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1 Welcome, attendance and acknowledgements

1.1 Welcome address

Mr. Eduardo Rodrigues, President of FPPq. (Portuguese Parachute Federation) welcomed the Delegates, Observers, FAI Officials and Bureau members. He welcomed all to Faro and thanked all the various local dignitaries present for the support and help they had given to the FPPq in hosting this prestigious event.

He was followed by Mr. Rogério Bacalhau, Mayor of Faro, who also welcomed all present and hoped they would have time to enjoy the history, culture and great restaurants on offer in Faro.

President Hoenle thanked Mr. Rodrigues for his kind remarks, and welcomed all who were in attendance, and also welcomed the FAI executives who were present – the FAI President, Mr. Frits Brink and the Sports and Events Director Markus Hagganey. He also spoke about the gap left on the Executive Board with neither Gillian Rayner nor Niels-Christian Levin Hansen being re-elected and able to represent IPC. He welcomed the appointment of the President himself as the first liaison between the FAI Executive Board and the IPC.

1.2 In Memoriam

President Hoenle opened the meeting and asked those present to stand for a moment, in memory of those in the skydiving community who had died since the last Plenary meeting.

1.3 Roll call, conducted by FAI

A roll call was conducted by Markus Hagganey, FAI Sports and Events Director.

The attendance list will be sent by FAI to Delegates. For privacy reasons it will not be posted on the FAI web site. The total number of **Nations** present was **34 + 8** proxies, giving a total of **42 votes**. **22** is a 'Simple Majority' and **28** a '2/3rds Majority'.

1.4 Approval of Proxies

The following proxies had been received and were deemed valid –

Bosnia & Herzegovina to Hungary *China to Korea*

Latvia to Sweden *Estonia to Finland*

Lithuania to Canada *F.Y.R. Macedonia to Bulgaria*

New Zealand to Australia *Slovakia to Czech Republic*

1.5 Delegates' address list to be updated

The Delegates' address list was circulated for updating, with those present asked to provide full details.

1.6 Declaration of any Conflicts of Interests

President Hoenle, commented on the need, for protocol reasons, to fulfil this requirement, and called on those present to declare, either at this point or at any subsequent appropriate time, any potential conflict of interest which might exist. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2 FAI Report

2.1 FAI Representation at 67th IPC Plenary Meeting 2017

Mr Frits Brink, FAI President and Mr Markus Hagganey, Sports and Events Director represented FAI at this IPC Plenary Meeting.

2.2 Report of FAI representative

Markus Haggenev, FAI Sports and Events Director, addressed the Plenary

He commenced by stating that the FAI stands on two main pillars:

NACs National Airsport Control and ASCs Air Sports Commissions

They hold regular meetings for the exchange of ideas and involvement in the developing, shaping and delivering of the FAI Strategic Plan. He commented that IPC had led the way in creating the first Strategic Plan in FAI.

To sum up 2016 he talked about the April 2016 debriefing meeting following the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015 and subsequent launch of a bid process for future WAG. This will be covered in greater detail during the WAG agenda item.

He spoke of the various meetings held during the year, the Mid-Year meeting, the General Conference and IT Workshop. They had worked on TV Production of events, finalised the Organiser Agreement, had a Strategic Plan for a World Air Games Tour, adding and developing Drone Racing and the Partnerships established with Breitling, DHL and Leaseweb.

The main plans for 2017 were to develop new partnerships (several are under negotiation), further develop the Organiser Agreement, Drone Racing, the FAI Air Sports in Asia summit, the WG 2017 in Poland, a further IT Workshop, the General Conference, continue the WAG bid process and the World Air Games Tour concept.

The presentation by FAI Sports and Events Director, Mr Markus Haggenev, is appended to these minutes, as Appendix A.

3 IPC President's address

3.1 IPC President's Report

IPC President Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle referred to his report to the Plenary, **Annex 2** in the agenda. He explained his published correction to this report resulting from his misunderstanding of Mr. Richard 'Buzz' Bennett's position on CASI. He had not realised that this position was related to his position as a Delegate for Canada. As he was no longer the delegate he was no longer qualified to fill it and had not resigned, as implied in President Hoenle's report. President Hoenle had withdrawn his original comment "*So had Buzz Bennett*" and apologised unreservedly.

There were no questions to President Hoenle's report.

3.2 Agenda Changes

President Hoenle explained that the Agenda order had been altered to account for some Committee Chairs who had to leave early for family problems, and also to group together those disciplines involved in combined and multiple bids.

Liam McNulty, IPC Delegate, Ireland, asked why the Approval of the Minutes of 66th IPC Plenary Meeting held in Frankfurt, Germany in 2016 had been placed further down the Agenda. Normal business protocol required this to be the first item on any Meeting Agenda. President Hoenle explained that there had been a very small error in the minutes relating to the date of the WISC in Poland 2016. The error had been corrected by an Interim Bureau Decision (IBD02/2106), and the WISC had taken place successfully. For this reason he had called for approval of the IBDs before the Minutes.

Liam McNulty responded that he felt this would appear to be placing the decisions of the Bureau above those of the Plenary.

4 Minutes of the 2016 Plenary Meeting

4.1 Vote to Approve the Minutes of the 66th IPC Plenary Meeting

President Hoenle said he respected Liam McNulty's experience and knowledge and called for a vote to approve the Minutes of the 66th IPC Plenary Meeting, Frankfurt, Germany bearing in mind the correction outlined in IBD02/2016.

The 2016 IPC Plenary minutes, with the amendment and correction outlined in IBD02/2016 were accepted and approved.

4.2 Decisions of the IPC Bureau since the last Plenary Meeting

President Hoenle then called for approval of the other decisions made during the year by the Bureau, published as Interim Bureau Decisions (IBDs) on the IPC pages of the FAI Website. These are detailed in **Annex 3** of the Agenda.

Liam McNulty, IPC Delegate, Ireland asked why the IBDs did not reflect the return of the deposit to the host of the 66th IPC Plenary Meeting, Frankfurt, Germany. President Hoenle stated that it was incumbent on the IPC Bureau to return the deposit as soon as possible, unless there was a problem. In which case, to retain it, the IPC Bureau would have to make a decision and issue an IBD.

The Interim Bureau Decisions were accepted and approved.

5 General Issues

Strategic Plan, Website and Media - Appointment of Webmaster, Media Liaison Officer, Skydive TV. IPETA, CISM, Ranking System and Appointment of IPC Record Officer

5.1 Open Meeting - Open Meeting on Wednesday 24th January 2017.

President Hoenle spoke of the work of the Extended Bureau Meeting prior to the Plenary, explaining that the Extended Bureau is made up of the Bureau, Discipline Committee Chairs, Working Group Chairs, CISM representative and the IPC Record Officer. He took this opportunity to thank Randy Connell for his work on behalf of IPC in assisting the staff at FAI HO to clear the backlog of records awaiting ratification, and of implementing the new system of recording and submitting competition records initiated by the Bureau and outlined in the **IBD04/2016**.

The Bureau had taken a look at each discipline and the income and expenses from each to see whether sanction fees from competitors had covered the costs of each competition. This showed that some disciplines were not self-funding, but with a belief in solidarity the overall result was positive. However the Bureau was looking at ways to reduce these overheads. One area, Jury composition, was an area of competition currently being looked at throughout Airsports by the FAI and CASI. Para-Ski had already moved away from the normal IPC system of a nominated 3 person Jury (president and two members - with a nominated reserve), to using the FAI Controller as Jury President, once the competition was ready to start, and picking two further Jury members from persons present on site. The Bureau was not considering this radical move, but Patrice Girardin, 1st Vice-President, would put to the Plenary the suggested changes for consideration.

He had also asked the Committee Chairs to look at the composition of the Judging Panels and asked them to look at bringing Indoor and Outdoor judge numbers in line with each other, and also look at the possibility of changing some Judge requirements from FAI to National or qualified persons. The Chairs would be making their presentations later.

His final point was to confirm that the Bureau still believed in the Strategic Plan - one tenant of which was the fast production of scores and the presentation of our disciplines to create a more exciting and easily understood product. He was concerned that the first objective of faster scoring was moving further and further away with some of the decision being taken by the discipline committees (slower replay viewings, etc). However, he was very pleased to say we were succeeding in presenting in a more exciting and easily understood way and this would be demonstrated later with the World Games report.

5.2 Website & Media Liaison

The IPC Webmaster and Media Liaison Officer, Susan Dixon, referred to her report, agenda **Annex 4**, and reported that she had attended all FCEs in 2015, to provide reporting and media coverage and thanked all organisers for making her so welcome and ensuring she had good working conditions at each FCE.

Susan Dixon announced the news that there was a new FAI Web Site under construction and this should be ready in its initial form for the World Games to be rolled out for use by all Sports Commissions after.

As mentioned in her report she emphasised the support and help she has had over the past 10 years from Fay Kimble, and asked that the Plenary officially accept her as part of the IPC Media Team. Allowing her expenses to be met if she replaced Susan Dixon at an FCE, from the agreed and accepted media budget for that year. President Hoenle explained to the Plenary that as this was not an Agenda item it could not be voted on by the Plenary, but in his view he asked if the Plenary would accept that they were the same team, and one could replace the other if necessary.

No one spoke against this, and it was accepted by the Plenary.

5.3 Appointment of IPC Webmaster and IPC Media Liaison Officer

The vote for these appointments was taken at this time, there being no other candidates and no objections, Susan Dixon was reappointed to this combined post.

5.4 IPC Media Partner - Skydive-TV

In the absence of a Skydive-TV representative President Hoenle spoke about the good work done by our preferred media partner during the three FCEs in Northern America, Canada (1), and USA (2). The Bureau felt that IPC should continue to recommend the preferred use of Skydive TV as a media partner whilst taking account of the media rights of the FAI and their work with organisers. The results for 2016 IPC activity of Skydive-TV showed an overall loss demonstrating that their hope of raising sufficient sponsorship to share profits with IPC was a future aim.

The decision was to leave the arrangement as is, not to impede them, not to force them but not to financially support them.

The 2016 Results Statistic Report from Skydive-TV is appended to these Minutes. Annex B

5.5 IPETA

President Hoenle reported on the current IPETA situation.

The good prospects reported at the 2016 Plenary had not come to fruition. Of the original loan made to IPETA by IPC (50,000 €) approximately 20,000 € had been spent for no return. For the company to continue would cost approximately 1000 € each year. The Bureau had decided to recommend calling in the loan IPC made to IPETA 5 years ago at its inception. The Plenary was the only decision making body with the power to do this and authorise the Bureau to write to the IPETA board of Directors. Although IPC had majority representation on the board, the actual shareholder of the company was the FAI. As IPETA has no other source of income, calling in the loan may result in the company's closure.

This item was discussed extensively with Marylou Laughlin, IPETA Director, (USA Official Observer), Patrice Girardin, (France Delegate) and Gail Bradley, IPETA Finance Secretary (Australia Delegate) all commenting on the proposal.

President Hoenle called for a vote from the Plenary on the proposition, "The Plenary authorises the IPC Bureau to write to the IPETA Board of Directors, recalling the total amount of the loan." When put to the vote there were no objections, 3 abstentions, from Australia (and their New Zealand proxy) and Hungary due to a conflict of interest (both delegates were members of the IPETA Board).

The IPC Bureau was authorised by the Plenary to write as indicated to the IPETA Board of Directors.

5.6 Appointment of IPETA Directors (five)

IPETA Directors are due for re-election and this matter will be dealt with under section 27, Elections and Appointments. (see 27... for result)

5.7 CISM Report

Col Gernot Rittenschober, President, CISM Parachuting Committee, presented his CISM report for 2016, **Annex 5** in the Agenda papers.

Gernot reported on CISM activities in 2016, including the first AL competition in May 2016 on the North Pole and "Swiss Precision" in June on several drop zones around Zurich/Switzerland.

He also spoke about the 40th World Military Parachuting Championship (WMPC), Kubinka, Russia, July 2016 which was attended by the IPC President as guest of honour.

The main differences between CISM and IPC still remain; that the same team (of 5) has to perform all three CISM disciplines AL&ST and FS 4way in order to win the overall and the final rounds in AL are for teams.

Some nations choose to focus only on one discipline, which is allowed, but medals are of less importance than the Individual and Team Overall.

He also mentioned the joint CISM/FAI judges seminar which was held during the Championship in Russia and thanked the instructors and mentioned the support of Cypres CEO Helmut Cloth and Para Gear CEO Curt Bachmann.

The next CISM World Championship for 2017 was presented; the 41st WMPC will take place in Warendorf - Soest/ GER 10-20 July 2017. The invitation file is available on <http://www.milsport.one/sports/parachuting> and the local contact is gedelegationcism@bundeswehr.org. The Preliminary Entry is due by 1st April 2017 and each team needs to nominate a valid CISM or FAI FCE qualified Judge by this date at the latest; "No judge-no team" rule applies.

CISM will not have a Judge Training course during 2017 WMPC as there is a sufficient number of qualified judges following the beginner seminars every year from 2013-16. The normal obligatory refresher tests will be conducted during all CISM championships. Gernot closed with inviting all Nations with a Military Parachuting Team to participate in the next WMPC as an Observer or, if they are one of the 135 CISM Member Nations, as Full Participant with a team or individual competitors. At the close he thanked the FAI and IPC Presidents and officials for their good co-operation.

5.8 Ranking System

Susan Dixon and Fay Kimble then presented the 2016 Rankings for the Team based disciplines.

To create a National based Ranking for the Individual based disciplines involved a great deal of work and did not give a ranking that was of use or interest to those disciplines. However, an individual ranking was and has been utilised in the past towards selection for both the World Air Games and the World Games. Also before they start to create Ranking Lists for the new disciplines they asked for feedback from the Plenary.

President Hoenle gauging the reaction from the Plenary asked Susan and Fay to create an individual ranking list, and also to take out the Continental Championships as this is simply European and gives an unfair advantage to European nations and competitors as no other Continental Championships are included. Ranking Lists would be created from the results for only World Championships and World Cups.

He, on behalf of the Plenary, thanked Susan and Fay for their work in continuing with this project.

5.9 IPC Record Officer

Randy Connell, IPC Record Officer reported on a very busy year during which the decision of the Bureau, outlined in the IBD04/2016, meant he was able to deliver to the FAI complete dossiers of Competition Records. There were, however, still delays in final ratification due to the huge workload of the FAI Staff member responsible.

He explained that his role was not difficult, but it was tedious so he was looking at ways to standardise the system to make everyone's role in Record recording more efficient and reduce delays in ratification. He was currently working on his proposals and would have them ready for the 2018 Plenary. This would include changes to the core FAI Records Database which needed revision. Currently it was difficult to find some records on the FAI Website.

Meanwhile he proposed that his role and responsibilities be changed to that used by a couple of other ASCs giving him the power to ratify a record and simply deliver the dossier to the FAI for their archives. This generated considerable discussion and opposition, including comment from Markus Haggene, FAI, that the final ratification of any Record had to remain the sole responsibility of the FAI.

However, the Plenary did ask Randy Connell to work with Ronald Overdijk, Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, on wording for inclusion in Sporting Code Section 5, allowing him to fully prepare a record dossier for presentation to the FAI, endorsed by IPC, for final ratification with a deadline for completion.

This received complete support from the Plenary.

Randy also asked for Agenda item 5.6.2. Annex 8 to be removed as it was submitted in error.

5.10 Proposal to Create a Working Group on Parachuting for the Disabled

Patrice Girardin, French Delegate, presented the work the French Parachute Federation (FFP) in co-operation with the European Union to create a platform for disabled athletes to compete in Sport Parachuting competition. The first hurdle was to get the EU to accept the FAI's definition of Europe.

The participants fall into two main groups, those that were skydivers before suffering a disabling accident and those that had come to skydiving with a disability. The FFP had developed competition in both aspects of our sport, freefall with Tandem Masters and under a canopy by parascending with a large parachute.

The FFP had run National competitions over three years to develop this idea, and in 2016 had run a European competition open to all. This had been a great success and thanks to the work of the Russians an excellent video is available on this [link](#).

Patrice asked the Plenary to approve the formation of a new Temporary Working Group to investigate where this could go; he knew it was a long way before it could be launched, creation of rules etc. but he asked for support to start.

Jiri Blaska, Delegate Czech Republic thanked Patrice and the FFP for their work - he stated that this initiative fulfilled the three essentials of a sport - 'for fun' 'for competition' 'for all including the disabled' and opened the door into the future.

There was unanimous support for the formation of a Temporary Working Group "Parachuting for the Disabled".

6 Finance

6.1 Finance Secretary Report for 2016

Peter Pfalzgraf, started his first report as Finance Secretary by thanking his Working Group of Doris Merz-Hunziker, Patrice Girardin and Richard "Buzz" Bennett for all the help and support they had given him in taking on this new role. He wanted to particularly thank Doris, who was standing down, and apologised for the comment in his report which implied she had not given him the valuable help and support she had. He was happy to introduce Gail Bradley, Delegate Australia, who had accepted a place on his Working Group and would take on the role of Deputy Chair. Patrice and Buzz would continue, for which he thanked them.

Peter explained that he had decided on a different form of presentation of the Profit and Loss Account for 2016. He felt it was a simpler form and easier to understand. IPC's profit came primarily from sanction fees paid by competitors to compete at a FCE, with a very small income derived from marketing. Expenses are mainly the costs of Judges' travel to our FCEs, the travel, accommodation and entry fees for the Juries at our FCEs, some Bureau expenses, attending meetings which required IPC presence and some office expenses incurred in conducting Bureau work (stamps etc.). In addition there were the budget expenses incurred by the various committees as agreed and detailed in the Budget proposals.

The bottom line for 2016 was a profit of 22,939.00€ . When added to the Special Reserve of the FAI, {ring fenced for IPC} and once the application fees that have been received but would be returned after the various applications for future FCEs have been voted on, are deducted, the final balance is 133,345.01 € .

The accounts were accepted by the Plenary.

The finalised Financial Statement for 2016 is appended to these minutes as Appendix C

6.2 Draft Budget 2017 and 2018

The Finance Working Group Chair, Peter Pfalzgraf presented the proposed budget for 2017 and 2018 (needed for FAI Accounting reasons).

The budget for 2017 was a calculation of the expected income and expenses of the 2017 FCEs based on previous experience. In addition the amounts allocated against each committee were those presented by each committee chair and explained during their presentations. The budget for 2018 was a duplication and would be represented at the 2018 Plenary.

Doris Merz-Hunziker, Delegate Switzerland, asked a question of the Para-Ski committee Chair, Michael Egger as to why each year, his committee asked for 600 € for a Judging and Scoring System, whilst every other discipline made this expense the responsibility of the FCE organiser? Michael explained that due to the unique nature of his discipline and the need to combine the scoring system for skiing as well as that for the parachuting element, they needed to utilise a system they knew they could rely on.

Bernard Nicholas, Chair of the Judges Committee and Alternate Delegate France, asked why the Finance Secretary had refused his request from the Judges' Committee for 5000 € to facilitate the organisation of a Training Judges Workshop. This workshop was proposed to ensure that all Chiefs of Judge Training were delivering the same standard, content and quality of training across the world.

President Hoenle answered the question by stating that the Bureau was not opposed to the concept, which he found extremely commendable, however the Bureau did not believe that IPC funds should be used for the benefit of a few. Normally training was paid for by the attendees.

There was considerable discussion from the floor of the Plenary with strong support for the Judges Committee coming from Randy Connell, Karla Cole, Doris Merz-Hunziker and Gernot Rittenschober, who asked for a 2/3rds majority decision to place this request from the Judges' Committee on the Agenda.

There was a 2/3rds majority and so the Judges' request was voted on and approved. The Finance Secretary agreed to add the 5,000 € to the 2017 Budget.

The Budgets for 2017 and 2018 were approved by the Plenary

The 2017 and 2018 Budgets appear as Annex D and E to these minutes

Peter Pfalzgraf, Finance Secretary, proposed an amendment to the Expense Claim procedure in order to avoid the problems encountered processing claims based on hand-written documents. An editable PDF form had been issued and would be published on the IPC/FAI Website, along with a validation of attendance form for use by FAI Controllers at an FCE. In future no handwritten Expense Claim Forms would be accepted, only typed forms. He was working with the Rules and Regulations Committee to agree wording to cover these documents.

7 ASIANIA

7.1 Report ASIANIA President

Dr. Mubarak Al Swilim, President of Asiania sent a message of apology for being unable to attend the Plenary. He had forwarded his report and this was presented by President Hoenle.

President 'Exi' Hoenle commenced by praising the work done over many years by Asiania in encouraging Asian countries into the FAI fold and the continuing hard work being done to promote and improve skydiving competition in their member countries. He wished them continuing success in all their work.

Mr. Chang Il "David" Choi, Alternate Delegate Korea, Vice-President of Asiania thanked President Hoenle for his and IPC's continued support. Ray Williams, Official Observer, Australia asked the Plenary to thank Faye Cox, who despite her family problems, has continued to work unstintingly as the secretary of Asiania. The Plenary responded with a warm round of applause.

The ASIANIA Report is appended to these minutes, Annex F

8 COLPAR

8.1 Report COLPAR Representative

Gustavo Eduardo Reyes, Delegate Argentina presented the COLPAR report on behalf of their President, M. Héctor Ulloa, Chile who was unable to be present at the Plenary.

Last year 2016 had been a very busy and successful year for COLPAR. They held an important Canopy Piloting Championships, an Accuracy Landing Championships and several large competitions. They had introduced a new discipline which they called Sport Accuracy, a version on Canopy Piloting Accuracy and had held a very good competition.

COLPAR wished to thank Karla Cole, IPC Judge Training Co-ordinator for her work in helping them to organise a Judge Training Course and to Gunter Berendt for running it. As a result they have 8 new National Judges for COLPAR. They were also very pleased to state they had held their first Artistic Events event.

President Hoenle thanked Gustavo and all at COLPAR for their excellent work for the skydivers of the South Americas.

This was warmly echoed by the Plenary applause.

9 TWG 2017 The World Games

9.1 Report IPC World Games Liaison Officer

Elisabet Mikaelsson, World Games Liaison Officer and Markus Haggene, FAI Sports and Events Director, reported on the Test Event held in 2016. A successful event from IPC's point of view, the two other Air Sports which will be part of the FAI's contribution to the World Games, Glider Aerobatics and Paramotoring, were present at the Test Event.

The Canopy Piloting event at the World Games has modified rules: there are 36 selected athletes competing. The selection has been made and detailed fully on the FAI/IPC Website. The competition is over 12 rounds, 3 of each discipline and including Freestyle. There is one winner/medal for the Overall placement. A new results calculation system will be used, a simple ranking {1 - 2 -3}. A new Public Display system will also show the athlete's flight through the course, with picture, name, rank and the result will be shown immediately at the end of the flight. This fulfils part of the IPC Strategic Plan requirements: Fast results, easy to understand, with good presentation of the product.

We look forward to a successful World Games in Wroclaw, Poland 20-30 July 2017.

10 FAI World Air Games

10.1 World Air Games

Markus Haggene then reported on the current World Air Games position. In February 2016 the FAI had launched a new bid process for future WAGs. Initially there had been 5 candidates that had expressed an interest to bid. 2 candidates, namely Albuquerque, USA and a South Asian country have submitted the phase-1 documents.. The FAI and the Air Sports Commissions continue to work on finalising the event structure and aim to have a finished programme for the year end.

10.2 World Air Games Liaison Officer

At the IPC Plenary 2016 it was decided that until any future FAI World Air Games was announced there was no need to appoint a World Air Games Liaison Officer. The situation remains the same.

11 Mondial – FAI World Parachuting Championships

11.1 Mondial 2016

This item will be dealt with by the Committee Chairs involved in the Mondial. Unfortunately Kirk Verner, USA Delegate had had to leave the Plenary for personal reasons.

12 Para Ski

12.1 Report Committee Chair

Michael Egger Committee Chair thanked his small, but hardworking committee for their work during the year. He stated there were no changes to his report Annex 37.

He then called for a vote to accept the application from the Czech Republic.

12.2 17th FAI World Para Ski Championships 2019

The Czech Republic presented their bid to host the 17th FAI World Para Ski Championships, Vrchlabí, Czech Republic 26 February - 3 March 2019. There were no questions.

This was accepted unanimously.

The finalised, accepted, bid was included in the Agenda Annex 38

Michael then asked all delegates to go home and consider offering to host a Para-Ski Championships in the future.

12.3 Proposals to amend the Para Ski Competition Rules

Michael stated that his committee had no rule changes to put to the Plenary and his committee remained the same. He asked for a budget amount of 600 € for the Judging and Scoring system.

13 Formation Skydiving

13.1 Report Committee Chair

Mark Szulmayer, Committee Chair, asked if there were any questions relating to his report in the agenda, as there were none he moved to the Competition Rule Changes proposed by the committee.

The pool for VFS had been increased to enable a 10 round competition in line with other FS disciplines. The removal of the reverse order of jumping to speed the competition - would still be judged in reverse order. Clarify the rule for the entrance to the tunnel for Indoor by defining the floor - 'Net' in the airflow, and 'Floor' in the anti-chamber. A new definition of 'Head-up' or 'Head-down' to "approximately vertical". Both Indoor and Outdoor now allow 50% reduction of the viewing speed for judging. A new record category would be created for the average score over 10 rounds.

The committee had rejected the idea: of a competitor's right to 're-evaluation': the Indoor Junior category is not ready for 10 rounds; multiple national teams in VFS and Junior rejected as being outside the spirit of "World Championships". They also rejected the creation of an indoor 8-way event as this could limit tunnels able to apply to host an FCE.

The committee had requested 1000 € in the budget to redraw the dive pools to make the grip definition clearer and to update the VFS pool. The rules called for a grip to be taken '*as depicted in the Dive Pool*'.

Mark announced a committee change due to Anne Mine Moller-Petersen's retirement from the post as Danish Delegate. He thanked her for her work in the past and welcomed Egor Gusev from Russia to the committee.

13.2 14th FAI European Formation Skydiving Ch./21st FAI World Cup of Formation Skydiving 2017

Preparations for the FCE 2017 were on track and work is currently being finished on Bulletin 1.

13.3 23rd FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships 2018

A vote will be taken between the two Applications to Host the FCE 2018 at the end of the presentations from the bids concerned

13.4 Proposals to amend the Formation Skydiving Competition Rules

The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex G**

Mark Szulmayer called for a vote to accept the proposed rule changes.

Sarka Blaskova, Czech Republic Alternate Delegate asked for a separate vote to include 8-Way as an Indoor discipline. The vote received 13 Abstentions and 10 No's and therefore did not reach the required simple majority from 42 possible votes.

The proposed Formation Skydiving Rule changes were unanimously approved.

The Formation Skydiving Competition Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the FS Competition Rules (both Outdoor and Indoor) which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

The New FS and VFS Pool diagrams are appended to these Minutes, **Annex H**

14 Artistic Events

14.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Ron Miasnikov, Chair Artistic Events commenced by saying that 2016 had given them two large events with increasing participation by AE competitors. Following the early finish in Chicago they were able to hold a productive AE Workshop of competitors and judges resulting in some rule changes.

Competitors will be required to submit a recording of their free routine to the judges prior to the start of competition. Judges would view all submissions and establish the technical level of the team, with competitors being able to explain, if necessary. The ultimate aim is to make judging less subjective. Compulsories would be split into 3 levels of difficulty with competitors choosing which level to perform.

The same judging process will be used for both Outdoor and Indoor.

The Indoor Dynamic Event was judged live. Competitors will have the ability to challenge a judgement call. They will have one possible Challenge per competition. If their Challenge is correct, they retain the one Challenge for future use, if not, they lose it.

President Hoenle asked if the Judges decision would be unanimous or a majority. Domitille Kiger, Dynamic Judge, said it would be a black and white decision - unanimous.

There were no further questions.

Ron Miasnikov then moved on to future competitions. She was looking forward to good events in both Saarlouis and Quebec. For 2018 the Plenary would make the decision between Australia and Russia.

For Indoor Skydiving she expressed concern that bids were accepted for 2018 and 2019 for consideration from Tunnels that were not yet open. The Committee could not recommend either of the 2019 bid applications. This did cause discussion between Delegates and the various application bidders.

For the future the committee recommended that Indoor Skydiving FCEs were held in the spring (for the northern hemisphere) as this was the end of the Indoor Winter Season, and the start of the Outdoor Season.

The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex J**

Ron Miasnikov called for a vote to accept the proposed rule changes.

The proposed Artistic Events Rule changes were unanimously approved.

The Artistic Events Competition Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the AE Competition Rules (both Outdoor and Indoor) which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

15 Canopy Formation

15.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Rina Gallo, Committee Chair directed the Plenary to the documents issued with the Agenda containing details of 2016 competitions.

The committee had discussed at length the definition of the Foot Grip, but decided not to change it. They had also decided against; extending the build time, as they felt this was a retrograde step, and not to return to a "throw-away" round.

They had decided to re-introduce the Web Challenge. This would be launched at and after the majority of National Championships. Following a request from the Polish Delegate, Agnieszka Sobczynska-Solomon it would also be available for a Web based National Championships. This would give the opportunity to try-out rule changes including "contact" definition of a foot-grip. It would include 2-way sequential, 4-way sequential, 4-way rotations and 8-way sequential.

There was a committee change due to the retirement of Pia Berggren. Rina Gallo thanked her for all her work, to be replaced by Julia Sotnikova

15.2 7th FAI European Canopy Formation Championships 2017

Rina Gallo said how happy the committee was and thanked Saarlouis, Germany for hosting a World Cup in Canopy Formation this year. She also looked forward to the up-coming vote to know where the 2018 FCE would be held. As normal she encouraged and welcomed NACs to apply for an FCE in Canopy Formation.

15.3 Proposals to amend the Canopy Formation Competition Rules

Rina Gallo, Committee Chair, stated that all the rule changes proposed were housekeeping, tidying up definitions, clarifying the organiser requirements for an aircraft slate, tightening up the rejump due to a malfunction definition, they had also altered the wording for an 'omission' penalty to harmonise with FS.

The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex K**

Rina Gallo called for a vote to accept the proposed rule changes.

The proposed Canopy Formation Rule changes were unanimously approved.

The Canopy Formation Competition Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the CF Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

16 Speed Skydiving

16.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Elisabet Mikaelsson, Committee Chair, stated that as the Chair of the fastest discipline she would be quick, all the reports for 2016 were included with the Agenda. The committee proposed very few rule changes, but due to the removal of the Semi-final and Final rounds, making a total of an 8 round competition, there were various housekeeping changes to be made. In addition they had clarified the positioning of the 'speed device'; changed from 8 to 6 per pass (for safety reasons); defined the exit altitude; revised the point calculation 4 (6-7 runs), 5 (8th run).

SP CR 2.1 defines the course where speed measurements are taken, starting at 2700 metres (8858 ft) above the ground and ending at 1700 metres (5577 ft) above the ground. From the competitors meeting in Chicago came a suggestion to raise the gates to have more altitude and time for deceleration. After

extensive discussion, also with competitors, the committee decided that there is no safety benefit in raising the gates.

16.2 2nd FAI European Speed Skydiving Ch. / 3rd FAI World Cup of Speed Skydiving 2017

Elisabet thanked the organisers of Saarlouis for arranging to host a Speed Judge Training Course during the World Cup.

Elisabeth Mikaelsson thanked her committee for their continuing hard work, there were no changes proposed to her committee. She also stated she had built into the budget this year an amount to allow the committee to run a test programme of new 'speed devices' to allow them to assess the accuracy and difference between barometric based devices and 'gps' based devices.

16.3 Proposals to amend the Speed Skydiving Competition Rules

The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex L**

Elisabet Mikaelsson called for a vote to accept the proposed rule changes.

The proposed Speed Skydiving Rule changes were unanimously approved.

The Speed Skydiving Competition Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the SP Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

17 Bids to host FCEs in FS, AE, CF and SP - World Championships 2018

17.1 Voting Procedure

President Hoenle stated that Markus Haggene, FAI, would explain the voting procedure to be used, during this Plenary. IPC's Internal Regulations call for a "Simple Majority Vote" over 50% of the votes cast (an abstention does not count as a vote). Each bid would be voted on in turn and whichever achieved the highest simple majority would win. If there was a tie another vote would be made.

Hans Christian Allie, Norway Alternate Delegate asked for a presentation for the bidders as he and other Delegates had missed the Open Meeting presentations.

President Hoenle invited both Australia and Russia to make a brief presentation. Only Australia did.

The date in Annex 19 of the Agenda, Australia's bid to host the FCEs 2018 was incorrect. Australia had informed of the date change prior to the deadline for submission, but this had not been acted on. A revised Application is appended to these Minutes recording the revised date of 4 - 13 October 2018. **Annex M**

The Plenary then voted - first Russia, with the result un-announced until after the votes had been cast for Australia.

The result was in favour of Australia as a host for :

23rd FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships

18th FAI World Canopy Formation Championships

12th FAI World Artistic Events Championships

2nd FAI World Speed Skydiving Championships

in The Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia 04-13 October 2018.

Country	No	Yes
Russia	33	9
Australia	4	38

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A Roll Call, conducted by Markus Haggenev, FAI, showed there were 33 Delegates present, with 8 proxies giving a total of 41 votes. The Delegate from Austria had left the Plenary.

A two-thirds majority would require 27 votes, with a simple majority requiring 21 votes.

18 Indoor Skydiving

18.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Mohammed Al-Delayel, Committee Chair set out the committee's proposed rule changes. They had looked closely at the junior event following complaints from some competitors after the event in Poland. The committee proposed no juniors below the age of 12 (on condition 13 is attained in the year of competition) maximum 17 years: only juniors 15 - 17 could compete in the open event: the junior event would be run separately from the open, i.e. morning or afternoon, to keep the junior competition days shorter.

He presented a comparison chart on the 5 bids to host the 3rd FAI WCIS 2018. The Bahrain Delegate, Sheik Salman Abdullah Al Khalifa queried the date of their bid as they wished to change it, as their presentation had indicated. The dates of the Bid as registered by the Plenary inclusion deadline were the only dates under consideration, i.e. October 2018 however it was accepted that the Competition would be over 3 days.

Mohammed Al-Delayel explained the committee's recommended rejection of the two bids included in the Agenda for 2019. As a result they were proposing a rule change on both the time-frame for bid decisions. Current year (if no bid already approved) + 2 years. They also proposed that a tunnel must be fully operational and open before a bid could be accepted for consideration.

There was also a letter from the family of Ty Baird, sadly deceased in 2016, to create an award in his memory for the Indoor Junior Solo Freestyle World Champion to be known as the Peter Pan Award. This letter was included in his report on the **Agenda, Annex 39**.

18.2 3rd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2018

All 5 bidders had been given the opportunity at the Open Meeting and also at the end of business on Saturday 28th January to make their bid presentations and answer questions. As there were no further questions the Plenary moved to vote.

Markus Haggenev, FAI, asked Richard 'Buzz' Bennett, Official Observer, Canada, to act as a scrutineer - accepted. The newly designed voting slips were handed out each with 5 lines, one per bid, with three voting options, Yes, No, Abstain. One vote per line, five votes per sheet.

Ballot Sheet for 2018 WCIS			
	Yes	No	Abstain
Australia	10	30	1
Bahrain	21	19	1
Italy	7	33	1
Norway	18	22	1
Slovakia	10	30	1

The 3rd FAI World Cup in Indoor Skydiving will be held in Zallaq, Bahrain, 24-27 October 2018

Trude Sviggum, Delegate Norway asked the Plenary to consider their and Slovakia's bid, to host the 1st FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships 2018. The Bureau considered the request and as their bid application had been included with their bid application for the World Cup 2018 and met the application deadline and payment of an application fee, it could be voted for by the Plenary.

1st FAI EISC 2018			
	Yes	No	Abstain
Norway	26	6	3
Slovakia	10	24	3

The 1st FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships will be held in Voss, Norway, 10-15 April, 2018

18.3 3rd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships 2019

After the vote for the 3rd WISC 2019 neither bidder received a simple majority in favour. France said their Letter of Intent is still valid.

3rd FAI WISC 2019			
	Yes	No	Abstain
Germany	5	26	0
Italy	17	23	1

18.4 Proposals to amend the Indoor Skydiving Competition Rules

The Indoor Formation Skydiving rule changes had been approved by the Plenary following the presentation from the Formation Skydiving Committee Chair.

Other proposed changes to the Bid process will be considered by the Rules & Regulations Committee's presentation later in the Plenary.

The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex N**

Mohammed Al-Deyalel called for a vote to accept the proposed rule changes.

The proposed Indoor Artistic Events changes were unanimously approved.

The Indoor Artistic Events Competition Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the AE (Indoor Dynamic) Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

19 Canopy Piloting

19.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Alberto Martin Paracuellos, Committee Chair, stated all the reports for 2016 were contained in his committee's papers annexed to the Agenda. Alberto stated that all the rule changes they proposed were modifications; a change to the dimensions of the Zone Accuracy grid; compulsory training jump; a team does not have to jump together; tighter specification of the course markers and the accuracy landing zone material; change from 11 FAI Judges to 7 FAI Judges + 4 suitably qualified. The committee did not find agreement on the proposal to change from a percentage result calculation to a simple ranking system. The World Games 2017 would use a simple results ranking system.

19.2 9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting, Dubai, UAE 27.11 - 1.12 2017

Alberto Martin Paracuellos, Committee Chair, confirmed that the 9th FAI World Cup in Canopy Piloting would take place in Dubai as stated in the bid, utilising the Desert DZ. At the moment there were un-finalised plans to move the last two rounds to a more publically exposed venue. This was confirmed by Mr. Yousif Al Hammadi, Delegate United Arab Emirates.

19.3 7th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships 2018

Poland had presented their bid to host the World CP Championships 2018 based on the experience they have gained hosting the Test Event World Games in 2016 and the World Games this year, plus many years experience running the airfield and Drop Zone in Wroclow, Poland.

A vote was called for and Poland received unanimous approval for the **7th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships 1 - 8th July 2018**.

France confirmed their letter of intent to host the World Cup in Canopy Piloting 2019.

19.4 Proposals to amend the Indoor Skydiving Competition Rules

The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex O**

Alberto Martin Paracuellos called for a vote to approve the rule changes. Patrice Girardin, Delegate France asked for a separate vote on the proposed WAG scoring system. The WAG ranking scoring system was carried with only 1 vote against.

The rest of the proposed Canopy Piloting changes were unanimously approved.

The Canopy Piloting Competition Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the CP Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

20 Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style

20.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Gunter Berendt, Committee Chair, thanked his committee for their work during the year.

The Mondial had been the main competition and the problems encountered had been fully covered in his report Annex 14. The biggest problem had been the combination of two scoring systems, this had led to the recommendations regarding Judging and Scoring Systems contained in his report, and also the Judges proposal on Acceptable Judging & Scoring Systems to be discussed later.

20.2 34th FAI European Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style Championships and the 6th FAI Junior European Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style Championships 2017

Gunter Berendt then spoke of future FCEs. At the end of October 2016 he visited Podgorica / Montenegro, to discuss with the organisers the European Championships 2017 in all details. He was content with their preparedness. He also spoke of the World Championships, both Senior and Junior, 2018 to be held in Montana, Bulgaria.

20.3 14th FAI World Cup of Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style, Cordoba, Argentina 17-26 May 2019

Gustavo Eduardo Reyes, Delegate Argentine had presented their application to host the 7th FAI World Cup in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing 2019 during the open meeting preceding the Plenary. There were no questions and Gunter Berendt called for a vote.

The application from Argentina was accepted unanimously.

The finalised, accepted bid is included in the Agenda, Annex 16

20.4 Future FCEs in Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style

Günther Berendt invited all delegates present to consider hosting a future Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing FCE.

20.5 Proposals to amend the Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style Competition Rules

The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex P**

Günther Berendt called for a vote to approve the rule changes.

The proposed Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style Rule changes were unanimously approved.

The Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style Competition Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the AL & ST Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

21 Wingsuit Flying

21.1 Report of the Committee Chair

John Smyth, Deputy Committee Chair, started his presentation by stating that he would not go through his reports again, which he hoped all Delegates had read. He also explained why he was taking the role of Committee Chair, following the resignation of the Chair, James Hayhurst from his position with USPA and consequently that of IPC Delegate for USA. John said how pleased he was that James would continue to work on the committee bringing his considerable knowledge of the discipline to it.

He then continued explaining that his reports had been discussed at length at the open meeting. He intended to go through and explain the rule changes that were being proposed, which were the result of long discussions, taking into account the large amount of input they had received.

For Performance Flying there would be no reduction in altitude. A Flight Director would be appointed to act as an inflight liaison in the co-ordination of jump runs - for safety reasons: the use of a geometric altitude designated flight path: event order would be - Distance - Speed - Time: the Flight Director must be on board any aircraft with an 8 or more capacity; he will also oversee the 600m/15 seconds spacing between exits.

Acrobatic Flying would stick to the 'working time' for the next two years and would not move to an altitude window. This is due to the fact that the current recording systems are not yet fully developed and not accurate enough. This would slow down the judging which was a retrograde step and not in line with the IPC Strategic Plan. There will be changes in Acrobatic judging and scoring giving credit for skill including camera-flying as in Artistic Events.

21.2 2nd FAI World Cup Wingsuit Flying 2017

Overton, Nevada, USA had presented a bid to host the 2nd World Cup in Wingsuit Flying 2017 on 1-9 November 2017 **Annex 34**. John Smyth called for a vote on this bid.

Ronald Overdijk, Netherlands Delegate, called for a secret vote and stated the 2016 World Championships had been in the USA and like this bid, were expensive; he was concerned that NACs like the Netherlands would have difficulty sending competitors. Randy Connell, Alternate Delegate, USA asked permission to explain a mistake in the original bid (Annex 34) relating to an entry for both events. A 2/3rds majority vote was called for to hear his explanation. It was successful and he explained that the error had been made in the price given for an entry to both events (Performance and Acrobatic) it should state \$1545.

A secret vote took place and the results was: Yes 24 - No 16 - Abstention 1.

The 2nd FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Flying will take place in Overton, Nevada, USA, 1-9 November 2017.

21.3 2nd FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships 2018

There were two bids to host the World Championships 2018 so a vote as called for between the Czech Republic and The Netherlands.

2nd FAI WWFC 2018			
	Yes	No	Abstain
Czech Republic	25	16	0
The Netherlands	22	18	1

The Czech Republic will host the 2nd World Wingsuit Flying Championships 2018 in Prostejov, Czech Republic from 25 August - 2 September 2018

The revised Application to include the price for entry to both events (omitted from the original) is appended to these minutes **Annex Q**

21.4 Proposals to amend the Wingsuit Flying Competition Rules

John Smyth, Committee Deputy Chair, proposed the following changes to the Wingsuit Flying Competition Rules. The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex R**

John Smyth called for a vote to approve the rule changes.

The proposed Wingsuit Flying Rule changes were unanimously approved.

The Wingsuit Flying Competition Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the WF Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

22 Technical and Safety

22.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Gustavo Eduardo Reyes, Committee Chair, thanked his committee for their work during the year and also for all those NACs that had completed the 2015 survey to enable them to compile the statistics. These were detailed on the Survey Report which he had distributed (on CD) to all Delegates present. He encouraged all NACs that were not currently contributing to reconsider and do so for this year's survey covering 2016. He strongly believed this was the only way to keep skydiving/parachuting safe. He concluded by stating that for future surveys they would include skydiving aircraft accidents.

Patrice Girardin, Delegate France spoke about the work the FFP were doing to create a comparison chart of each Nation's categorisation of national qualification systems. This caused some discussion between Delegates.

President Hoenle thanked Gustavo and his working group for all their hard work. Gustavo explained that they had asked for some money in the budget so they could make the change from CDs to USBs and there would be no change to his committee.

23 Sporting Code 5 and Internal Regulations

23.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Ronald Overdijk, Committee Chair proposed to highlight changes that had been accepted. The proposals had been discussed at the open meeting and he assumed all present had read them.

There had been no questions about the proposed changes to SC, S5. He drew attention to 1.3.(1) and (2) which addressed safety issues. The IPC Medal Policy was now incorporated into SC,S5 4.5.3(4).

The FCEAD had been revised to define submission and decision dates and also the scale of fees (reduced); although a Mondial and Para-Ski would have a different submission time scale. There was also a blank Application Document which would be available to all applicants, to ensure all the necessary information is included. Taking note of the wishes of the Indoor Skydiving committee, this also stated that a Tunnel must be open and operating before an application for an FCE can be made. For all FCSs all equipment must be ready and operational for both training jumps, judges conference and the competition.

In the IRs the duties of the Record Officer had been changed as requested by Randy Connell, Record Officer.

The Committee had also created a blank Bulletin Format for by use by all Organisers, and revised the Jury and the FAI Controller's Handbooks.

23.2 Sporting Code Section 5 – Parachuting 2017

Ronald Overdijk, Rules & Regulations Committee Chair, proposed the following changes to the the Sporting Code, Section 5. The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex S**

Ronald Overdijk called for a vote to approve the rule changes.

The proposed Sporting Code, Section 5 Rule changes were unanimously approved.

The Sporting Code, Section 5 Rules changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the Sporting Code, Section 5 which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

23.3 IPC Internal Regulations 2017

Ronald Overdijk, Rules & Regulations Committee Chair, proposed the following changes to the IPC Internal Regulations. The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex T**

The proposed IPC Internal Regulations rule changes were unanimously approved.

The IPC Internal Regulations rule changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of the IPC Internal Regulations which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

23.4 FCE Application Document 2017

Ronald Overdijk, Rules & Regulations Committee Chair, proposed the following changes to the IPC Internal Regulations. The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex U**

The proposed changes to the FCEAD were unanimously approved.

The IPC FCE Application Document changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

The 2017 Editions of the IPC Jury Handbook, and the IPC FAI Controllers Handbook are appended to these Minutes - **Annex W** and **Annex X**.

24 Judges

24.1 Report of the Committee Chair

Bernard Nicolas, Committee Chair thanked his committee for their work during the year. He asked for any questions regarding his report, which was included in the Agenda for the meeting. There were none.

He stated that the work had been completed on the definition of Accepted Judging and Scoring Systems to be used at FCEs. The document would be annexed to the FCEAD as an aid to organisers, scoring system providers and judges and would form part of the Bid Application Document and ultimately the Organiser Agreement.

This document is appended to the Minutes as **Annex Y**

There was discussion from the floor regarding the wording of SC,S5 6.7.1 (1) and the explanation from Bernard was accepted; the committee had not accepted the proposals from Austria and Canada, except for the removal of the word *Final* in the title of SC, S5 6.1.2(8). He also covered the judges' committee's proposals for rewording the role and responsibilities of the Video Controller, and the arrival at the FCE site of the CJ, EJ and Judges.

24.2 Proposals to amend the Judging Rules

Bernard Nicolas, Judges Committee Chair, proposed the following changes to various rules relating to Judging. The detailed proposals are appended to these Minutes, **Annex Z**

The proposed rule changes were unanimously approved.

The rule changes will be incorporated into the 2017 version of Sporting Code, Section 5 and the relevant Discipline Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

24.3 FAI Parachuting Judges List

The list of FAI Judges for 2017 had been on display throughout the Plenary, had been verified by the Delegates and would be published on the FAI/IPC Website.

The list is appended to these minutes as Annex AA

24.4 Nominated FAI Chief Judges for 2017 FCEs

Nominated Chief Judges for the 2017 FCEs

FCE	Discipline	Chief Judge
The World Games, Wroclaw	Canopy Piloting	Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle (GER)
21st FAI WC in FS & 14th EC in FS, Saarlouis, Germany	Formation Skydiving	Zeljko Tanaskovic (SWE)
9th FAI WC in CF & 7th EC in CF, Saarlouis, Germany	Canopy Formation	Julia Sotnikova (RUS)
12th FAI WC in AE & 11th EC in AE, Saarlouis, Germany	Artistic Events	Ron Miasnikov (ISR)
3rd FAI WC in SP & 2nd EC in SP, Saarlouis, Germany	Speed Skydiving	Angelika Mittasch (AUT)
9th FAI EC & 6th FAI Junior EC in AL & ST, Podgorica, Montenegro	Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing	Zeljko Prajz (SWE)
2nd FAI WISC, Quebec, Canada	Indoor Formation Skydiving	Jurate Janusauskiene (LIT)
	Indoor Artistic Events	Aliya Ananina (RUS)
2nd WC WF, Overton, U.S.A.	Wingsuit Flying	Richard 'Buzz' Bennett (CAN)
9th FAI WC CP, Dubai, U.A.E.	Canopy Piloting	Anders Berggren (SWE)
17th FAI WPSC, Vrchlabi, Czech Republic	Para-Ski	Darko Svetina (SLO)

The above Chief Judges nominations were approved unanimously by the Plenary

At the conclusion of his presentation, Bernard Nicholas, showed the Plenary the new IPC FAI Judges Log Book which had been presented to IPC by Gernot Rittenschober, Delegate Austria in conjunction with CISM and Cypres (Airtec GmbH) at no cost to IPC. He asked for a show of appreciation from the Plenary and stated he had 250 for distribution. There were no changes proposed for his committee.

25 List of approved and qualified jurors

25.1 Proposals to amend/adjust the List of Approved and Qualified Jurors

The List of Approved and Qualified Jurors, with deletions and additions, was presented to the Plenary and received unanimous approval. This list is appended to these Minutes, **Annex AB**

25.2 Proposal to modify the Jury Composition Procedure

Patrice Girardin, 1st Vice-President, presented the proposal contained in **Annex 56** of the Agenda.

President Hoenle had already explained the background to this proposal in his opening address. Patrice stated that the proposal was not to follow the Para-Ski example, and would apply to World Cups and Continental Championships only. The Jury would consist of a Jury President, nominated by IPC and approved by the Plenary, and all expenses paid by IPC. On arrival at the Event the Jury President would select three persons present (2 Jury members and a reserve).

There were comments from the floor of the Plenary from John Smyth, Jiri Blaska,, Randy Connell, Liam McNulty and Sarka Blaskova all opposing the adoption of this proposal. President Hoenle spoke defending it.

A secret vote was called for and the result was a defeat for the proposal

There were no Abstentions - Against the Proposal 30 For the Proposal 11

26 Awards

26.1 FAI Gold Parachuting Medal

Randy Connell, Alternate Delegate USPA made his presentation on their proposal to honour Mr. B.J. Worth with the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal. As he stated B.J. Worth was already a skydiving legend, a previous IPC President, World Champion, World Record Holder, Organiser - the list is almost endless of his achievements.

Argentina withdrew their proposal to award the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal to José Angel Bassano, in favour of B.J. Worth, and will re-present it for 2018.

The procedure requires that first a vote is taken to decide whether or not to award this Award. The vote was unanimously in favour.

There being only one candidate, therefore the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal for 2017 is awarded to Mr. B.J. Worth of the U.S.A.

26.2 Leonardo da Vinci Diploma

There was no proposal for this award this year.

26.3 Faust Vrancic Medal

A proposal from the Canadian NAC to award the Faust Vrancic Medal jointly to Mr Klaus Rheinwald and Mr. Michael Cooper, was discussed and voted on. The Faust Vrancic Medal for 2017 was awarded to Mr. Klaus Rheinwald and Mr. Michael Cooper with unanimous approval from the Plenary.

26.4 Proposal to establish the David Reader Award in Indoor Freestyle

A proposal, supported by the Norwegian NAC, to establish the David Reader Award in Indoor Freestyle, was withdrawn by the family at this point in time.

Contained within the Indoor Skydiving Committee Report papers, was a proposal to establish an award for the Indoor Junior World Solo Freestyle Champion by the family of Tyler Baird , to be known as the Peter Pan Award. It had been discussed at the Open Meeting, and by Mohammed Al-Delayel, Indoor Skydiving Committee Chair during his presentation. President Hoenle called for a vote on the creation of this award. The Plenary voted unanimously for its creation.

27 Any other business

Dr. Istvan Sipos, Hungary asked the Bureau to work with the FAI to ensure the Plenary 2018 had a more efficient voting method to ease the smooth running of the meeting. Markus Haggene, FAI did state that the FAI owned an electronic voting system that was available for ASCs to use at their meetings.

Doris Merz-Hunziker, Delegate Switzerland, asked that the Bureau and Organiser for the 2018 Plenary work to ensure a better system for the circulation of documents during the Plenary. For a variety of reasons, the system in use at Faro had not worked as well as planned.

Patrice Girardin, Delegate France, spoke about the work that had been undertaken by the French Parachuting Federation in conjunction with the French NAC and the Organiser of the Paris bid for the 2024 Olympic Games. The city which is selected for the 2024 Games can nominate 5 new sports for inclusion and although it is early days the FFP was working to get Indoor Skydiving included as one of these new sports. This is an on-going project, but we may see a media reaction.

28 Elections and appointments

28.1 Juries and FAI Controllers 2017, and FAI Controllers 2018

The following were proposed by IPC 1st Vice President Patrice Girardin and were unanimously approved by the Plenary.

16th FAI World Para-Ski Championships, Salzburg, Austria 07-12 March 2017	
<u>JURY</u> Günter Berendt <i>Reserve: (selected on site)</i>	<u>FAI Controller</u> Günter Berendt
9th FAI European AL & FS Championships and the 6th FAI Junior European AL & FS Championships, Podgorica, Montenegro, 21-31 August 2017	
<u>JURY</u> Sarka Blaskova Liam McNulty, President Aliya Ananina <i>Reserve: (Peter Pfalzgraf)</i>	<u>FAI Controller</u> Günter Berendt
World Cups and European Championships in FS, CF, AE and Speed Skydiving, Saarlouis, Germany 7-13 August 2017	
<u>JURY</u> Larry Hill Patrice Girardin, President Elisabet Mikaelsson <i>Reserve: (John Smyth)</i>	<u>FAI Controller</u> Alberto Martin Paracuellos
2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships, Quebec, Canada, 19-23 October, 2017	
<u>JURY</u> Doris Merz-Hunziker Karla Cole President Randy Connell <i>Reserve: (Susan Dixon)</i>	<u>FAI Controller</u> Mark Szulmayer
2nd FAI World Cup of Wingsuit Flying, Overton, U.S.A., 1-9 November 2017	
<u>JURY</u> Rainer 'EXI' Hoenle Ronald Overdijk, President Rina Gallo <i>Reserve: (Bernard Nicholas)</i>	<u>FAI Controller</u> John Smyth
9th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting Dubai, UAE, 25 November - 2 October 2017	
<u>JURY</u> Alberto Martin Paracuellos Gillian Rayner President Pia Berggren <i>Reserve: (Marylou Laughlin)</i>	<u>FAI Controller</u> Mike Teague
2018	
35th FAI World Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style Championships, 9th FAI Junior World Accuracy Landing and Freefall Style Championships, Aeroclub Montana 17-28 August 2018	
	<u>FAI Controller</u> Günter Berendt

18th FAI World Canopy Formation Championships, 12th FAI World Artistic Events Championships, 2nd FAI World Speed Skydiving Championships, Gold Coast, Australia, 4-13 October 2018	
	<u>FAI Controller</u> James Hayhurst
3rd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving, Zallaq, Bahrain, 24-27 October 2018	
	<u>FAI Controller</u> Agnieska Solomon
1st FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships , Voss, Norway 10-14 April, 2018	
	<u>FAI Controller</u> Sarka Blaskova
7th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, Wroclaw, Poland 1-8 July 2018	
	<u>FAI Controller</u> Bjorn Korth
2nd FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships, Prostějov, Czech Republic 26 August - 2 September 2018	
	<u>FAI Controller</u> Randy Connell
2019	
17th FAI World Para-Ski Championships, Vrchlabi, Czech Republic, 27 February - 2 March 2019	
	<u>FAI Controller</u> Gernot Rittenschober
14th FAI World Cup of Accuracy Landing & Freefall Style, Cordoba, Argentina, 18-25 May 2019	
	<u>FAI Controller</u> Günter Berendt

28.2 Confirmation of Committees and Working Groups

The Committee and Working Group Chairs presented the lists of proposed members of Committee and Working Groups to the Plenary for approval. The Plenary accepted the Committee and Working Group membership, as proposed.

The list of Committee and Working Group members is appended to these minutes as **Annex AC**

28.3 Nomination and Election of IPC IPETA Directors

The Bureau nominated Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle and Patrice Girardin to be IPETA Directors for 2017. The Plenary agreed to reappoint the three existing IPETA Directors as IPETA Directors for 2017; Marylou Laughlin, Istvan Sipos and Gail Bradley.

The five people listed above were unanimously approved by the Plenary as IPETA Directors for 2017.

28.4 Confirmation of the IPC World Games Liaison Officer

Elisabet Mikaelsson agreed to continue in this role. This was unanimously approved.

28.5 Confirmation of the IPC Record Officer

Randy Connell agreed to continue in this role. This was unanimously approved. .

29 Future IPC Plenary Meetings

29.1 68th IPC Plenary Meeting 2018

Bids to host the 68th IPC Plenary Meeting in 2018 has been received from-

- Bulgaria - presented bid
- Israel - presented bid

The first step in the choice of venue for the 2018 Plenary meeting was taken - a decision whether or not to have the meeting in Lausanne.

An absolute majority, as required by the regulations, voted in favour of holding the 2018 Plenary Meeting outside Lausanne.

29.2 Following presentations from both the Israel and Bulgaria Delegates a secret ballot was called for between the two bids for 2018 IPC Plenary meeting.

The result of the ballot was : Israel - 10 Bulgaria - 28 Abstention - 1 Spoilt Vote 1

29.3 Venue for 2018 Plenary

The 68th IPC Plenary Meeting 2018 will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, 27 - 28 January, 2018

29.4 69th IPC Plenary Meeting 2019

Patrice Girardin, Delegate France confirmed that the Letter of Intent to host the 69th Plenary Meeting 2019 from France was still valid.

30 Thanks to Host and Adjournment of the 67th Plenary Meeting

On behalf of the Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Observers and the IPC Bureau, President Hoenle thanked the Federacao Portuguesa de Paraquedismo, (The Portuguese Parachuting Federation) and the NAC of Portugal, and particularly Mr. Manuel Almeida IPC Delegate, Portugal, and Mr. Eduardo Rodrigues, President of FPPq for hosting the 67th IPC Plenary Meeting in Faro, Portugal.

The 67th IPC Plenary Meeting 2017 concluded at 14.30, Sunday 29 January 2017

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