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of the 64th Annual Plenary Meeting of the **FAI Parachuting Commission**

**held in Banja Luka, Bosnia - Herzegovina
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MINUTES

In the Chair: Graeme Windsor, IPC President

Representing FAI –
Alvaro de Orleans Borbón, FAI Deputy to President and FAI Executive Director
Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General

Note – The following convention is used for clarity, to allow the reader refer to the correct document.

Annexes which were with the Plenary Agenda or sent as Supplementary Annexes after Mondial 2012 – Annex number in **Black Bold Italic**
Documents circulated by e-mail Friday 25 Jan. 2013 – Document number in **Red Bold**
Annex to these Minutes – Annex reference letter in **Blue Bold**

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

1.1 IPC President Windsor called the 64th IPC Plenary Meeting to order at 09:00, Saturday, 26 January 2013, at the Hotel Bosna, Banja Luka, Bosnia - Herzegovina.

President Windsor then asked those in attendance to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the skydivers who died in the past year and recalled the aircraft accident at the Banja Luka dropzone, which resulted in a tragic loss of lives and had a great impact on the club.

1.2 Mrs Nada Tesanovic, Vice-President of National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska and Minister for Sport was introduced to the Delegates by President Windsor and she addressed the Plenary. She welcomed the Delegates to Banja Luka and wished the meeting success. She stated that the Ministry of Family, Youth and Sport recognised the increasing popularity of skydiving among the young.

Mr Radenko Durica, Head of the Department for Social Activities for Banja Luka spoke and noted the eminent role played by the city of Banja Luka in sports. He praised the work of those who brought the meeting to this city and he wished the meeting every success.

1.3 President Windsor thanked the speakers and noted that the city of Banja Luka played an eminent part in international sports. President Windsor then introduced B.J. Worth, IPC President of Honour, Alvaro de Orleans Borbón, FAI Deputy to President and Executive Board Member and Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General.

1.4 Mr Alvaro de Orleans Borbón FAI Deputy to President and Executive Director brought greetings and wishes from FAI President Dr John Grubbström, and wished the meeting every success. Alvaro de Orleans Borbón stated that IPC had some good projects on hand and, while there had been some misunderstandings between IPC and FAI, these had been resolved.

1.5 Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General, conducted the roll call of Delegates, verified proxies received and the Delegates' authority. The roll call showed that 29 Delegates were present and the following five proxies were recognised:-

Belarus to Ukraine
Brazil to Argentina
Estonia to Finland
Kazakhstan to Russia
Macedonia to Bosnia - Herzegovina

There were 34 votes in total, including the five valid proxies.
These numbers indicated: - a simple majority - 18 votes; a two-thirds majority - 23 votes.

The Delegates' attendance list was circulated for updating, and will be sent directly to Delegates from the FAI Secretariat. To protect individuals' privacy this list will not be attached to these minutes, nor will it appear on the FAI/IPC web site.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 The minutes of the 63rd IPC Plenary meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 11 – 12 February 2012, were published on the FAI/IPC website. There were some subsequent amendments, corrections or clarifications to the published minutes. These appeared as **Annex 1** in the agenda of this meeting.

The following issues were raised in relation to the minutes:-

- (i) The Bureau Interim Decision (2012/13/09 dated 05 Sept. 2012 – See Page 4, **Annex 4**) regarding the lodgment of sanction fee monies for the World Cup at Prostějov to the IPETA account. That decision had been reversed, and this issue had already been addressed in the open sessions.
- (ii) The setting aside of funds for the IPETA start-up was queried, it being claimed that the minute which stated '*Seeding funding of 50,000 Euros would be set aside to start this entity*' did not mean that the money could be spent. This interpretation was not accepted.
- (iii) Mondial 2012 Dubai. The Minutes of the 2012 Plenary indicated, at point 7.1 of those minutes, that there would be 3 slots per team for Medical personnel. This minute was questioned, but the matter had been subsequently addressed and resolved after the French Delegate, Gillian Rayner, had spoken with the Mondial Organiser.

A vote was then taken and the minutes were accepted, with one vote against.

3. FAI ACTIVITIES REPORT & 106th FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

3.1 The FAI Representative, Secretary-General Jean-Marc Badan, congratulated IPC on the Mondial, and then he spoke of FAI matters in general and how they would impact IPC. He reported on the FAI General Conference, held in Antalya, Turkey in October 2012 and gave details of the new FAI Executive Board membership. The following points were made:-

- New members and new associate members have joined FAI, and COLPAR has been accepted as an Affiliate.
- There was a financial deficit in 2011, but it appears that 2012 will not show a deficit.
- There have been regional developments in some areas.
- Six Expert Groups have been established to address various areas of expertise.
- FAME, FAI's marketing organization for events, has been established. This organisation's work was outlined.

- Sponsorship had been successfully established, with the watchmakers, Breitling being a main sponsor. There would be 10 FAI events in 2013 with which Breitling would be associated.
- Anti-doping would be an important issue in 2012. There must be conformity with WADA codes. Out of competition testing procedures have been agreed. For 2013 five Air Sports Commissions have been selected for this programme. Parachuting is not of those chosen for out-of-competition testing because testing is already in practice whereas other air sports have yet to be exposed to this regime. He emphasised the importance of the need for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) where drugs listed are prescribed for use. The FAI office was available for advice on anti-doping matters.
- FAI staff numbers had dropped from 7.5 to 5, and this created many problems in the office, but recruitment has returned the staff to its full complement.

FAI Plans for 2013 were outlined by FAI Secretary General Jean-Marc Badan:-

- ❖ As the central database was not meeting the organisation's needs, the FAI Executive Board has authorised a long-term project to design a new database system and the online tools to use the data. The objective is to merge all existing databases into a single database, and then to develop the appropriate on-line tools to facilitate the management and exploitation of data. Work is in progress on this 18 to 24 month project.
- ❖ The Organiser Agreement is being revised, as it is presently complex and difficult to understand.
- ❖ World Air Games 2015. The bid process opened in October 2012 and there were some expressions of interest. The Executive Board will meet soon and make some decisions in regard to this matter.
- ❖ World Games, Cali, Colombia, 2013 – Canopy Piloting will feature along with Paragliding Accuracy, and indoor Aeromodelling as a demonstration sport.
- ❖ The Asian Beach Games - 5 airsports, including parachuting, are being considered for inclusion.
- ❖ There is the possibility of having airsport indoor artistic events included in Artistic Games
- ❖ There is advantage to be gained by being involved in these games and events as they bring experience in organisation.
- ❖ There is a need to look at our sports and see what changes are needed to make it easier for hosts and sponsors to engage with us and feature our sports.

In conclusion, Jean-Marc Badan wished the Delegates every success with the 2013 Plenary meeting.

President Windsor asked when the minutes of the FAI General Conference would be available, and J-M Badan replied that they would be ready in 2 – 3 weeks.

In answer to a question regarding the Breitling sponsorship, J-M Badan stated that the deal precludes organisers from obtaining sponsorship from other watch and jewellery manufacturers. It was also reported that there is no direct financial return to an Organiser for a Breitling presence at an event, but that material (T-shirts, high-visibility jackets and such promotional items) could be obtained, which could save money for an Organiser.

It was pointed out that a World Air Games is an FCE, and that IPC already has FCEs arranged for 2015. The FAI Executive Board will shortly address the situation re this matter.

3.2 President Windsor presented his report on the 106th FAI General Conference, 2012. He referred to the following:-

- Felix Baumgartner's feat in jumping from almost 130,000 feet.

- The very successful Mondial 2012 preceded by three very successful Dubai Cups. Over 1600 participants had registered in the Mondial, with all summer disciplines, and demonstration events in Para Ski and Speed Skydiving, being presented. The Mondial was the largest Air Sport event in history and was an outstanding success.
- New members joining FAI shows that IPC's Strategic Plan is working, in that regional encouragement, through ASIANIA and COLPAR, shows a strengthening of IPC with a spinoff to FAI of new members.
- IPC's Strategic Plan – A new pillar **Finance** was added in 2012.
- A further new pillar was to be proposed for addition in 2013 – **Autonomy and Freedom**. FAI Statute 2.3.3.7 empowers IPC to do this. President Windsor stated that IPC needs to be able to pursue this pillar without too much interference, and we look forward to doing this with the support and assistance of the FAI Executive Board and the Secretariat.

There were no comments or questions and the report was accepted unanimously.

4. IPC PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

4.1 President's Report

President Windsor referred to his report on IPC activity in 2012 (agenda **Annex 3**). There were no comments on the report, which was unanimously accepted.

4.2 Decisions by the Bureau

President Windsor reported on the IPC Bureau's Interim Decisions during 2012 (agenda **Annex 4**). There were no questions and the report was unanimously accepted.

The German delegate, Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, stated that the Bureau decision to not hold a Mondial in 2014 was not included in the annex. In response it was pointed out that as the bid did not comply with the rules it was not in order and no decision could be taken. The matter had been reported in the 30 October Newsletter.

With one abstention, Delegates ratified the Bureau Interim Decisions.

5. WORLD GAMES 2013, CALI, COLOMBIA

5.1 Ronald Overdijk spoke to this matter, and referred to his report on the Test Event (agenda **Annex 5**) and the criteria re the World Games Competitor Selection. (agenda **Annex 6**).

In the Test Event there were 27 CP competitors and the event was completed successfully. There had been many startup problems. A 90-minute TV programme was made. For World Games there has to be a competition format different from the usual IPC event, as the key objective is to promote our sport. Therefore the WG rules must be easy to understand, and show drama and action.

Ronald Overdijk further reported:-

- The selection criteria have been changed and are now based on Top 30 male + Top 2 female Mondial 2012 results, with two wild cards and 2 Colombians
- There will be 9 rounds:- 3 accuracy, 2 speed on a straight course, 2 distance, semi-finals with 18 competitors in speed, on a straight course, and no water drag, and finals with 9 competitors – in distance.
- The World Games will be from July 30 to August 05. There will not be an entry fee. R.Overdijk reported that he is seeking 2 practice days for unofficial training jumps, and these jumps will have to be paid for by entrants.
- Media situation – there will be two airings a day, for all sports, and the material will be available to FAI afterwards.

- Accompanying Persons are allowed, but there will not be accreditation, so admission fees will have to be paid to events.
- Swiss Timing will provide the scoring system.
- Registration will be from 01 February 2013, through the FAI Office.
- Aircraft - Bell helicopter, with Cessna 208 backup if the helicopter is not available.

The World Games Canopy Piloting Competition Rules will be finalised within a few weeks. The Plenary agreed to this.

6. WORLD AIR GAMES

6.1 1st Vice President Gillian Winter reported verbally to the Plenary and there was nothing to add to the comments of FAI Secretary General, J-M. Badan.

7. GENERAL ISSUES

7.1 **The Open Meeting** of 23rd January was reported upon by President Windsor. The IPC Strategic Plan and associated matters were referred to, and the following points were made:-

- The Bureau recommends the amendment to the Strategic Plan, the addition of the fifth pillar ***Autonomy & Freedom for Air Sports Commissions***.
- IPC Vice President Niels-Christian Levin Hansen presented the Strategic Plan, and tracked its development from adoption by IPC in 2009, with amendments in 2012 to the competition format element and the addition of a new financing element. He noted that the key elements were still in place. It was also noted that Mondial 2012 in Dubai, was a milestone for IPC and we achieved what had been aimed for, thanks in great part to the Dubai organisers and their efforts.
- President Windsor returned to General Issues and stated that there had been major problems during the year in how our relationship with FAI works, what we can and cannot do, within the structures and regulations of FAI.
- It was agreed that the following text be added in 'Selection Process for International Events' - ***Actively encourage bids for Regional Championships and World Cups outside Europe***.
- Finance – even though our associations and federations contribute to FAI through their NACs, IPC gets no direct contribution from FAI, nor from any sponsorship. There will be ongoing dialogue with FAI on this issue.
- IPC needs more freedom to operate without going through FAI, and IPC needs to be able to make agreements for sponsorship and media rights. IPC cannot presently sign a contract. We need access to our own funds without being delayed or hampered. If this Plenary decides on a project it can be prevented from happening, through a refusal, at FAI Executive Board level, to provide the necessary funding for the project. Currently, IPC is in a positive dialogue with the FAI Executive Board and a balance will be sought between autonomy and being part of FAI.
- Alvaro de Orleans Borbón stated that as a member of the FAI Executive Board he was happy to see this call for autonomy, and it must be welcomed. Regarding the matter of finances, the Executive Board should help with projects but any such move should not endanger the overall economic stability of FAI.
IPC should protect its position as the pre-eminent parachuting organization, selecting the best athletes to compete and must emphasise the competitor, not the sport.
Plenary meetings are a big investment, in both time and money for all who attend, just to make rules and plan ahead.

- N-C. Levin Hansen stated that IPC acknowledges that its call for autonomy has been listened to and is being brought forward by FAI. He also noted that IPC must protect our sport from others who may try to exploit it.
- Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, German Delegate, stated that none of the money given by the sports people, through their NACs, or through paying Sanction Fees, gets back to the competitors.

The Plenary then voted to accept the revised Strategic Plan, with no abstentions and no objections.

The Strategic Plan, updated, is attached to these Minutes as **Annex A**.

7.2 IPETA – President Windsor made a presentation on what was envisaged, how the tour would work, its competitions/competitors etc. and outlined a tentative programme of events for a CP tour.

There would be a dedicated web site and sponsorship packages would be offered. It was envisaged that the cost of putting on an event could be – €250,000 to €300,000.

Currently, the situation is that some roadblocks had been encountered and that the project had been delayed greatly, because of the inability of IPETA to access funds allocated by IPC, but held by FAI.

A Task Force was established by the FAI in the lead up to the General Conference in 2012 in an effort to resolve the issues between IPC and FAI.

The Task Force was established to:-

1. Agree on a modus operandi for IPETA under the FAI umbrella, which may or may not include FAME (priority task)
2. Identify a path to greater self-governance and autonomy for the ASCs, achieving an ASC status conducive to operating its own commercial entities (if desired), but under the supervision and umbrella of the FAI.

He reported that the Task Force had met during the course of the Dubai Mondial and had completed recommendation on Item 1. The recommendations had been accepted by the EB and work was proceeding on implementing them, although some finer details were still being worked through.

A very long meeting had been held on Friday 25 January, between the Bureau and the FAI representatives to further discuss the issues and to agree on a way forward.

In relation to Item 2 of the Task Force, this is still a "work in progress".

The members of the Task Force are -

FAI - Otto Lagerhaus and Alvaro de Orleans Borbón,

IPC - Graeme Windsor and Niels-Christian Levin Hansen.

The work of this Task Force was, as agreed, completed by 31 December 2012.

The Task Force met on 01 December 2012, during the Mondial, and two sets of recommendations were adopted in relation to its most urgent first task and implementation of these recommendations were being worked on with the EB.

The Task Force document is appended to these Minutes as **Annex B**.

It was noted that the recruitment of a marketing person is urgently needed to develop the IPETA product.

The German Delegate, R. 'Exi' Hoenle thanked President Windsor for the information, but he said he would have liked to have it weeks ago as there is too much detail to absorb in a short time. He also stated that he believed IPETA should be liquidated and started afresh.

R. 'Buzz' Bennett added detail to what G. Windsor had said. He stated that there had been a mandate from the 2012 IPC Plenary to establish IPETA and to get a CP Tour going. The three present Directors of IPETA people were there merely as a temporary measure to get the company started. R. Bennett further stated that it is important to note that the share ownership will go to FAI. FAI will be the permanent owner of IPETA. He further stated that both FAI and IPC want the deal done and there are some few details to be sorted out.

IPETA will be structured, and the agreement between FAI and IPC will establish that the IPC Plenary will appoint the **majority** of the IPETA Directors. There was very detailed discussion between FAI and IPC on Friday 25 January in Banja Luka and when the finer details are sorted out and agreed the shares will be issued to FAI/FAME.

The German Delegate, R. Hoenle stated that nothing was yet in place and that the Delegates were being asked to support this non-finalised thing.

The Australian Delegate, Lindy Rochow-Williams, commended the Bureau on the initiative with IPETA and thanked the Bureau for trying to promote our sport.

The Alternate Delegate for the USA, James Hayhurst, gave detailed information on the establishment of a marketing entity by the USPA to enable sponsorship of the, the US Team having been incorporated. This initiative had been most successful, with US\$2.5 million in sponsorship opportunities being identified in four days at a marketing conference. He further stated that big corporations will only deal with small boards, not boards with big numbers, and that IPC is moving in the same direction as USPA has done. USPA now hopes to meet the needs of modern sponsorship/promotional requirements. J. Hayhurst stated that IPC, with IPETA, is certainly moving in the right direction. G. Windsor thanked J. Hayhurst for sharing this information and for this important contribution to the discussion. Larry Hill, USA Observer and one of the 22 Directors of USPA, stated that there must be the trust and confidence to make things happen, and IPC must move ahead.

R. Bennett further explained that due to FAI's tax exempt status, it was necessary to have IPETA and FAME structured as they are. He further stated that IPETA is a calculated risk, not a speculative venture, and he asked for support from the Delegates so that the IPETA project could keep going.

FAI Executive Board member, Alvaro de Orleans Borbón, stated that IPC could transfer the IPETA shares to FAI, or could start with a new entity. Whichever option is easier will be chosen and action will be taken in the next few days.

The Hungarian Delegate, István Sipos stated that this is a very important decision for the Plenary and that the Bureau must have a clear proposal on how to move forward on the matter.

The German Delegate, R. Hoenle, asked for a business plan, and President Windsor responded by stating that this is a very confidential matter and should not be publicly disclosed, due to confidentiality.

IPC Vice President John Smyth asked why a business plan should be made public.

The U.K. Delegate John Hitchen stated that if the President and FAI say there is a business plan why not accept that there is?

President Windsor stated that IPETA will move forward -

- 1 IPC will continue with this endeavour, in partnership with FAI, to achieve the aims and goals outlined by the Plenary.
- 2 The number of Directors appointed by IPC will be increased to five, two from the Bureau, *ex officio*, currently the President and Finance Secretary, and three elected by the Plenary. This increase in the number of Directors resulted from a proposal

from the German Delegate, R. 'Exi' Hoenle. The motion was accepted by the Plenary.

3 The Task Force had agreed that IPC will retain a majority of Directors on the Board.

The use of the startup funds allocated in Buenos Aires will not be used until the entity setup is agreed with FAI and all matters are correctly in place.

All were in favour of this measure and agenda **Annex 8** was thus superseded.

The other proposal re IPETA, agenda **Annex 9**, was withdrawn by Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle.

7.3 Webmaster Report. Ms Susan Dixon, IPC Webmaster, referred to her report (agenda **Annex 7**). She did not wish to criticise the staff at the FAI office, but she was frustrated by shortcomings with the FAI web site. The FAI staff was tremendously supportive.

S. Dixon said that there was difficulty in working with what we have. It is constricting and she cannot change the layout or appearance. She asked did IPC need to expand into a site of its own.

Delegates had been asked, and were reminded, to provide their personal skydiving stories for web profiles.

S. Dixon will attend all three FCEs in 2013 and will gather material at those events for the web site. The experience in Dubai had been good, and she thanked Ron Miasnikov (Israel), Manuel Almeida (Portugal) and Elisabet Mikaelsson (Sweden) for their valuable work.

7.4 International Military Sports Council - CISM

Col. Gernot Rittenschober's report, (agenda **Annex 10**) was referred to. He reported that CISM was formalising all its affairs, and that a convention accord with FAI may be entered into with an underlying memorandum of understanding between IPC and CISM. Col. Rittenschober further stated that it was important that the IPC and CISM calendars be carefully monitored to avoid conflicting events.

8. TECHNICAL AND SAFETY

8.1 Technical & Safety Committee Chair, Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, presented the T&S report for 2012 (agenda **Annex 11**).

8.2 IPC Safety Report for 2011. N-C. Levin Hansen thanked the T&S Committee for its work during the year. Features of this work were:-

- Continuing to provide data for researchers.
- Membership of the FAI Expert Safety Group, which had not become established. IPC (N-C. Levin Hansen presently) has a seat on this group and we expect to give input.
- Medical/Emergency cover at FCEs. There was input at the T&S Open Meeting and the agreed details will be required in bid applications and in the FCE Bulletins. There would also be some changes to the FAI Controller Handbook as a guide to the FAI Controller – what personnel, equipment and emergency response services might be required at a FCE. It was noted that a document exists, '*FAI Casualty and Accident Guidelines*', and it should be consulted by FCE Officials and Organisers.
- FAI/IPC Certificates of Proficiency. Efforts would be made, through the NACs, to have the CoP more widely used.

There was some discussion on the matter of the CoP, and it was made clear that:-

- 1 A CoP is an FAI/IPC document and to obtain one, the applicant must be, by being a member of his NAC, a member of FAI.

- 2 The CoP system does not in any way interfere with whatever licencing or certification system that may exist in any country. The CoP is a stand-alone document, principally of value to the jumper travelling between countries.
- 3 The CoP does not confer any right to jump, as currency may need to be established through a log book. The CoP shows that a certain level of expertise in jumping, (A, B, C, or D) has been reached by the holder.

The 2011 Safety Report was presented, noting that there had been 36 respondents, and N-C. Levin Hansen commented on various matters which arose in the report, and answered questions. This presentation was distributed to Delegates on CD, for use by the Technical & Safety Officers in their countries, and will also be distributed by e-mail.

The CD contains:-

- the 2011 Safety Report and Safety Report Presentation
- the form and notes for the 2012 Safety Report

An appeal was made for more countries to participate in the annual Safety Survey.

8.3 T & S work in 2013

- The T&S Committee will try to get more countries to respond to the 2012 Safety Survey.
- Efforts will be made, through NACs, to try to get more countries to use the CoP system.
- Input will be provided, where appropriate, to FAI's Expert Safety Group.

In conclusion N-C. Levin Hansen welcomed James Hayhurst, USA Alternate Delegate, as a new member of the T&S Committee.

9 FINANCE WORKING GROUP

9.1 IPC Finance Secretary, Richard 'Buzz' Bennett thanked the members of FWG for their help throughout the year and for being available to provide input when requested. He stated his belief that FAI procedures, the budget approval process, are not appropriate for FAI purposes.

There were 53 travel claims arising from Mondial 2012 Dubai and 47 were sent to FAI within a week. These had been paid the first week of January 2013 and R. Bennett thanked J-M. Badan and his colleagues at FAI, for this promptness of payment.

9.2 The updated Profit & Loss Account, from Jan to Dec 2012, was presented. This is an update of agenda **Annex 14**, which covered 2012 up to October. It was noted that there was large income from Mondial 2012 Dubai, due to the number of participants paying the Sanction Fee. However, these 2012 P&L figures are not final, as the FAI staff member who deals with the finances is indisposed and is unable to prepare final figures.

9.3 The updated Balance Sheet, as at 31 December 2012, was presented. This is an update of agenda **Annex 13**, which covered 2012 up to October. The total equity, including what was set aside for IPETA is approximately 150,000 Euros.

9.4 The German Delegate, Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, suggested that the Sanction Fee be reduced, as IPC is financially sound, and this would lessen the burden on competitors. It was agreed to defer this matter until finances would be again discussed at the Sunday session of the Plenary, when budgets for 2013 and 2014 would be presented for approval.

9.5 R. Bennett stated that the 2012 accounts could not be presented for approval as they are not finalised. The meeting accepted the provisional accounts and when the finalised ones are available they will be sent to Delegates by e-mail. This was accepted by the Plenary.

10 WINGSUIT WORKING GROUP

10.1 Ronald Overdijk, Chair of the Wingsuit WG reported (agenda **Annex 15**) on the Working Group's activities during 2012.

10.2 R.Overdijk further reported

- The Working Group proposed to add a new member, Elisabet Mikaelsson.
- The WG now proposes to move forward and work on test rules for large, no contact, formations.
- The creation of Judge's self-study course, to be set up by 31 March 2013.
- There will be a test period of two years, with rules refinement at IPC Plenary 2014
- The Wingsuit WG proposed the Draft Rules and Procedures for the Wingsuit Test record (**Document 13 Draft IPC Wingsuit Test Record Rules & Procedures**).

11 RANKING SYSTEM WORKING GROUP

11.1 Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, Chair of the Ranking System WG reported on the Working Group's activity during the year.

Ms Susan Dixon and Ms Fay Kimble had undertaken the big task of the Ranking List and they were thanked for this excellent work.

11.2 Ranking List 2012.

This was based on the results from Mondial 2012 Dubai. The list had been tweaked and it is now finalised for 2012. It will be on the web site as soon as possible.

11.3 Work for 2013.

Efforts will be made to encourage more competitions around the world, to allow people get more points in the ranking system.

How to incorporate 2nd category events into the system will be examined.

The aim is to have the Ranking System go into the Rules & Regulations in 2013.

11.4 President Windsor thanked the WG for its work in getting this project going, and for bringing it to this stage.

12 INDOOR SKYDIVING WORKING GROUP

12.1 First Vice President Gillian Rayner, Chair of the Working Group, reported on the group's activities in 2012. She stated that the Working Group had not been very active in 2012 but that a survey carried out in Dubai indicated a majority in favour of Wind Tunnel Events.

The size of this survey sample was queried by the US Delegate, Kirk Verner. The response was that there had been 15 responses out of 57 potential respondents, with 8 in favour and 7 opposed to Wind Tunnel events being conducted by IPC.

It was stated that there were possibilities for Wind Tunnel events as an indoor activity, like indoor aero-modeling.

The following proposal was made – ***To permit the R&R Committee and the relevant Competition Committees to adapt our rules and regulations to include indoor competitions and indoor records into the IPC activities with immediate effect.***

A vote being taken on this motion and the result was - 20 for, 7 against, 5 abstentions. The proposal was thus carried.

It was suggested that when the rules for indoor events are written they be classified as Sporting Code Section 5B, and that the present SC Section 5 be re-classified SC5A.

The following points were made in relation to events in Wind Tunnels –

- Events are already being held in wind tunnels and nothing prevents them from continuing. The involvement of IPC only, for the moment, concerns FCEs and Records and is not needed to continue with this activity.
- The physical limitations of individual wind tunnels should be considered when deciding where indoor events could be held, e.g. a 16ft tunnel is needed for 4-way FS, using the current, unmodified dive pool.
- There is a role for IPC as presently wind tunnel competitions are carried out using IPC rules and FAI Judges.

13 MONDIAL 2012 AND FUTURE EVENTS

13.1 President Windsor introduced this topic by stating that Mondial 2012 had been a great success. The Bureau decided, mid-year, not to have a two-year cycle for Mondial, and the Extended Bureau meeting, in Banja Luka on 22 January, proposed that Mondials be held not less than four years apart, and perhaps every 6 years.

13.2 Mondial 2012 closing ceremony video. Efforts are being made to obtain this but news is awaited from Dubai.

13.3 The Lower Organising Committee did wonderful work, and special thanks were due to Helmut Schlecht. The Plenary applauded this gesture of thanks and praised the overall conduct of the event by UAE. The UK thanked UAE for hosting such a great event.

14. FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING

14.1 Committee Chair Günter Berendt reported on the Committee's activities in 2012 (agenda **Annex 18**) and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee during 2012, in the S&A Open Meeting and in the Committee's closed meetings. G. Berendt thanked John Hitchen very much for his work in the past and wished him all the best in the future.

14.2 The Chief Judge Report (*Supplementary Annex S 3*) of Günter Berendt on the 32nd FAI WPC and 6th Junior FAI WPC in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing, Mondial 2012, Dubai 2012, was accepted. There were no questions.

14.3 Competition Rule Changes – Günter Berendt addressed this matter and the following Competition Rules were amended:-

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| 5.1.1 (2) | 5.1.4 | 5.1.7 (3) | 5.1.9 (2) | 5.1.10 (3) |
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These proposed changes were unanimously accepted. These proposed were distributed to Delegates electronically (**Document 1 S&A Rule Changes 2013**) These changes will be incorporated into the 2013 Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rules, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

14.4 A new scoring system was shown and explained.

14.5 Future FCEs in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing

14.4.1 The Russian event location has been changed from Grozny to Cheboksary. There are no changes in the bid presented in 2012, other than location. The Committee approved the revised bid and the Plenary unanimously accepted the change of location.

14.4.2 Bid to host from 33rd FAI WPC in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing in Bosnia - Herzegovina, 15 – 23 August 2014. The Committee and the Bureau support this bid, which was accepted unanimously.

14.4.3 The Slovak Republic notified its intention to bid for a European Championship in Lucenec in 2015.

14.4.4 Bulgaria notified its intention to bid to host the 34th FAI WPC in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing in 2016.

15. FORMATION SKYDIVING

15.1 Committee Chair Trude Sviggum reported on the Committee's activities in 2012 (agenda **Annex 20**) and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee during 2012, in the FS Open Meeting and in the Committee's closed meetings.

15.2 11th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships & 18th FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving, held at Prostejov, Czech Republic, 27 Aug. – 02 Sept. 2012. The Report of the Chief Judge, Karla Cole, (agenda **Annex 21**), was accepted. There were no questions.

15.3 Proposed Rule Changes (Document 10 Formation Skydiving)

8-way Dive Pool - 4 proposed changes

4-way dive pool, there was one proposal, which was not supported by the Committee.

VFS dive pool, there was one proposal, which was not supported by the Committee.

4.5.2 Video Requirements

4.9.3 Training

5.4 Reduced Speed Judging

These proposed changes were accepted unanimously.

These changes were posted on the IPC web site on 31 January 2013, and will be incorporated into the 2013 Formation Skydiving and VFS Competition Rules, the full text of which will appear on the FAI web site.

15.4 Bids to host future FCEs in Formation Skydiving and VFS

15.4.1 A proposal from Bosnia - Herzegovina, to host the 19th FAI World Cup in Formation Skydiving and the 12th FAI European Skydiving Championships, in Banja Luka, 12 – 18 August 2013, was accepted at the IPC Plenary in 2012.

15.4.2 21st FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships, 2014.

The FS Committee and the Bureau had examined bids from the Czech NAC (agenda **Annex 22**) and the German NAC (agenda **Annex 23**), to host this event, at Prostejov, Czech Republic and Saarlouis, Germany respectively in August 2014.

The matter was put to a vote, a secret vote having been called for.

The result of the vote was:- Czech Republic – 24 votes; Germany 10 votes.

The 21st FAI WPC in Formation Skydiving will be held in Prostejov, Czech Republic.

The 10th FAI WPC in Artistic Events, 2014 was included in both the German and Czech Republic bids, and was covered in the vote. The 10th FAI WPC in Artistic Events, 2014 will take place at Prostejov, Czech Republic.

See 17.3.2 below

15.5 President Windsor thanked Trude Sviggum for the work she and her Committee had done during the year.

16. CANOPY FORMATION

16.1 Committee Chair Lindy Rochow-Williams reported on the Committee's activities in 2012, (agenda **Annex 24**). She reported that two-way is the most popular event and she gave some details regarding the numbers of teams which participated in Mondial 2012 Dubai. In conclusion, she thanked the InTime scoring system team for their excellent system and work.

16.2 Proposed changes to the Canopy Formation Competition Rules

(see **Document 9 (Canopy Formation Proposed Rules Changes)**)

L. Rochow-Williams presented changes to the CF Competition Rules for 2013 in the following rules:-

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2.9 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 4.9.2 | 4.9.3 | 4.9.7 |
| 5.1.1 | 5.2.1 | 5.3.1 | 5.3.2 | 6.3 | |

4.3 – All forms of CF activity must cease by 750 m (2500 ft). This was not included in **Document 9**.

The proposal from South Africa (agenda **Annex 38**) was deferred to be dealt with under SC5.

Other proposed rules changes were not supported by the CF Committee.

These changes were approved unanimously. These changes will be incorporated into the 2013 Canopy Formation Competition Rules, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

16.4 Future events in Canopy Formation.

16.4.1 Bid from Bosnia - Herzegovina to host 16th FAI WPC in Canopy Formation, at Banja Luka, 15 – 23 August 2014 (agenda **Annex 19**)

The CF Committee and the Bureau recommended this bid, which was accepted unanimously.

16.4.2 Bulgaria will bid to host a World Cup in Canopy Formation in 2015.

16.4.3 Israel expressed interest in hosting a future CF event.

16.5 President Windsor thanked L. Rochow-Williams and the CF Committee members for their work in 2012.

17. ARTISTIC EVENTS

17.1 Committee Chair Ronald Overdijk reported on Committee activities for 2012 (agenda **Annex 25**) and on the outcomes of the AE Open Meeting. There were no questions and the report was accepted unanimously.

17.2 8th FAI European AE Championships & 9th FAI World Cup of AE, held at Prostejov, Czech Republic, 27 August – 02 Sept. 2012.

The report of the Chief Judge AE, Aliya Ananina, (agenda **Annex 26**), was accepted. There were no questions.

17.3 Future FCEs in Artistic Events

17.3.1 Bosnia - Herzegovina will host the 10th FAI World Cup and 9th European Championships in AE in August 2013, at Banja Luka.

17.3.2 10th FAI WPC in Artistic Events, 2014

The 10th FAI WPC in Artistic Events will be held in Prostejov, Czech Republic, 24 – 31 August 2014, having been voted upon under the FS section of the agenda. See 15.4.2 above.

17.4 Proposed changes to the AE Competition Rules

Committee Chair R. Overdijk proposed and discussed amendments to the Competition Rules. The following AE Competition Rules and Addenda were amended (**Document 11 AE CR Changes**):-

Competition Rules

| | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------|
| 4.4.3 | 5.2.3 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 6.6.2.2 |
| 6.6.3 | 6.7.1 | 6.7.2 | 7.2 | |

Compulsory Sequences (Freestyle Skydiving and Freeflying) – Overall

Addendum A1 Freestyle Skydiving

Addendum A2 Freeflying

The Plenary voted unanimously to accept these rule changes.

The changes will be incorporated into the AE Competition Rules for 2013, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

17.5 President Windsor thanked R. Overdijk and the Committee members for their work during the past year.

18. PARA SKI

18.1 Committee Chair Michael Egger reported on the Committee's activity and on events in 2012 (**Document 5 – amended Para Ski Report**)

18.2 M. Egger stated that the Para Ski event at Mondial 2012 Dubai was very successful and that we now know that it is possible to hold a Para Ski meet in a ski hall. 20 countries took part.

18.3 Future events in Para Ski

18.3.1 14th FAI WPC in Para Ski

There were two bids to host this event, one from Russia, to host the WPC at Tanai, Russia, in March 2014 (agenda **Annex 29**). The second bid was from Germany, proposing to host the WPC at Unterammergau, Bavaria, in February 2014 (agenda **Annex 30**). The Para Ski Committee and the Bureau has no recommendation for one or the other bid; both fulfill the requirements.

A secret vote was requested. The result of the vote was – Russia 18, Germany 15, with one abstention.

The 14th FAI WPC in Para Ski will take place at Tanai, Russia, in March 2014.

18.4 Proposed changes to the Para-Ski Competition Rules

M. Egger proposed changes to the Para Ski CRs, as per (**Document 4 – Para Ski Rule Changes**)

Changes were proposed in:-

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 4.4.4 | 5.1.4 (1) | 5.1.4 (2) | 5.1.6 (1) |
| 5.1.7 (4) | 5.1.7 (5) | 6.1.1 | |

These proposed changes were adopted unanimously.

The changes will be incorporated into the Para Ski Competition Rules for 2014, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

18.5 President Windsor thanked the Committee members and its Chair, Michael Egger, and stated it was a real innovation to see the Para Ski indoor event at Mondial 2012 Dubai. M. Egger thanked the Committee members for their work during 2012.

19. CANOPY PILOTING

19.1 Committee Chair Jacqui Bruwer presented the Canopy Piloting report for 2012 (agenda **Annex 31**). She thanked Skydive Dubai and UAE for organizing and running the biggest CP event to date.

19.2 4th FAI WPC in Canopy Piloting, Mondial 2012 Dubai.

The report of the Chief Judge CP, Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, (agenda **Annex 46**), was accepted. There were no questions.

19.3 Future events in Canopy Piloting

19.3.1 The bid from Russia to host the 7th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, and the 3rd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships was accepted at the 2012 Plenary meeting in Buenos Aires. At the request of FAI and IPC the venue of the WC / EPC Style & AL 2013 had been changed from Grozny to Cheboksary, leading to a necessary change of the WC / EPC CP from Cheboksary to Kolomna, 25 August – 01 September 2013. There has been an increase of 48 Euros in the entry fee, the reason given being higher costs for fuel and other items in Kolomna. The CP Committee supported this revised bid, with the increased fee.

President Windsor stated that this bid was changed, not by the host, but because of the change of location forced upon the host.

First Vice President Gillian Rayner congratulated Russia for accommodating FAI and IPC concerns. This was echoed by Vice President John Smyth.

The German Delegate, Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle suggested lowering the Sanction fee by 20 Euros, to help alleviate the impact of the 48 Euro entry fee increase.

The Netherlands Delegate, Ronald Overdijk, stated that a location, other than Kolomna could have been chosen by Russia.

On a vote being taken to accept the revised bid, with the increased entry fee the result was 20 in favour of accepting the revised bid, 13 against, and there was 1 invalid vote. The revised bid was therefore accepted.

Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle proposed that the Sanction Fee be lowered to allow for the increased entry fee. This proposal required a 2/3 majority supporting vote to allow it be discussed, as it was new proposal, not on the agenda. A secret ballot was called for and the result was – for 20, against 14. The proposal was therefore lost, not having reached the required 2/3 majority of 23 to allow further discussion.

19.4 Scoring System. A distance scoring system was being tested and this would continue in 2013. The CP Committee would request an amount of 3,000 Euros in the 2013 budget, for this project.

19.5 Proposed changes to the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules

J. Bruwer presented proposed changes to the CP Competition Rules for 2012, as indicated by the following rules being highlighted by a vertical bar, in **Document 12 Canopy Piloting Competition Rules Changes**

| | | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|
| 2.10.1 | 2.10.2 | 2.10.3 | 2.12 | 2.13 | 2.13.1 |
| 2.13.2 | 2.15.2 | 2.18 | 2.19 | 2.20 | 3.1.1 |
| 3.1.2 | 3.2.1 | 3.2.2 | 3.3.1 | 3.3.2 | 3.3.3 |
| 3.4.1 | 3.4.2 | 3.4.3 | 4.1.3 | 4.1.5 | 4.1.5.1 |
| 4.1.5.2 | 4.1.5.3 | 4.2.1 (1) | 4.2.1 (2) | 4.2.2 | 4.2.2.1 |
| 4.2.2.2 | 4.2.2.3 | 4.2.2.4 | 4.2.2.5 | 4.3.2 | 4.3.3 |
| 4.3.4 | | | | | |
| Addendum A – General Course Specifications | | | | | |
| 4.3 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 7 | 9.1 |
| 9.3 | 9.4 | 10 | | | |

Addendum C – Distance Course Specifications

| | | |
|------------|---|---|
| A Distance | 6 | 8 |
|------------|---|---|

Addendum D – Accuracy Course Specifications

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|-----|-----|
| 4.5 | 4.6 |
|-----|-----|

The proposed changes were approved unanimously. The changes will be incorporated into the CP Competition Rules for 2013, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

19.6 President Windsor thanked J. Bruwer for chairing the Committee, as Jacqui will stand down as Chair, while remaining on the CP Committee. He also thanked the Committee for its great work in 2012.

20. FAI JUDGING

20.1 Committee Chair Pia Berggren reported on the Committee's activities in 2012 (agenda **Annex 33**).

20.2 P. Berggren stated that the Omniskore HD scoring system in use at Prostejov, for FS and AE, was an excellent system. She further noted that scoring systems used at FCEs must be approved by the Judges Committee and by the relevant Competition Committee/s.

20.3 The online training was once again working. The Judges Committee will seek funding to develop this.

20.4 The Judges List for 2013 will be finalised, sent out with the minutes and posted on the web site. (see **Annex D**)

20.5 Judge Training Courses 2013. These will be conducted in Formation Skydiving at Banja Luka and in Canopy Piloting at Kolomna.

20.6 Chief Judges in 2013 and for Para Ski 2014.

The following Chief Judges were proposed:-

| <i>Event</i> | <i>CJ, CJ Training</i> |
|---|--|
| 10 th FAI World Cup in Artistic Events 9 th FAI European Championships in Artistic Events Banja Luka, Bosnia - Herzegovina, 12 – 18 August 2013 | Steinar Lillas Chief Judge. Tamara Koyn Chief of Judge Training |

| | |
|--|---|
| 19 th FAI World Cup in Formation Skydiving 12 th FAI European Skydiving Championships Banja Luka, Bosnia - Herzegovina, 12 – 18 August, 2013 | Doris Merz-Hunziker Chief Judge. Karla Cole Chief of Judge Training. |
| 13 th FAI World Cup in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing 1 st FAI Junior World Cup in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing 7 th FAI European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing C'ships 4 th FAI Junior European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing C'ships Cheboksary, Russia, August 2013 | Igor Tiorlo Chief Judge |
| 7 th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting 3 rd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships Kolomna, Russia, August-Sept. 2013 | Anders Berggren Chief Judge. Etienne Bosch Chief of Judge Training. |
| 14 th FAI WPC in Para Ski, Tanai, Russia, March 2014 | Gernot Rittenschober Chief Judge. |

The above list was approved unanimously.

20.7 Changes to Rules

Proposed change to the judging rules were dealt with as changes to SC5 (see **Document 14**).

20.8 President Windsor thanked P. Berggren and the Committee for the good work during the year and at the Plenary.

21 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Note – all changes to documents shall be incorporated into the 2013 versions of these documents and shall be posted on the FAI web site.

The documents produced as a result of discussion and input at Open Meetings and Committee and Working Group closed meetings, in Banja Luka, were finalised and sent by e-mail to Delegates and Alternate Delegates on Friday 26 January. These finalised documents, numbered Document 1 to Document 14 inclusive, supersede the proposals which appeared in their original form as agenda annexes.

21.1 Richard 'Buzz' Bennett, Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, presented proposed changes to Sporting Code, SC5. (**Document 14 – Rules and Regulations**) SC5 has been changed in the following :-

Annex A – delete all reference to this on page ii of Contents. D

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.1.1 (2) | 1.1.1.4 | 1.1.2 | 1.1.4 | 2.1.4 | 2.4.6 |
| 2.4.8 | 3.1.1 (2) | 3.1.2.2 | 3.2.7 | 3.2.8 (2) | 3.3.5 |
| 4.1.1.2 | 4.1.1.2 (2) | 4.1.1.3 (2) | 4.1.2 (3) a) | 4.1.2 (3) b) | 4.1.2 (3) c) |
| 4.3.1 (1) | 4.3.1 (2) | 4.3.1 (3) | 4.3.1 (4) | 4.3.1 (5) | 4.3.5 (2) |
| 4.4 | 4.4.2 (2) | 4.6.2 | 4.9.1 | 4.9.3 (1) | 4.9.5 |
| 4.10 (1) | 5.2.2 | 6.2 (1) | 6.4 b) | 6.8.1 (1) | 6.8.2 (2) |
| 6.8.1 (3) | 6.8.2 | 6.9.1 (15) | 6.9.2 | 6.10 | |

It should be noted that the position of IPC Controller of Judging and Scoring has been abandoned and that the role of the Assistant to the Chief Judge is reinforced. These duties will appear in the 2013 version of SC5 and a proposal will be put forward in 2014 to include these duties in a Chief Judge Handbook.

21.2 Duties of the FAI Controller will be deleted from SC5 and appear only in the FAI Controller Handbook.

21.3 The holding of a Para Ski WPC in 2014 disrupts the competitions schedule and this matter will be looked at by the Para Ski Committee.

21.4 4.3.1. (1) - The wording in **Document 14** was amended at the Plenary, to read:-

4.3.1 Judging Equipment and Identification

(1) In accordance with the Organiser Agreement, the Organiser must provide and pay for the judging and scoring system(s) necessary to properly evaluate and score all jumps made during the FCE and to properly conduct any course for Judges in Training. The judging equipment and scoring system(s), both hardware and software, to be used must receive prior approval from the IPC Judges Committee and the relevant IPC Competition Committee. An organiser wishing to use equipment not yet approved must submit said equipment for approval at their or the manufacturer's expense prior to the IPC Plenary prior to the competition.

21.5 4.3.1. (4) - The wording in **Document 14** was amended at the Plenary, to read:-

(4) The video recording, playback and all auxiliary equipment must be full HD input and full HD output and viewing for the judges and the public other than for Style and Canopy Piloting.

21.6 FAI Controller – There was a suggestion to change the name of the IPC Controller to FAI controller or to FAI/IPC Controller, or to keep it at IPC Controller. Following discussion on this proposed name change a vote was taken. 24 voted in favour to retain the name FAI Controller, and 9 voted for change, with 1 vote being invalid. The proposal was defeated and the name shall be changed back to 'FAI Controller'.

The amendments proposed in 21.1 to 21.6 above were accepted by the Plenary, with the changes in wording in 21.4 and 21.5 being accepted.

21.7 Largest Formation (Document 8)

3.3.3.1

This proposal was unanimously accepted

21.8 Large Formation Sequential (Document 8)

3.3.3.2

This proposal was accepted with 1 vote against, 2 abstentions, and the remainder of the Delegates in favour.

21.9 Proposal to change the Jury Selection process.

The Delegate for Germany, Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, had put down a proposal, (agenda **Annex 41**), to change the Jury Selection process.

R. Hoenle asked that this proposal be set aside and he would bring it to the 2014 Plenary meeting.

**At this point, Saturday 26th January, the Plenary adjourned,
to reconvene on Sunday morning 27 January 2013.**

Sunday 27 January 2013, 09:00

A roll call was conducted by FAI Secretary General, Jean-Marc Badan.

There were 28 Delegates present, and 5 proxies were held, giving 33 votes in total.

These numbers indicated: - a simple majority - 17 votes; a two-thirds majority - 22 votes.

21.10 First Category Event Application Document (Document 7 R&R Other Docs. 2013)

Add to bid information:

2.27 Whether all necessary medals will be obtained from the FAI or supplied by the Organiser, conforming to the FAI specifications, in accordance with the IPC Medal Policy

2.28 Details of any Anti-Doping requirements and systems and/or process to be in place

Add to checklist in 3.2

4.9.3.1

4.9.5

This proposal was unanimously accepted.

21.11 Jury Handbook

There were no proposals to change the Jury Handbook.

21.12 FAI Controller Handbook (**Document 7 R&R Other Docs. 2013**)

Amend

- To confirm ~~verify~~ **the attendance of a Jury Member by signing the expense reimbursement** claim form and to assist, if necessary, the Jury Member in submitting it to the IPC Finance Secretary. ~~The FAI Controller will review the expense forms to ensure that all the required information is provided, that the expenses claimed are appropriate and in accordance with IPC policy and will indicate completion of the verification procedure by signature on the expense form.~~ The Jury Member will submit the claim form, with receipts, to the IPC Finance Secretary for approval and payment processing in accordance with the current IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy Document.

This proposal was unanimously accepted.

21.13 Internal Regulations (**Document 7 R&R Other Docs. 2013**)

Add requirement to Annex 6 re Host issuing Info Bulletin.

11. Bulletin

The Organiser of an IPC Plenary Meeting must issue an Information Bulletin 120 days before the start of the Plenary Meeting. The information in this Bulletin may not differ from the accepted bid unless the IPC Bureau has given approval for any changes. The Bulletin must provide full and complete information relevant to the Plenary Meeting, including transport arrangements, registration, bank details, payment dates, etc. The Bulletin must be submitted, at least 30 days before the issue date, to the IPC Bureau for review and correction if necessary and, having received IPC Bureau approval, shall be immediately posted on the FAI/IPC web site, after which it may be posted on the Organiser's own web site.

Change numbering of subsequent paragraphs.

This proposal was unanimously accepted.

21.9 Medal Policy (**Document 7 R&R Other Docs. 2013**)

- 1.5 In accordance with Sporting Code, General Section, 3.16.3.2, the Organiser has the option to purchase the medals from the FAI/IPC (IPC medals) or to supply the medals from another source.
- 1.6 If the medals are not purchased from the FAI/IPC, the medals must ~~be of at least the same quality and size as the IPC medals and must have on one face the same logo and words as the IPC medals.~~ conform to the current FAI specifications. The Organiser will obtain the approval of the IPC Controller for the quality and design of any medals that are not FAI/IPC Medals.

This proposal was unanimously accepted.

21.10 Proposal by Hungary to amend Internal Regulations, Annex 6 (agenda **Annex 40**). This proposal was amended and appeared as **Document 2**, as below.

Annex 6 – Hosting an IPC Plenary Meeting point 10. Registration fee

~~'The organiser shall offer a package for those IPC delegates who will participate only at the Plenary Meeting'.~~

The accommodation packages offered should be up to 5 nights (but with a minimum of two) for Delegates and Experts/Observers, making possible their participation in Open Meetings and/or the Plenary Meeting.

The amended proposal was carried unanimously.

It was noted that this proposal may not be in force for the 2014 Plenary meeting, unless the Organiser can arrange it, as the Organiser may have already made arrangements with the hotel to be used.

21.11 Proposal to amend SC5 (Safety Panel) – Document 6 Safety Proposal.

The following amendments were proposed.

1.3 GENERAL SAFETY CONDITIONS

- (1) Parachutists must practise safe parachuting and obey national or local regulations. For general sport parachuting activities, parachute deployment should be initiated by 600m above ground level or, in special circumstances as specified by a NAC, by a higher altitude set by that NAC. ~~Failure to practice safe parachuting may lead to a warning or grounding or, at a competition, to the disqualification of a competitor or team in one or more events.~~
- (2) **Failure to observe the parachute deployment altitude or failure to practice safe parachuting is considered to be a safety violation, which will be subject to the process described in 4.8**

4.1.1.2 The FAI Controller's duties, which commence upon appointment, are:

~~To be responsible for safety during the competition.~~ **To monitor safety and report any safety violation (including that described in 1.3(2)) that takes place during the FCE to the Safety Panel Meet Director for further action in accordance with 4.8**

4.8 SAFETY

- (1) Any person, including the Judges, may report matters of safety during the running of the competition to the FAI Controller
- (2) **A Safety Panel, consisting of the FAI Controller, the Meet Director and the CJ for the particular discipline, will be formed.**
- (3) **The FAI Controller, when aware of any alleged safety violation by an individual competitor or a team (either by direct knowledge or being informed as per (1)) will report the circumstances to the Meet Director Safety Panel**
- (4) **The Meet Director Safety Panel will investigate the allegation and, if it is found to be justified by majority decision, will issue in writing to the competitor or team either:**
 - i) a "first level safety violation notice" or
 - ii) a "second level safety violation notice" or
 - iii) a "third level safety violation notice"

A "first level safety violation notice" will incur no penalty.
A "second level safety violation notice" will result in the maximum or minimum score (as appropriate) for the jump during or after which the safety violation occurred.
A "third level safety violation notice" will result in the disqualification of the competitor or team from the event during which the safety violation occurred
- (5) **Any penalties imposed in accordance with this section must be recorded in writing and the competitor or team must also be advised in writing of the imposition of the penalty.**
- (6) **If a "first level safety violation notice" has been issued, a second safety violation must result in a "second or third level safety violation notice"**

- (7) If a “second level safety violation notice” has been issued, another safety violation must result in a “third level safety violation notice”
- (8) These provisions are in addition to any safety or penalty provisions in the Competition Rules
- (9) A decision of the Safety Panel may not be protested to the Jury.

There was some discussion on this proposal, with one opinion being that it would be preferable to have a Jury decide on the banning of a competitor. A contrary opinion was that the Jury is just another 3-person panel, so there was no need to go to the Jury. It was asked as to whether it was necessary to have a written notice in the case of a ‘first level safety violation’, which was in effect a warning. The feeling was that it was necessary to have this in writing, so that a proper written record would exist, should there be a later appeal.

This proposal was carried unanimously.

22 JURORS, JURIES & FAI CONTROLLERS

22.1 List of Jurors for 2013. The First Vice President, Gillian Rayner, presented the list of Jurors for 2013 and advised the Delegates of changes to the list. There was one deletion, Tomas Tuominen (missed three meetings) and three additions –Jan Anderson, Barbara Davies and Bernard Nicholas. The revised list was unanimously accepted by the meeting. The 2013 Jury list is appended to these minutes as **Annex E**.

22.2 Jurors and FAI Controllers for 2013/2014. The list of proposed Jurors and FAI Controllers was submitted by First Vice President Gillian Rayner, as follows:-

JURIES & FAI CONTROLLERS 2013/2014

| 10th FAI World Cup in Artistic Events & 9th FAI European Championships in Artistic Events 19th FAI World Cup in Formation Skydiving & 12th FAI European Skydiving Championships Banja Luka, Bosnia - Herzegovina, August, 2013 | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Jury | FAI Controller |
| John Smyth – Jury President | Trude Sviggum |
| Rina Gallo | |
| Jan Andersson | |
| Reserve – Richard ‘Buzz’ Bennett | |

| 13th FAI World Cup & 7th FAI European Championships in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing, 1st FAI Junior World Cup & 4th FAI Junior European Championships in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing, Cheboksary, Russia, August 2013 | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Jury | FAI Controller |
| Liam McNulty – Jury President | Jiri Blaska |
| Lidia Kosk | |
| Bernard Nicholas | |
| Reserve – Graeme Windsor | |

| 7th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting and 3rd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships Kolomna, Russia, August - September 2013 | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Jury | FAI Controller |
| Rainer ‘Exi’ Hoenle – Jury President | Henny Wiggers |
| Susan Dixon | |
| Larry Hill | |
| Reserve – Igor van Apperan | |

| 14th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Para Ski Tanai, Russia, March 2014 | |
|---|----------------|
| Jury | FAI Controller |
| Graeme Windsor | Ulf Tingnert |
| Michael Egger | |
| Günter Berendt | |
| Reserve - Pia Berggren | |

| 21st FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships 10th FAI Artistic Events World Championships Prostejov, Czech Republic, August 2014 | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Jury | FAI Controller |
| | Niels-Christian Levin Hansen |

| 33 rd FAI WPC in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing 16th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Canopy Formation Banja Luka, Bosnia - Herzegovina, August 2014 | |
|--|----------------|
| Jury | FAI Controller |
| | Günter Berendt |

This list was accepted unanimously.

23 ASIANIA

Faye Cox addressed the meeting and thanked President Windsor and the Plenary for allowing ASIANIA to have a voice here. She reminded delegates that when ASIANIA was founded in 1994, almost 20 years ago, its membership was 6 countries. It has grown a great deal and in 2012 it numbered 30 countries, although some are not very active. The Olympic Council of Asia recognized ASIANIA in 2012. It is hoped to have parachuting in both the Asian Games and the Asian Beach Games, and ASIANIA, along with President Windsor, attended a meeting in Thailand in 2012 to discuss possible participation in the Asian Beach Games.

ASIANIA Championships were not held in 2012, but instead member countries were encouraged to attend the Mondial. ASIANIA's annual general meeting was held in Dubai, during the Mondial.

It is planned to run Judges' Training Courses Run in China and Thailand, and perhaps one in Indonesia in 2012. As there will be a CISM event in China in October ASIANIA may not have any activity then, so that there would not be a clash with CISM. President Windsor thanked F. Cox for her report and said that she had done great work over the years with ASIANIA. The Delegate from Germany, Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle echoed these sentiments.

At this point the Delegate from Turkey arrived, giving an attendance of 29 Delegates and 5 proxies, totaling 34 votes. A simple majority – 18; a two-thirds majority – 23.

24 COLPAR

The Delegate from Argentina, Gustavo Eduardo Reyes, made a presentation on COLPAR and outlined its development and progress. President Windsor thanked G. E. Reyes for this presentation and he said that COLPAR was doing wonderful work. He asked G.E. Reyes to convey the best wishes of the Plenary to COLPAR.

G.E. Reyes noted the upcoming World POPS meet which will take place in San Juan, Argentina, November 2014.

25 BUDGETS FOR 2013 AND 2014

25.1 2013 Budget. IPC Finance Secretary, Richard ‘Buzz’ Bennett outlined projected income for 2013 (a World Cup year when it is expected that Sanction Income may not be very high), and outlined the various Committee applications for funds.

On Judge/Jury projected costs Pia Berggren proposed that for Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing event in Cheboksary, Russia in August 2013, and the Para Ski event in Tanai, Russia in March 2014, the continental limited of 500 Euros, for travel, be set aside, and that out-of-pocket travel expenses be met.

The Plenary unanimously approved this proposal.

R. Bennett stated that an amount of 1,500 Euros was being budgeted in 2013, at the request of the Bureau, to have SC5 rewritten in plain English, for clarification and ease of understanding.

Budget 2013 shows a budgeted loss of approximately 40,000 Euros.

The Finance Working Group firmly recommended that the Sanction Fee for 2013 should remain at 90 Euros.

The 2013 Budget was unanimously approved by the Plenary.

25.2 2014 Preliminary Budget – The Sanction Fee in the 2014 Preliminary Budget is 90 Euros and World Parachuting Championships in 2014 may therefore bring in more funds than 2013.

The 2014 Preliminary Budget was unanimously approved by the Plenary.

President Windsor thanked R. Bennett and the working group members for their great work.

The Budgets for 2013 and 2014 are appended to these minutes as **Annex C**.

26 AWARDS

26.1 FAI Gold Parachuting Medal

There were two nominations for this award, Dr Anton Westman and Felix Baumgartner. The Baumgartner nomination did not meet the time requirements in the By-Laws and is therefore not eligible for consideration in 2013.

Austria stated its nomination (agenda **Annex 43**) will go forward to 2014 and asked countries to please not nominate other people for 2014.

A simple majority was needed to make this award, with proxy votes not being allowed.

The Delegates voted unanimously to make this award to Dr Anton Westman.

President Windsor congratulated Sweden on this award being presented to a Swedish skydiver and researcher into medical aspects of skydiving.

President Windsor proposed that IPC support any Austrian nomination of Felix Baumgartner, for any FAI award for which a nomination could be made.

This proposal was unanimously approved.

26.2 Other Awards

There were no other nominations for awards.

President Windsor asked Delegates to nominate people for the awards, as there was prestige attached to these. There were media opportunities for the individual and for the country involved, and he stated that presentation of awards brings valuable recognition, not only to the recipients, but also to the sport of parachuting.

27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

B. J. Worth, IPC President of Honour addressed the Plenary. This is the text of his address, in which he bade farewell to IPC:-

For 43 years, skydiving has been my passion. Since my first year as a university student, skydiving has consumed my life - my social life, my competition life, my professional life (in the film industry), my recreational life (with event organizing), and my volunteer life serving USPA, IPC, and FAI.

I have no regrets. Skydiving has been very good to me, and when possible, I've tried to return the favor. However, I've had very little life outside of skydiving. So, a year from now, I will be stepping back from our great sport in most capacities, and will start chasing a bucket list – one that has already grown so much that it will take 10 years to complete.

I find it ironic that, at my first IPC meeting, 38 years ago, I came armed with little stick-men formations and a radical notion for a new competition discipline. I tried to convince the IPC delegates that 4- and 8-way sequential was the future of our sport.

Now, at what will almost certainly be my final IPC meeting, I come here trying to convince you that sequential skydiving is the future of our sport, albeit on a slightly different scale. I thank you for your overwhelming support in embracing this new IPC discipline. I believe it will well serve our sport and our sportsmen and women for years to come.

It has been an honor to have worked with so many of you over the past decades to help develop our sport into what it has become today. I've enjoyed re-writing the perfect documents year after year. I'm pleased to have helped introduce so many new disciplines into our sport. I fondly remember the resistance to my initiative to implement sanction fees at IPC events – even at \$25 per head. And, I am very proud of the spectacular skydiving exhibition we organized and performed together for the opening ceremonies of the 1988 Olympic Games.

I wish you all the best as you continue to serve the IPC over the coming decades. I only ask that the IPC's priorities continue to focus on the best interests of the majority of skydivers out in the field.

It's been a great run. Thank you.

BJ Worth

B. J. Worth was given a standing ovation by the meeting. President Windsor thanked B.J. Worth for his great work over many years and wished him success and happiness in everything he does in the future.

28. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

28.1 The list of Committee and Working Group Chairs, Deputy Chairs and Members was shown to Delegates, was confirmed and was accepted unanimously.

The list is appended to these minutes as **Annex F**.

29. ELECTIONS

29.1 World Air Games Liaison Officer

Gillian Rayner was proposed by President Windsor, on behalf of the Bureau. There being no other nominations G. Rayner was appointed, by acclamation.

29.2 World Games Liaison Officer

Ronald Overdijk was proposed by President Windsor, on behalf of the Bureau. There being no other nominations R. Overdijk was appointed, by acclamation.

29.3 IPC Bureau

Elections were held in 2012 for the Bureau positions - President, First Vice President, Two Vice Presidents, Finance Secretary and Recording Secretary. These posts are held for a two-year period and so there were no elections in 2013. The next elections will be at the IPC Plenary Meeting in Vienna, Austria, in 2014.

30. FUTURE IPC PLENARY MEETINGS

30.1 There were two bids, from Austria and Israel, to host the 65th IPC Plenary Meeting 2014.

30.2 Austria had indicated, by a Letter of Intent in 2012, to bid to host the 2014 Plenary meeting. The Austrian bid appeared as agenda **Annex 44**.

30.3 The Delegate from Israel, Ms Ron Miasnikov, made a presentation in support of the bid to host the IPC Plenary meeting in Tel Aviv in 2014 (agenda **Annex 45**).

30.4 2014 Plenary location. A secret ballot was requested and the result was – Austria 27; Israel 7.

Austria will therefore host the 65th IPC Plenary Meeting in 2014.

Austrian Delegate Johann Gritsch said there will be a web site dedicated to the 2014 Plenary. He also stated that the Bulletin regarding the 2014 Plenary will be on the FAI/IPC web site by 01 Sept. 2013.

FAI Secretary General Jean-Marc Badan asked that IPC might consider meeting in Lausanne. He stated that, presently, organising a Plenary in Lausanne would be a big burden on FAI staff, but at some time IPC should consider going to Lausanne, perhaps in one or two years' time, with advance notice to FAI.

30.5 Bulgarian intention to bid to host 66th IPC Plenary Meeting 2015.

The Bulgarian Aero Club will bid, in 2014, to organise the IPC Plenary Meeting in 2015.

30.6 Letter of Intent from Croatia to bid to host the 66th IPC Plenary Meeting 2015.

This Letter of Intent was received by IPC on 21 January 2013, and was therefore a 'late bid'. The Delegate from Croatia, Goran Habschied, stated that the Croatian Aero Club will bid, in 2014, to organise the IPC Plenary Meeting in 2015.

31. ADJOURNMENT

President Windsor thanked the attendance for all the diligent work done in Banja Luka. He said that IPC can capitalise on the two very significant events which took place in 2012, Mondial 2012 Dubai and the Felix Baumgartner high-altitude record jump.

He stated that this had been a great meeting and that he hoped to see everyone next year in Vienna.

President Windsor thanked the host and those who organized and ran, in a very efficient and most satisfactory way, the 64th IPC Plenary Meeting in Banja Luka. He thanked the Delegates for their dedication, hard work and attention during the Plenary and he thought that a great deal had been achieved. President Windsor noted that the Bureau had agreed to refund the 500 Euro deposit to Bosnia - Herzegovina.

The Delegate from Bosnia - Herzegovina, Vladan Stojkovic, thanked those who attended for coming to Banja Luka.

The 64th IPC Plenary Meeting 2013 concluded at 11:30 on Sunday 27 January 2013

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LIST OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND OTHER ATTENDEES.
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