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# Minutes

Bureau Meeting no. 2/2013 of the  
**FAI Gliding Commission (IGC)**

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on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2013

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## Minutes of the IGC Bureau Meeting no 2/2013

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### Meeting was held at:

MEININGER Hotel Frankfurt/Main Airport, Germany

### Attendees:

Mr Eric Mozer (EM), President (day two only)  
Mr Brian Spreckley (BS), 1st Vice-president  
Mr Terry Cubley (TC), Vice-president (day two only, by Skype)  
Mr Christof Geissler (CG), Vice-president  
Artur Rutkowski (AR), Vice-president  
Mrs Marina Vigorito (MV), Vice-president (day two only)  
Mr René Vidal (RV), Vice-president

### 1. Welcome and opening

1st Vice-president Brian Spreckley opened the meeting and thanked Christof Geissler for organizing the meeting facilities.

IGC president Eric Mozer and Vice President Marina Vigorito arrived Sunday morning directly from the FAI Conference in Kuala Lumpur.

Vice-president Terry Cubley participated Sunday via SKYPE

### 2. General Update from the president and feed-back from the FAI General Conference (GC).

EM participated in and reported on the Air Sports Commission (ASC) President's Meeting and the CASI meeting held in Kuala Lumpur during the General Conference.

**World Games.** The World Games in Cali was a success for the participating air sports. For the next World Games to be held in 2015 in Poland we would like to see gliding on the program, in particular as gliding is an important air sport in Poland, and several of the top ranked pilots are Polish. AR will work on this from the national and EM from the FAI and World Games organization side.

**Anti-doping.** Five air sports (including gliding) are subject to the out of competition testing in 2014. So far, no positive results have been found for the 10 athletes selected in 2013.

Each ASC has been invited to identify a spokesman available to talk to the press about anti-doping.

**Organizer Agreement.** The Organizer Agreement has still not been updated. This will be done by Rob Hughes of FAI ASAP.

**FAME.** In 2013 Breitling has had the minimum exposure they were looking for. They are happy with FAI, but would like to identify "heroes" within the air sports.

Some criticism was raised towards FAME. They have not done a good job, have focused too much on the Breitling activities and not on finding new events and new sponsors.

**Finance.** FAI's new accounting system is now installed. The old system will be discontinued.

A proposal was raised from France to allow more flexibility for the ASCs and to have up to 4-year terms for Bureau members. The General Conference defeated this motion.

It was noted that some ASC have internal regulations. We do not have that in IGC and do not see a need for this at present. CASI has developed a handbook that can be used, if we need to go down that route.

ASC autonomy was discussed without any conclusions. FAI will continue investigating.

**FAI IT system.** Visa-Matti Leinikki reported on the new IT system in FAI and the changes that have been made.

**FAI Secretary General.** Following the Secretary General's (SG) decision to step down, the post has been opened. 22 candidates had applied by the mid-September deadline. The new SG is expected to be in place between January and March 2014.

Rob Hughes is acting as SG on an as required basis until a new SG is appointed.

**CASI meeting.** MV reported from the Statutes WG. The group never met, the tasks of the group were not received before July and the group was not able to present a report at the GC. At the GC, the Chairman did not show. The election of the SWG members by the General Conference decided that Mary Ann Stevens from Canada should become new Chairman of the SWG. Gunther Bertram from Germany also joined the group. MV was also re-elected. One of the aims of the group is to integrate FAI Statutes and Bi-Laws into one document.

In the FAI budget, a big portion of the income is based on sponsorships. There seems to be a new sponsor coming up. If that is not materialize, the budget will be revisited.

In IGC we are concerned that FAI could absorb our funds if they find themselves in a difficult financial situation.

CIVL now has a separate bank account for the purpose of gathering fees and disbursing funds. IGC will have the same in the future. IGC will then be able to have more influence on our own financial situation.

The expert groups are in place and operating, but it seems to be an expensive way of organizing the work.

There is a wish from the current Executive Board (EB) to focus more on lobbying with e.g. ICAO. IGC is not in favor of this development and want FAI to focus on the core areas important for us, especially record management and championships.

### **3. Update on IGC Finances**

The Treasurer Dick Bradley was not able to provide a financial report for the Bureau meeting. FAI is in the process of changing to a new finance system and the situation for the Sports Commissions is unclear. We have received revised figures for the ultimo 2012 balance, where our commission has been credited with bank charges on payments that had previously been deducted by mistake. According to this revised statement, IGC has reserves of CHF177,780.03, at current €/CHF exchange rates this is equivalent to €145198, considerably more than the amount that was shown in initial the 2012 Financial report.

Although the IGC Bureau has no formal responsibility for its funds, we are concerned about the financial situation in FAI and how best to protect IGC's interests

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

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

4.1.1 Team Cup Wording

The proposal was received from the Annex A Committee. TC will update the proposal according to the comments received and the discussion during the 2013 Plenary in order to assure that a team has participants in at least two classes. It was discussed what the term “total relative score” meant for the way the results should be calculated. (**Action TC**)

#### 4.1.2 New wording for Resolution of Ties

The Annex A Committee will be asked to develop a proposal where the rule currently used for the winner of the competition also applies to pilots placing number 2 and number 3. The Bureau will propose that this is applied with immediate effect. (**Action TC**)

#### 4.1.3 Club Class, weight etc.

There is an issue with how pilots may add ballast. Currently the rules state “no ballast should be fitted”. This should be amended to “ballast must be fixed according to the manufacturers requirements”. Currently it is difficult for the scrutineers and stewards to deal with this.

A proposal to have a reduction in handicap for light gliders/pilots will be developed by the Handicap Committee.

The Annex A Committee will be asked to bring forward the Handicap Committee proposals. (**Action TC**)

#### 4.1.4 Multiple Flight Recorders

A proposal from the Annex A Committee to allow multiple Flight Recorders was not supported by the Bureau. (**Action TC**)

#### 4.1.5 Reduction of minimum distance for the 13.5 Meter Class

A proposal from the Annex-A Committee to reduce the minimum distance for the 13.5 meter Class below 100km was discussed. The Bureau is ready to address this question, but would prefer to consider the minimum distances for all classes, and maybe increase some of the minimum distances in the Open Class and 18-meter Class, not necessarily reduce the minimum distance required in the 13.5 meter class. (**Action TC**)

### 4.2 Sporting Code Committee

#### 4.2.1 Procedure for Delegate review of Sporting Code (SC) re-write.

There has been a lot of discussion on the IGC-discuss channel about this re-write.

It was noted that the recent questionnaire distributed by the Sporting code committee contained some ambiguities.

It is important to remember that none of these new proposals have been endorsed....they are simply meant as ideas for the future SC, and will have to be endorsed by the Plenary to come in force.

We are running two processes in parallel, which may have made it more difficult to understand. One process is looking at ways of simplifying the SC, the other process is follow-up on a brainstorming activity, where new ideas were proposed. These new ideas may or may not be proposed for inclusion in the SC.

The Bureau will liaise with the sporting code committee on the next stage of the process.

#### 4.3 WGC-84 versus Earth sphere.

Considerable time has been devoted to this issue during the last two years.

The General Section of FAI Sporting Code states that Measurements on the earth's surface are determined by the WGS-84 ellipsoid. The Bureau sees no requirement to specify other earth models than WGS-84 in Annex A and will ask the Annex A committee to remove other references.

#### 4.4 GFAC position on Position recorders

The Bureau re-confirmed the previous decision taken by the Plenary that a NAC can approve a Position Recorder for use up to Gold-badge level. The NAC may consult GFAC for advice if they want to, but the decision is taken solely by the NAC in question. There is no need for any analysis or recording of these decisions by GFAC.

The Bureau will contact GFAC to make sure this is correctly explained on the GFAC web. (**Action EM**) and request GFAC to submit any currently published approval or other documents referring to PR's for review by the Bureau.

The Bureau considered that default Grandfather Rights should be awarded to Flight Recorders as Position Recorder for 5 years when Flight Recorders lose their FR approval.

#### 4.5 New Safety Group.

Following the discussions at the 2013 Plenary, a new Safety Group will be formed (**Action RV**) (See point 17.)

### 5. Feed-back from 2013 competitions

The following Chief Stewards report were discussed:

8th JWGC, Leszno, Stewards report

7th WWGC Issoudun, Stewards report

17th EGC 2013 Vinon, Stewards report

17th EGC 2013 Ostrow, Stewards report

A number of required Annex-A proposals were identified due to issues identified in the reports. The Annex-A Committee has already raised most of these.

One more serious problem was detected. There have been cases where Team Captains, pilots or even team members have behaved very aggressively and competition managers have felt threatened by this behavior.

Such behavior is unacceptable to the IGC Bureau. We do not accept that competition Directors and their teams are harassed by participants. With reference to the FAI Code of Ethics and the Sporting Code, the Bureau want to stop such behavior immediately and will take the necessary actions to assure that competition directors and their teams can operate in an acceptable environment.

The subject will be included in the 2014 Plenary Agenda. (**Action PE**)

### 6. Trophy for 13,5 meter WGC (Italy)

IGC has received a proposal from Italy for a Trophy for the 13.5 Meter World Gliding Championship. The offer was made by the Briigliadori family in memory of the late Leonardo

Brigliadori. The Bureau is happy to accept this generous offer and will recommend the Plenary to accept the offer. (**Action PE**)

## **7. Sailplane Grand Prix**

### **7.1 2013 SGP Final**

The SGP Final will take place 9th -16th May 2014 in Sisteron.

The preparations are progressing well. Invitations have gone out to the qualified pilots. 20 pilots are invited, at least 15 pilots are expected to participate.

The event will be covered within the SGP web site which now incorporates the new developed IGC sailplane racing site. ([www.sailplaneracing.aero](http://www.sailplaneracing.aero))

### **7.2 SGP 2014-15 round**

The next round of the Sailplane Grand Prix will take place from June 2014 to June 2015. The final will be held between July and December 2015.

Bids for the final can be submitted until 31st October 2013, decision will be taken in November.

Two bids for the 6<sup>th</sup> SGP Final have been received, both in the 18 meter class. More bids are expected to be received.

The SGP management team is still looking for management support, in particular commercial people who can sell the product to commercial partners.

## **8. Update on FAME**

FAME has not produced any positive results so far. The effort from FAME has been largely limited to the Breitling activities. We understand that FAME does not have resources to promote the SGP event and the SGP management group will start looking for other ways to market our products.

## **9. Update on Breitling gliding events in 2014.**

EM reported that Breitling is changing their approach to sponsorship of FAI competition. The message was conveyed by Bob Henderson to EM that none of the 2014 gliding events will receive special attention from Breitling. All FAI Category 1 events will receive some level of support from Breitling

## **10. World Air Games.**

EM reported that at this date there is only one bidder for the next WAG, from a location that may be unsuitable for a gliding event.

## **11. World Games 2017, Wroclaw, Poland**

IGC will try to get gliding on the program with support from the Polish federation. EM through FAI and AR are to follow up on how we can make this happen. Gliding is a strong sport in Poland with good profiles. We can maybe use this event to make gliding more visible.

## 12. Ranking List

The ranking list management system requires a major update, including automated upload from the scoring programs, population of participants list directly from the pilot's data base in the ranking list etc.

It was decided to continue the development to create the data integrity and reduce errors. We can then use the Ranking List data base for this purpose. This will eventually include automated on-line payment for sanctioned contests and automatic data transfer from the Ranking List to scoring programs.

The Bureau approved an interim budget of 7000 euros for the development of the RL.

## 13. Web Page

The new website is in place and running for the SGP series and the cat 1 championships. The website, [www.sailplaneracing.aero](http://www.sailplaneracing.aero), is now live.

The WWGC 2015 in Denmark and the JWGC 2015 in Australia will be the first events to be integrated in the website. This is happening now. These events will drive the finalization of the web.

The development and strategy was agreed. It was also agreed to develop an outline of the next steps before more budget was allocated to the project.

Bids accepted from now on must use this web. All IGC sanctioned competitions in 2015 and 2016 are strongly encouraged to use this web service, which is free.

## 14. Year 2 proposals for plenary

The following Year-2 proposals need to be prepared for the 2014 Plenary:

- Delete the Start Altitude option from Annex A (Annex A Comm.) (**Action TC**)
- Delete requirement to communicate Start Times (Annex A Comm.) (**Action TC**)
- Change of Observation zone (France, Germany (UK)  
Proposal received. This does not include GPs, and the text has to be written as a rule (**Action BS**)
- Suppression of tie pilots in the IGC Ranking List (France)  
(**Action BS** to work with France)
- Emergency Plan (Germany)  
Germany is in contact with the Annex A Group

## 15. New proposals received for 2014 Plenary

- 13.5 Meter Records (Sporting Code Committee) The Bureau has noted the proposal, Part one looms OK, part 2 not needed.
- 13.5 Meter Trophy (Italy). The Bureau has noted the proposal
- 13.5 Meter Scoring parameter (Annex A). The Bureau would like to reconsider the proposal. SC will be contacted (**Action TC**)
- Handling of ties (Annex A). The Bureau has selected one of the options proposed by Annex A Group. (**Action TC**)
- SCC will be contacted and asked to revisit this for all classes.
- Introduction of Handicaps in 20-meter class for gliders modified for disabled pilots

(Poland). The Bureau supports the proposal as a test-procedure for 2014. A revised proposal may come from Poland. (**Action AR**)

- Regulation of tie in IGC-sanctioned championships (Germany). Proposal withdrawn.
- Treatment of Complaints (Germany). Proposal noted by the Bureau.
- Treatment of Protests (Germany) Proposal noted by the Bureau. Germany to work with the Stewards Group to possibly re-work the two proposals above.
- Prize giving ceremony (Germany). The bid manager will be asked to verify the reasonable organization of prize giving. Germany has decided to withdraw the proposal.
- Options Finish Ring, Sc3a 7.7.2 (Germany). Germany is considering withdrawing the proposal.
- Starting Procedures, Sc3a 7.4.4 (Germany). Bureau will propose a change to Annex A to allow for closure of the Start line if special circumstances apply and rules for pilots starting after the closure of the line. There shall not be a general procedure to close the Start line on “normal” competition days. (**Action TC**) Germany will withdraw their proposal.
- Handicap for winglets (Germany). The Bureau has noted the proposal.
- FR’s recording intervals (Germany). The Bureau will take action to change the maximum recording interval to 5 sec. (**Action TC**). Germany will withdraw their proposal.
- Min. handicap in club class (Germany). The Bureau took note of the proposal.
- Procedures for handicapped classes (Germany). This proposal will be discussed with the Annex A group. (**Action TC and CG**)
- Change of initial deadline for bids and proposals (France). The Bureau took note of the proposal.
- Gate closure (France) Bureau will propose a rewording of the proposal (**Action PE**)
- Arrival closure (France) Bureau will propose a rewording of the proposal (**Action PE**)

## 16. Stewards and Jurors

### 16.1 Formation of a Stewards Working Group

The Bureau agreed to form a Stewards Working Group.

The group will work closely with the Championships Management Committee and be responsible for:

- Steward’s qualifications and renewal requirements;
- allocation of Stewards to competitions;
- follow up on reports from IGC sanctioned competition; and
- a database for competition documents (forms, lists etc.)

The group will also work with the new Safety Group on safety issues related to competitions. Members of the group are BS (chairman), TC, MV and Frouwke Kuipers.

## 17. Safety Working Group

The Safety Pays Working Group delivered its final report at the 2013 Plenary. The Bureau does not want to reduce the focus on safety, and decided to form a new Safety Group to work with The Stewards Working Group and OSTIV on safety issues. The group will be responsible for:

- Continued monitoring and further development of the Safety Pays initiatives



- Creation of a database of accidents and incident during IGC sanctioned competitions
- Production of safety videos and material
- Liaison with OSTIV.

RV is appointed chairman of the group, members are to be appointed by the Bureau.

### **18. Bids received for future championships**

The following bids have been received

- WWGC 2017: Australia, Czech Republic, Italy
- JWGC 2017: Lithuania, Slovakia, France  
The Bureau had some reservation with one the sites not being suitable for a junior competition. The bid manager will take action with the identified bidder (Action Dick Bradley)
- EGC 2017: Czech Republic (Club, Standard 20-Meter 2-Seater Class).
- 13.5 Meter Class no bid received.

The situation around the 1st Pan-American championships was unclear. We will contact the organizers to assure they have received all the required information. (Action EM)

### **19. Participation of disabled people in gliding sport.**

IGC Bureau will raise a proposal that will facilitate for participation in a fair way. Bid form should ask organizers about facilities for disabled participants and spectators.

The Bureau is positive towards a proposal to allow Duo-Discusses specially modified for handicapped pilots to participate in the 2014 WGC 20-meter 2-seater class with handicaps. This will not be raised as an Annex-A proposal, but as a special arrangement to test the rule during the 2014 WGC. (Action PE)

### **20. Selection of 4 IGC athletes for RTP.**

The Bureau randomly selected four pilots from the top 100 pilots of IGC ranking list for the 2014 out-of-competition testing. The four names have been communicated to FAI and the pilots will be contacted directly by FAI. FAI will support the pilots in the process, their reporting and follow-up. The pilots are selected for one year. It is not expected that glider pilots will be required in 2015.

### **21. OLC and IGC cooperation.**

Reiner Rose has proposed an OLC FAI-speed triangle challenge in cooperation with IGC. It was unclear what the proposal in reality means. We will contact OLC to clarify (Action EM).

### **22. Confirmation of IGC Committees and Committee membership**

Nothing to report.

### **23. Reporting at Championships**

The information flow from certain 2013 IGC sanctioned Championships were far below our expectation. It will be discussed with the stewards group how this can be improved (Action BS).

#### **24. Organizers Handbook**

TC is working on the Organiser's Handbook. A draft is expected in February 2014. (Action TC)

#### **25. Strategic Planning for 2014**

It was discussed to have a Strategy Workshop in connection with the Plenary. EM will continue to develop the idea (Action EM)

#### **26. Preparation of 2014 Plenary**

Practical issues, Bureau meeting, accommodation

The meeting rooms and guest rooms have been reserved. Information and pre-reservation forms will be sent to Delegates during October.

The most convenient airport is Milano Malpensa.

#### **27. Any other Business**

Nothing to report

#### **28. Closure**

EM closed the meeting Sunday at 18:00 and thanked the participants for the active involvement and support also between the meetings. EM wished the Bureau a safe travel back home.