of guiding principles for safety (Colombia)

This now seems to be covered by the recommendations and proposals from the Safety Pays WG. The Bureau will contact Colombia to see if the Colombian proposal still is needed.

Team Cup (France and Poland)

The Bureau will ask the two countries to develop a common proposal covering all the aspects including a clarification of when the Team Cup is awarded.

Free distance records (10% rule) (Sporting Code Committee)

There have been a lot of discussions about this proposal on the IGC Discuss Channel. The Bureau will analyse the situation and discuss the way forward with the Sporting Code Committee.

Changes to FR approval levels (GFAC)

The Bureau took the proposal ad notam

Ranking List, two-seaters (Italy)

Italy will develop the proposal.

14. New proposals received for 2013 Plenary

The following proposals were received by the deadline (30th September, 2012)IGC certificates guidelines (Australia)

The Bureau does not consider this an IGC problem and will ask Australia to deal with this at a national level

Increase of intervals between FR calibration (Denmark)

Change of Observation zone (France)

Mandatory use of Flarm (France)

The Bureau ruled this proposal out of order, as the same subject was discussed in 2012.

13,5M class definition - ballast (France)

13,5M class definition - handicap (France)

WGC's Outside Europe (France)

The Bureau ruled this proposal out of order. There already is a plan for distribution of Championships. The Plenary voted for the organisation of the WGC in USA and Argentina in the same year.

Suppression of tie pilots in the ranking list (France)

Increase number of participants at EGC02013 in Vinon (France)

Cancellation of the day (Germany)

Emergency plan (Germany)

WGC's overseas (Germany)

The Bureau ruled this proposal out of order

Bid for WGC's, import-export of gliders (Germany)

Start times (Germany)

Validity of finishes (Germany)

Consideration of cost of proposals (UK)

15. New version of Sporting Code Section D, Gliding

The new version has been uploaded to the web.

16. Planned Updates of Sporting Code Section D, Annex A

The Handicap Committee has done a good job based on the previous work done by RS. This new version of the Handicap List (version 2.0) will be in force from October 1st 2012 hence used for the WGC in Argentina.

16.1 Discussion about earth model (WGS84 versus FAI-sphere)

The general views are that we should stay with the FAI-Sphere, this is also the advice of the software manufactures. CASI decided to remove references to the sphere and only make reference to the ellipsoid. We will continue to work with the experts to monitor the situation but no actions for the time being.

16.2 Review of the bid championships form

A new form with clearer requirements for the OSTIV conference has been prepared.

17. Review of Jury and Steward list, allocation to 2013 competitions

We do not have enough stewards for future competition with the required experience and knowledge. It was discussed to create an internal organization of IGC officials to manage this.

18. Bids received for future championships

2015 13.5M WGC from Lithuania

2016 WGC from Lithuania (Un-flapped Classes)

No bids were received for the 2016 WGC Flapped Classes. The deadline for submitting bids for these Championships was extended to 31st December 2012.

19. Preparation of 2013 Plenary

The Bureau discussed the organization of the 2013 Plenary in Papendal. It was agreed to organize a Stewards meeting on Thursday 28th February afternoon.

20. Any other Business

The agreement between IGC and OLC needs to be revised. EM will take contact to OLC.

Peter Eriksen, IGC secretary

| Nr | Title | Responsible | Deadline | Status |
|-------|---|-------------|----------|------------|
| 01/12 | Provide financial statement | DB | ASAP | New action |
| 02/12 | Country Development Committee support to Albania | all | 31/12/12 | New action |
| 03/12 | Clarify Team Cup rules | PE | 15/11/12 | New action |
| 04/12 | Prepare Safety pays proposal and coordinate with Colombian proposal | RV | 31/12/12 | New action |
| 05/12 | Prepare Steward's meeting | RS/BS | 31/12/12 | New action |
| 06/12 | Confirm Sisteron as site for SGP Final | BS | 31/10/12 | New action |
| 07/12 | Confirm 2 additional bids for QSGP | RS/BS | 31/10/12 | New action |
| 08/12 | Contract work on GP web site | BS | 31/10/12 | New action |
| 09/12 | Establish contact between FAME and Argentina | BS | 31/10/12 | New action |
| 10/12 | Continue development of FAME relationships towards SGP Final | BS | ongoing | New action |
| 11/12 | Identify remaining IGC officials for 2013 championships | EM | 31/12/12 | New action |
| 12/12 | Coordinate 10% proposal with SSC | EM | 31/12/12 | New action |
| 13/12 | Feed-back to Australia on Year-1 proposal | PE | 30/11/12 | New action |
| 14/12 | Feed-back to Germany on Year-1 proposal | PE | 30/11/12 | New action |
| 15/12 | Feed-back to France on Year-1 proposal | PE | 30/12/12 | New action |
| 16/12 | Extend bid period for 2016 WGC (flapped classes) | EM | 15/12/12 | New action |
| 17/12 | Organise 2013 Plenary with host | PE | 31/12/12 | New action |