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# Minutes

of the  
Bureau Meeting no. 2/2014 of the  
FAI Gliding Commission (IGC)

Version 1.1

held in London, UK  
on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2014

Participants:

President Eric Mozer (EM)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president Brian Spreckley (BS)  
Vice-president Christof Geisler (CG)  
Vice-president Artur Rutkowski (AR)  
Vice-president Marina Vigorito (MV)  
Secretary Peter Eriksen (PE)

By Skype:

Vice-president Terry Cubley (TC)  
Vice-president Rene Vidal (RV)

Apologies: Dick Bradley

1. Welcome and opening.

IGC President Eric Mozer opened the meeting, welcoming the bureau members to London. EM thanked Mr. Brian SPRECKLEY for arranging the accommodation and the meeting room for the Bureau meeting.

2. General Update from the president.

2.1 FAI General Conference

EM briefly went through the agenda of the Air Sports Commission President`s meeting. There were no remarks from the Bureau.

EM mentioned the FAI Challenges paper as important for the Bureau, EM will distribute the important papers to the Bureau members. (Action EM)

The proposed revision of the Sporting Code (SC) General Section impacts parts of the Gliding Section of the SC, we will follow the development and take the necessary action.

A draft of the new Organizer Agreement concept is now available. The new document will lead to a revised bid document and probably a more contractual-like liaison with the organisers and may e.g. result in IGC asking bidders to pay a deposit when a bid is sent. The deposit will then be fully or partially returned to the bidder after the event, depending on performance of the competition organisation.

3. Update on IGC Finances

A report was received from Dick Bradley. Our accounts are in good shape. There has been a little bit of pressure due to FAI`s current situation, but that has been sorted out.

Sponsorship money from Breitling to Sisteron has firstly been paid to IGC. and will be transferred to Sisteron. (Action EM, DB)

Some of the countries that have made arrangements for a block payment for all national competitions for the Ranking List do still by mistake receive individual invoices. (Action BS, DB).

#### 4. Mid-year reports from Committees and Specialists

The Bureau had a discussion on succession in our Committees. The Annex A Committee has successfully been renewed, but there are other Committees where succession plans should be made in cooperation with the Bureau.

The President will contact the Committee Chairmen in turn to discuss this. (Action EM)

##### 4.1 Annex A Committee, Draft new version of Annex A.

The Annex A Committee is asked to look into the developments concerning the use of FLARM. How do we assure FLARMS are switched on and working? There have been other concerns raised about the use of FLARM, e.g. the use of FLARM Radar, and whether or not this has an impact on gaggle flying or sporting aspects of our competitions.

The Committee will speak to pilots, Team Captains and other involved parties to get a better understanding of the problem. (Action TC)

##### 4.2 Sporting Code Committee including proposed changes to the General Section

AR will speak to Ross Macintyre about how they intend to organize the proposals for the 2015 Plenary. (Action AR)

The Bureau do not intend to raise a proposal concerning the relevance of abstention votes during Plenum meetings.

##### 4.3 Championship Management Group

The Bureau accepted the officials as proposed by the Bid Specialist.

The Championship Management Group report raised a number of issues that the Bureau was asked to look at, including the fact that we do not have enough officials to support the number of planned competitions

Discussion then turned to the overall structure of our Championships. The last major review of the Championship structure took place 10 years ago. Consequently it was agreed to form a new Championship Structure Working Group (CSWG). The CSWG will be chaired by Bureau member Christof Geissler.

The CSWG will deliver a first report to the 2015 Plenary and a final report at the 2016 Plenary for approval, meaning any outcome can start to take effect from the 2020 championships at the earliest.

CG will lead the group that will have about ten appointed members from different parts of the world and report to the IGC Bureau. The Terms of Reference will be broad, the group can address anything from Classes, events, management structure, IGC involvement and calendar. (Action CG)

##### 4.4 GFAC

The report from GFAC was noted and the recommendations contained therein approved.

#### 4.5 ANDS

Bernald Smith is stepping down as Chairman of ANDS. EM will contact candidates for the post and also ask the new Chairman to review the ANDS Terms of Reference. (Action EM)

#### 4.6 Country Development Group

The report from Alexander Georgas was noted. The Bureau appointed Bureau member Marina Vigorito as Point of Contact and member of the group. (Action MV)

#### 4.7 Stewards WG

It was discussed how a closer contact between Championship Organisers and the Steward's Group could be established. It is the view that some of the quality issues we experience at Championships could be avoided if there were a closer contact.

It is considered to oblige Championship Directors to participate to the IGC Plenary at least once or maybe to organize a training session in connection with the Plenary Meeting.

It was also discussed how the Chief Steward could have more influence on decisions during the Championships. This question will be addressed by the CSWG.

#### 4.8 Safety Working Group

RV will contact OSTIV about the continuation of the safety work. (Action RV)

RV will circulate a summary of the outcome of the Safety Pays WG to members of the new group. (Action RV)

Rene will send the draft ToRs of the Safety WG to the Bureau for approval. (Action RV)

The Bureau agrees that the principle for the OSTIV Safety Awards needs rethinking. (Action RV)

### 5. Feed-back from 2014 competitions

#### 5.1 33rd FAI World Gliding Championships , Leszno, Stewards report, items for Annex A

The report from the Chief Steward Robert Danewid was discussed. The comments were that this was a well organized competition, although a few minor issues surfaced. Further discussions will take place in the Stewards Working Group.

#### 5.2 33rd FAI World Gliding Championships , Räkylä, Stewards report items for Annex A

The report from the Chief Steward Terry Cubley was discussed. The comments were that this was a well organized competition.

### 6. Sailplane Grand Prix web-site and IGC Ranking List current status and further development

#### 6.1 2014 FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Championship -

The competition in Sisteron was very successful. BS showed a video made at the contest. The feeling is that we are on track with the SGP project. Efforts will continue to communicate with a bigger audience.

We need to improve the way local organizers use their resources on e.g. tracking and video. This was very expensive in Sisteron.

A 5000EUR operating budget to include the cost of provision of referees was agreed for the 2014-2015 SGP Series.

#### 6.2 2015 FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Championship,

The next SGP final in Varese will be operated by two integrated teams, a local team and an international team who will work closely together during the event to manage infrastructure, media events, flying and public relations. It was confirmed the SGP-Final in Varese will be supported Breitling event. BS and representatives from the Organizers in Varese will attend a planning meeting at the FAI in Lausanne in January 2015.

The SGP group are working in partnership with FAI to develop a live presentation display for Varese and the WAG..

#### 6.3 Sailplane Grand Prix budget and further development of the web-site.

The Bureau approved a request for pilots sponsor logos to appear on the RL list web pages and for the RL committee to incorporate advertising on the Ranking List web pages 6.4

#### 6.4 Bids for next round

Bids for the next round (7<sup>th</sup> series) are required by the end of January 2015. An invitation will go out in the coming weeks. (Action BS)

#### 7. Crosscountry.aero

Alexander Georgas informed the Bureau that he intended to include a gliding records gallery in the site as well as a tool to assist with the evaluation of records and badges.

The Bureau took note of this and would like Alexander to keep to Bureau updated on the development.

#### 8. FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015.

All air sports were expected to be present in Dubai, but the Bureau is uncertain whether it will be possible to have a gliding event with the airspace constraint.

More information is expected at the General Conference. (Action EM)

#### 9. Year 2 proposals for plenary (see Annex A)

The list of Year-2 proposals was discussed. In particular the Sporting Code proposals require some attention. Bureau member Artur Rutkowski will work with the SC Committee on this. (Action AR)

#### 10. New proposals received for 2015 Plenary

##### 10.1 Sporting Code Committee

- Abstentions Proposal - Sporting Code Committee  
The Bureau is not willing to propose changes to the general FAI procedures.
- WGC naming - action deferred and referred to the new CSWG
- Legal flight clarification
- The view of the Bureau is that a flight has to be carried out legally, subject to the laws of the country where the flight took place. We may have to change the wording to assure that not only the sporting performance, but the entire flights is conducted legally.  
(Action AR)

## 10.2 Annex A Committee

- Proposal to make the Start Gate open at the time that is announced by the Organisers. The Bureau's opinion is that this is a minor change. The Annex A Committee can amend the next version of the sporting code accordingly. (Action TC)
- Annex A 4.2 Maximum Take Off Mass  
The Bureau has noted the proposal from the Annex A Committee.
- Annex A 4.3 Contest Numbers on cars and trailers. The Bureau is of the opinion that the requirement to have contest numbers marked on team cars and trailers is a minor change. The Annex A Committee can amend the Sporting Code accordingly. (Action TC)

## 10.3 Proposals from Poland:

- Cancellation of the task after opening of the start line (SC3 Annex A).  
The Bureau is not in favor of changing the Sporting Code as proposed. The Sporting Code already gives possibility for the Championship Director to take the necessary action to have a safe competition. The proposal is to be redrafted/reconsidered in collaboration with Germany.
- Decrease required fix interval for competitions (SC3 Annex A). Proposal withdrawn, The Sporting Code already has a requirement for a maximum interval of 5 seconds.
- Allow sub-declarations for badge and record flights (SC3)  
The Bureau noted the proposal.
- Changing GPS altitude limits for Position Recorders (SC3) The Bureau recommends Poland to take contact to GFAC about this question.
- Changing Team Cup calculation formula. The Bureau recommends Poland to take contact with the Annex A Committee to discuss this proposal.
- Changing Team Cup policy on awarding competitors  
The Bureau agrees with the proposal, and considers this a minor change that does not require a Plenary vote. In the future, the first three team will be awarded one medal (gold, silver or bronze) and each of the pilots on the three team will receive a FAI Diploma. (Action EM)

## 10.4 Proposal from the Netherlands.

- To adjust to the scoring of competition days where almost no gliders come back. The Bureau is recommending the Netherlands to contact the Annex A Committee concerning the proposal, and is awaiting a more explicit proposal from the Netherlands. (Action PE)

## 10.5 Proposals from France

- All FRs approved by the IGC up to the day before the beginning of the technical checks shall be accepted. The Bureau supports the proposal and considers this a minor change. The Bureau will take action to change the procedure without a Plenary decision. (Action PE)
- IGC Ranking List, use a special formula to convert SGP results into 1000-point score. The Bureau has taken note of the proposal.
- The ranking should be more dynamic. The Bureau has taken note of the proposal.
- The FFVV offers to lead a trial of a country ranking based on the Olympic rules (medals based). The Bureau has taken note of the proposal.

## 10.6 From Germany

- Sc3a 7.2.5 Delaying or Canceling the Task. Germany will reconsider the proposal together with Germany.

- Sc3a 7.4.2 Start Options. Germany will discuss the proposal with Italy and UK, and possibly come up with a common proposal.

#### 10.7 From Louis Boudier to the Safety Group

- Add the Automatic opening of the parachute (Static line) in the list of safety equipment (pilot's choice)
- To make mandatory for all pilots/gliders the ELT or s
- Use of Oxygen

RV will discuss the proposals with Louis. (Action RV)

#### 11. Bureau policy, a discussion on the way forward.

The item was postponed to next meeting, apart from the subjects that will be addressed by the CSWG.

#### 12. FAI World Gliding Championship/FAI European Gliding Championships 2015

##### 12.1 Request from Hungary

The Bureau approved the request for the 20-meter Two-seater class to be flown with handicap during the 2015 EGC.

The Bureau accepts the request for two entrants per class in the 20-Meter Two-seater class for the 2015 EGC. (Action PE)

##### 12.2 Rieti

The report from Rieti is noted, no action required from the Bureau

##### 12.3 Request from Lithuania

The Bureau accepts the proposal from Lithuania to run a training competition in parallel with the 13.5 meter WGC. The Bureau has noted the proposed conditions from Lithuania, but may propose further restrictions to assure the quality of the WGC. (Action PE)

#### 13. Stewards and Jurors

##### 13.1 Allocation to 2015 and 2016 competitions

The proposal from the Championships Management Committee was accepted.

#### 14. Bids received for future championships

##### 14.1 Bids for Flapped Classes (Czech Republic and Poland)

Remarks from the bid manager require some reconsideration in the Czech bid, this includes the proposed schedule for the Prize-giving.

##### 14.2 Bids for Un-flapped Classes (Poland)

The Bureau had no remarks to the bid.

##### 14.3 Bid from the UK

A late bid (8 days late) for the Un-flapped Classes was received from the UK. The Bureau accepts the bid, but it will require a 2/3rds majority before it can be presented at the Plenary.

#### 15. Confirmation of IGC Committees and Committee membership

The Bureau will review the structure of Committees at the next Bureau meeting

## 16. Preparation of 2015 Plenary

### 16.1 Practical issues, Bureau meeting, accommodation

- The Bureau will meet on 25-26 February in the FAI headquarters.
- It is being considered if we need a Chief Steward's meeting in connection to the Plenary session. (Action BS)
- Hotel Moevenpick will be site of Plenary meeting. EM has seen the meeting room, which looks fine.

### 16.2 Elections

The Bureau discussed the coming elections

### 16.3 Guest speakers

It was decided not to invite guest speakers to give more time for discussion of e.g. the changes to the Championship structure.

## 17. Any other Business

### 17.1 Robert Drew

The producer of the film the Sun Ship Game has passed away. This film is considered a major contribution to gliding, but the Bureau has no possibility to award a medal posthumous.

We will show the film at the Plenary and are considering other options as well. Marina will speak to Alvaro at the GC. (action MV)

### 17.2 IGC/OLC MoU

The Bureau accepted the proposal without comments.

### 17.3 Tracking at WGC's

Tracking can be expensive, some WGC organisers will provide tracking. Other organisers have decided not to do it. It looks as if technology will overtake us, e.g. with FLARM Radar. We will follow the development.

### 17.4 Ownership of data (IGC files)

We will look at this, there may be a need to store data from IGC sanctioned competitions in the archives. The whole question about ownership of data needs considering.

### 17.5 Lilienthal Medal

The Bureau has a proposal and will ask the NAC if they are willing to make a nomination.

### 17.6 Miscellaneous

Review of bid document and Organisers Agreement is required. EM will check at the GC. Use of website has to be included in the Agreement.

We need development of a Media Plan for our events and an IGC Media Strategy. The SGP organisation will work on this, this can be used as a starting point. (Action BS)

We will ask Jury Presidents to send daily resume to Bureau. (Action BS)



1st FAI Pan American Gliding Championships will have Club Class and 15 Meter Class. The IGC Handicap committee was requested by the organizers to consider allowing the use of Standard Class gliders (that are not currently on the IGC Club Class list) for use in the Club Class. The Handicap Committee recommended to the Bureau that any Standard Class gliders not currently approved for the Club Class can fly in the 15 Meter class at the PAGC since a wing loading limit will be in effect for that class. This was approved by the Bureau. (Action CG)

18. Closure

EM thanked the Bureau members for their hard work and adjourned the meeting at 12:00.

## Annex A: Year-1 proposals from 2014 Plenary for endorsement in 2015

### Arrival closure (France)

Amended to read: c. The finish line or finish ring should normally be closed at the end of legal daylight, or when all competitors are accounted for. Competitors still on task after close of the finish line or finish ring shall be considered as outlanded at the last valid GNSS fix immediately preceding the closing time.

### Gate closure (France)

The proposal was amended to read: To be added to annex A

c. The start gate should normally be closed at the end of legal daylight, or when all competitors are accounted for.

### Minimum handicap in Club Class (Germany)

Min. handicap in club class should be limited to 0,98

### Introduction of Handicaps in the 20-meter 2-seater class for gliders modified for disabled pilots. (Poland)

To establish a handicap in 20-metre Multiseat Class in World Gliding Championships in 2014 for gliders equipped with Manual Rudder Control piloted by a disabled pilot requiring such device.

This will be included in Local Procedures for the 33rd WGC in Rääkkälä

### Handicap adjustment for lightweight pilots (Annex A Committee)

To reduce the handicap factor of Club Class gliders by 0,004 for each 10 kg that the glider's mass is less than: "reference mass minus 10 kg."

### Tie-scores in final results (Annex A Committee)

Amended to read: Ties in the final results for the first three places will be resolved by comparing the number of daily wins of the tied pilots. If a tie remains, then the number of daily second, third, etc. placings will be compared until the tie is broken.

### Minimum distance in the 13,5 Meter Class (Annex A Committee)

- a. To change the minimum distance from 100 km to 60 km in the 13.5 Metre Class only.
- b. Make this change effective in time for the 2015 WGC

### Multiple starts (Annex A Committee)

The pilot will be credited with the Start that yields the best Score.

### Motorglider relaunch procedures (Annex A Committee)

To allow motorgliders to perform an inflight "re-launch" provided they return to the contest site before starting the MoP.

### Carriage of multiple Flight Recorders (Annex A Committee)

To remove the distinction between primary and backup Flight Recorders.

### Prohibiting functionality of instruments (Annex A Committee)

To allow the carrying of instruments that are capable of performing prohibited functions (e.g. cloud flying), provided that the function is recorded as “disabled” in the Flight Log.

Integration of Handicap Procedures in Sporting Code Annex A. (Annex A Committee)

1. To create a new document entitled IGC Procedures for Handicapped Classes;
2. To keep the handicap lists and procedures to be used for handicapped classes in this document;
3. To give responsibility for maintaining the document to the Handicaps Subcommittee, subject to the approval of the Annex A Committee and the Plenum;
4. To refer to this document in Annex A, and to consider the document to be part of the rules for World and Continental Championships; and
5. To delete Appendix 1, “IGC Handicap Lists,” from Annex A.

*Sporting Code Main body (Sporting Code Committee):*

13.5 Meter Records, To institute Records for the 13.5 M Class

Silver C distance – must fly at least 50km distance from a declared start point

Declaration requirements: Change of name to pilot option task

Place badges and records in separate sections/chapters of the code

No stand-alone barographs (must be PR or FR)

Start line 3km long