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1 WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1.1 WELCOME ADDRESS

Mr. Angel Stamenov welcomed all Delegates and attendees to the 68th FAI/IPC Plenary Meeting. He introduced the various Bulgarian dignitaries including the Bulgarian Vice Minister for Sport, Mrs Vania Koleva, who followed with her speech of welcome acknowledging the work of the Bulgarian NAC in hosting two International Plenary meetings and not only a European Championships but later this year, a World Championships. She spoke of how proud Bulgaria was and wished all participants success.

Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, IPC President thanked our hosts and their guests and extended his welcome to all present at this 68th Plenary meeting. Before formally commencing the meeting he announced the resignation of the 1st Vice President, Patrice Girardin, who had resigned for personal reasons but would continue his work within IPC in any way he could, and for this meeting, in his role as President of Honour. Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle thanked Patrice for his support during his presidency and his continued work within IPC. There was a standing ovation in recognition of his work for 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 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Ms Susanne Schödel, FAI Secretary General.

1.4 ROLL CALL, CONDUCTED BY FAI (MARKUS HAGGENEY)

A roll call was conducted by Markus Haggeneay, FAI Sports & Events Director;

<u>Results:</u>	Total Delegates (Nations) Present;	34
	Total Proxies	12 Votes = 46
	Therefore - Simple Majority	24
	2/3rds Majority	31

The Delegate list is annexed to these Minutes Addendum A

1.5 APPROVAL OF THE PROXIES

The following Proxies had been received and were deemed valid:-

Belarus - Germany *Bosnia & Herzegovina - Hungary*
Brazil - Spain *China - Korea*
Kazakhstan - Russia *Lithuania - Canada*
F.Y.R. Macedonia - Bulgaria *New Zealand - Australia*
Peru - Indonesia *Singapore - Norway*
Slovenia - Serbia *Ukraine - Czech Republic*
From Sunday only : Israel - Belgium

1.6 DELEGATES ADDRESS LIST - TO BE UPDATED

The Delegate Address list was circulated and those present were asked to check the details on the list, make any necessary changes, and provide full contact details.

1.7 DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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 MINUTES OF THE 2017 PLENARY MEETING

President Hoenle called for a vote to approve the minutes of the 67th IPC Plenary Meeting in Faro 2017, including the corrections called for in the Agenda:

“18.2 .Markus Haggene, FAI, asked Richard ‘Buzz’ Bennett, Approved Observer, Canada”

Annex AC – List of Committee and Working Group members : the name of Natasha Higman should be included in the Canopy Piloting Committee.”

Gail Bradley (Delegate, Australia) drew attention to the loose wording of the minutes with regard to IPETA 5.5 and asked for approval of the following legal clarification:

President Hoenle reported on the current IPETA situation.

*The good prospects reported at the 2016 Plenary had not come to fruition. Of the original investment 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 **Seed Capital Investment** IPC had made to IPETA 5 years ago at its inception. The Plenary was the only 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 owner of the company was the FAI. As IPETA had no other source of income, calling in the **investment** may result in the company’s closure.*

The item was discussed extensively with Marylou Laughlin, IPETA Director (USA Appointed 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 **Seed Capital investment**”.*

There being **no objections or abstentions to the Proposal it was passed unanimously.**

3 FAI REPORT

3.1 FAI REPRESENTATION AT 68TH IPC PLENARY MEETING 2018

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

3.2 REPORT OF FAI REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Markus Haggene, Sports and Events Director addressed the Plenary.

He reported on the increase in the number of First Category Events across the Air Sports Commissions and the huge strain this imposes on the FAI Head Office personnel. There has been an increase of 40 - 60 per annum over the past 10 years. The principle ASCs involved in this increase is CIVL (Hang Gliding and Para Gliding), IPC and Aeromodelling Commission (with the inclusion of Drone Racing). He also mentioned that several commissions were now encouraging and using Second Category Events to increase sanction fee income. Along with this increase in FCEs and SCEs has been an

increase in the number of Records being broken. IPC being one of the most active commissions in this regard.

He then moved to the Media Partnership FAI has formed with Quattro Media GmbH and how they worked together to cover selected events during 2017 – selecting from the IPC Events, 1st FAI Swoop Freestyle World Championships, Copenhagen and 2nd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships Laval, Canada. Both events had been 'live streamed' as well as providing articles for take up by the media including Television coverage. The recorded number of hits overall had been impressive.

He further spoke about the efforts being made by the use of the Global Partnership Agreements formed by the FAI in an effort to bridge the gap between the two pillars of the FAI, its National Airsports Control and the Air Sports Commissions. He then referred to the financial report made by Richard 'Buzz' Bennett (Appointed Observer, Canada) to the Open Meeting on Thursday, saying that this represented a very simplistic view of the cash flow within FAI and he reconfirmed that the Air Sports Funds are separated out, however there is a need for all within the FAI to invest together for the future of all. He did, admit however, that the FAI needs to look at how it reported such matters to its membership.

Liam McNulty (Delegate, Ireland), requested clarification from the FAI with regard to the FAI Swoop Freestyle World Championships, and why IPETA had not been involved (the IPC Events company). He stated that he had asked the question of both Presidents, Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle, IPC and Mr. Frits Brink, FAI. He had received a response from Exi, however despite sending a reminder he had not from the FAI.

Mr. Frits Brink, took the stand from Markus Haggeneay and apologised to Liam McNulty claiming pressure of work. He stated that when the prospect of working with A.Sports (the company behind the Swoop Freestyle event) appeared time was an issue, requiring fast decisions or losing the opportunity. Having established the support of the Danish NAC, IPC, the President and committee chair, a decision had been made to go ahead with a trial event in 2017. He felt one of the lessons of the world as it is today is to grab opportunities when they present themselves or risk losing them.

Liam thanked Frits Brink for his statement, but asked how something that is neither an FCE nor open to all NACs and participants and therefore not meeting the requirements laid down in SC GS qualifies as a World Championships. Mr.Brink responded that being flexible and prepared to interpret rules if it was in the general interest was the way to go. This brought quite a response and disagreement from the floor with various Delegates making the point that if 'we' broke the rules 'how could we expect others to follow them'.

The presentation by FAI Sports and Events Director, Mr. Markus Haggeneay, is appended to these minutes, as Addendum B

4 IPC PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

4.1 IPC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There were no questions to President Hoenle's report.

4.2 FINAL JURY REPORTS 2017

President Hoenle then drew Plenary attention to the FCE's 2017 Final Jury Reports. All were positive thus authorising the Bureau to refund the Organiser's Deposits without delay.

4.3 INTERIM BUREAU DECISIONS 2017

All Interim Bureau Decisions were accepted unanimously by the Plenary.

5 GENERAL ISSUES

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

5.1 OPEN MEETING – WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2018

President Hoenle spoke about the Open Meeting held on Wednesday morning following the Extended Bureau Meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The main subject of discussion had been his belief that IPC needs to consider changing the name of the Commission to reflect the changes within the sport and in particular the explosive expansion of Indoor Skydiving. There had been a large amount of discussion at both meetings and although Delegates were generally in favour of the concept a decision on what the new name should be was not forthcoming, with some wishing to retain Parachuting whilst incorporating Skydiving whilst others wishing to make a total change. No decision was reached and although the French Proposal (Annex 55) tabled for discussion by the Rules and Regulations committee moved to formalise the incorporation of Indoor Skydiving it did not address the change of name. Neither issues were voted on and a proposal would be formulated for a vote at the plenary 2019.

5.2 STRATEGIC PLAN - OLYMPIC PROJECT

President Hoenle then handed the floor to the French Parachute Federation, led by their President, David Roth and supported by Patrice Girardin (President of Honour) and Gillian Rayner (Delegate, France). David Roth spoke about the work of the FFP in conjunction with the French Olympic Committee to have Parachuting included as one of the 5 Local Sports open to France following their successful granting of the 2024 Olympic Games to Paris.

They had been involved in several meetings, including the FAI and IPC in this aim and had very high hopes that they would be successful, and although not ruling out other disciplines felt their greatest chance of success was with Indoor Skydiving. Having explained the work and history behind their efforts, they then showed a video. A private preview, as this was to be presented sometime in May/June this year to the Selection Committee for the 2024 Olympic Games. Their presentation received a standing ovation and the closing words of Patrice Girardin that we all Dream the Olympic Dream Together were shared by all.

5.2.1 Website & Media Liaison Officer

The IPC Webmaster and Media Liaison Officer referred to her Report, Agenda Item Annex 4. She concentrated in her presentation on the overhead projection to guide Delegates through the new FAI Website and how to find IPC-related items.

She thanked all FCE Organisers who had made her so welcome during 2017. She announced she would be ensuring that IPC Media Liaison was present at all FCE's scheduled for 2018 and asked for approval of her Media Liaison Budget for 2018 to include the presence of Fay Kimble in Australia for the multiple FCE's planned there in October. In addition she asked for Plenary support for the quotation she had presented with the Agenda Papers for a new IPC Results Based Website to replace the existing site which was no longer appropriate for the standard presentation of IPC Results. In total the two items 8,000 Euros and 6,000 Euros came to 14,000 Euros which would be included by the Financial Secretary in the 2018 IPC Budget.

There were no objections or abstentions to her proposal and it was passed unanimously by the Plenary.

5.2.2 Skydive-TV

President Hoenle then introduced Iva Vassilev of Skydive-TV, IPC's Media Partner, who showed a very impressive compilation video of their work for IPC over the past years, which received a standing ovation from the Plenary. She then explained the failure of the undertaking, made by the 2016 Plenary to underwrite any loss they made to the maximum of 5000 \$. Unfortunately this decision was not reflected in the Budget making it impossible for the Bureau to make good their subsequent loss.

President Hoenle stated this was a situation regretted by the Bureau who were in total support of Skydive-TV and their work for IPC. He, and the Bureau supported the proposal to continue the relationship with Skydive-TV and wished to build into the 2018 budget an allowance of up to 5,000 € against any loss in 2018.

John Smyth (Delegate, United Kingdom) proposed an immediate vote on making a retrospective payment to cover for the failure to vote in 2016. This was seconded by Kirk Verner (Delegate, United States of America). After some discussion on whether the payments were in US Dollars or Euros, the final vote was taken on 5,000 US\$ for 2016, and up to 5,000 € for 2018. There were **no objections or abstentions to the 2016 retrospective payment and one abstention from the 2018 payment. These amounts would be added to the Media Budget for 2018 by a majority.**

Iva thanked everyone for their support and asked IPC to put pressure on FAI to agree the Media Rights for them well in advance of the FCE in order that they could maximise on obtaining sponsorship to cover their costs. She reminded IPC that their original proposal had included not only the underwritten loss, but also a profit share with IPC should they achieve that objective.

President Hoenle thanked Iva for her excellent and professional presentation. He had also asked that the FAI's Media Partner Quattro Media GmbH provide a presentation of their IPC coverage of the WISC, Canada. However they had only provided a short YouTube cut of the on-line presentation, which, , he decided not to show, having seen the extensive and detailed presentation of Skydive TV.

Presentation and Report by IPC Media Partner - Skydive-TV is appended to these Minutes - Addendum C

5.3 IPETA

Gail Bradley, IPETA Company Secretary spoke about the methodology of terminating the company. There was a Memorandum of Understanding in place between the FAI and IPC stating that FAI will not wilfully terminate the company, therefore the Plenary would be asked to provide their assent under the MOU to terminate IPETA and require the return of the balance of the Seed Capital Investment used for the start up of IPETA.

Gail Bradley also asked the Plenary to accept the existing Directors (2 from IPC Bureau, and 3 voted for at the Plenary + 2 from FAI) remain in post whilst the winding up process was completed. Following a few questions of clarification, there were **no objections, nor abstentions from the floor and the Plenary assented to the termination of IPETA.**

5.4 CISM

Col. Gernot Rittenschober (Delegate Austria), President, CISM Parachuting Committee presented his report from 2017 (Agenda, Annex 5). He highlighted the success of the first indoor/outdoor Formation Skydiving tournament (Sion, Switzerland) and commented on the dramatic increase in the number of actual points scored (formations built) by each team in its Indoor performance as opposed to their outdoor performance. He also reported on the successful CISM Judges seminar held in Pisa, Italy and thanked the two Chiefs of Judge Training, Günter Berendt (Style) and Jurate Janusauskiene (Formation Skydiving).

He thanked all involved in the successful 41st World Military Parachuting Championships held in Warendorf/Soest, Germany and also another first, the 1st CISM Military Para-Ski World Championships to be held in April 2018 in Hochfilzen, Austria.

The 42nd WMPC 2018 will be held 10th-21st July 2018. He expressed his sincere thanks to the organiser, Ani Stamenova and the IPC Bureau for agreeing to change the date of the 35th FAI World Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Championships in Erden, Montana by one week (IBD 03/17).

Gernot extended an invitation to all nations' military parachuting teams to participate in the 2018 WMPC, as an observer if they were not yet CISM members. His thanks to Ani Stamenova and the IPC

Bureau were echoed by Istvan Sipos (Delegate, Hungary) for the date change as it was important to Hungary that CISM coincided with their National Day.

He concluded by commenting on the continued commitment of CISM to work on Judge Training and also the decision to host a Para-Ski competition. He thanked both the FAI and IPC Presidents, FAI Sports and Events Director and all IPC officials for their good and close co-operation which bode well for the future.

5.5 RANKING SYSTEM

President Hoenle, aided by Susan Dixon, presented the 'new look' Ranking System, with an example from Canopy Piloting. This moved away from the Team/NAC based system used for the past four years to an Individual ranking for Individual disciplines.

The overall World listing consisted of the last four results from both World Championships and World Cups with the same level of points reducing each year by 25%. From these results were extracted the Continental Regions and where possible included into those regional results any separate regional FCEs.

Susan Dixon and Fay Kimble undertook to continue the work on these Ranking Lists which would be available on the IPC Web-Site before the start of the Competition Year.

There were several questions from the floor on clarification, and also on the inclusion of 2nd Category Events. For the moment there were no proposals to make further changes until this method had been tried for a couple of years. Both Para-Ski and Indoor Skydiving were working on completing their own Ranking Listings, which would include 2nd Category Events.

5.6 IPC RECORDS OFFICER

IPC Records Officer, Randy Connell (Alt. Delegate, United States of America) then took the floor. He reported, as already commented on by Markus Haggney in his report, on a very successful year in terms of the number of Glass G (competition) records claimed. For 2017 a total of 120; an increase of 66% over 2016. This represented 49.9% of all ASC claims. Again, he thanked the IPC Bureau for the IBD issued at the end of 2016 which recognised Competition Records directly from the FCE at which they were set, without cost to the athlete or NAC (an agreed cost paid by IPC directly to the FAI from the 'sanction fees'). Randy confirmed that the only requirement on the NAC was to refuse the record for their athlete, otherwise it stood.

He further spoke about the continued problems with the workload and the intransigent attitude of members of staff at the FAI, that despite 3 visits by himself to aid with the work, of the 120 claims filed for 2017 48 had been ratified, 3 cancelled and 69 still awaiting ratification. With 95% of the current claims being Competition records there were still problems relating to Performance Records and these he proposed to address during 2018.

He thanked Visa-Matti Leinikki, IT, FAI for his work on improving the Records Database on the FAI IPC Website. He had been amazed and grateful for the speed with which his proposals and ideas had been taken up. He admitted though there was still a lot of work to be done. To aid with this work he was asking the Plenary to approve, for inclusion in the 2018 Budget, his request for 2,500 Euros to enable him to return to Lausanne and spend more time on helping develop the database and clear up the backlog of claims.

There were no objections or abstentions from the floor of the Plenary and this request was granted.

5.7 IPC PARACHUTING FOR THE DISABLED WORKING GROUP

Before Patrice Girardin could begin his report - the FAI President, Frits Brink returned to the Plenary having been detained with the Bulgarian NAC and its important dignitaries. He apologised for the delay and took the floor to make his presentation to the Plenary.

He spoke of the FAI Executive Board's decision to continue with the Strategic Plan, which would concentrate on the Development of the World Games, World Air Games and moving towards the Olympic Movement, and the increased development of the Continental Regions. Asia had shown the way with the development of the Asian Games. FAI had appointed the first of their Regional Vice Presidents in Asia, based in Indonesia. He further referred to the success and popularity of the new disciplines developing within CIAM (Drones) and IPC (Indoor Skydiving) and the need to capitalise on these. This put pressure on both the two pillars of governance structure of FAI, ASCs and NACs and the need to be able to make fast decisions on new developments. The appointment of Regional Vice Presidents for the Middle East and North Africa was expected soon.

There being no questions for Mr. Brink he then handed the floor back to Patrice Girardin (President of Honour). Patrice drew the attention of Delegates to his report (**Addendum D to these Minutes**), He thanked his working group for all their support during the year and in particular that of Russia and Belarus in hosting Competitions.

There was still a long way to go to establish a competition format, classification of athletes and competition rules; although they had moved from Challenge to Competition it could not be called a 2nd Category Event yet. There was more work to be done, but a start had been made including work on an Indoor format. There was resounding applause from the floor in recognition of the work that had and was being done by this 'Handily' Working Group.

6 FINANCE

6.1 FINANCE SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2017

Peter Pfalzgraf (Delegate, Germany) Finance Secretary and Chair of the Finance Working Group, thanked his Working Group members for their work during 2017 and apologised for airing his difference of understanding with a member of that working group in his report. He recognised that this had been a serious error of judgement on his part.

He then explained that the introduction of a new Expenses Claim Form which allowed digital completion had clarified and speeded up the expenses claim procedure and reduced the error rate. He had also established within the FAI a revised banking procedure for those claims outside of the IBAN arrangement that cuts out the double exchange rate experienced previously.

6.2 PROPOSAL FROM THE IPC FINANCE SECRETARY (AGENDA ANNEX 10) AND THAT OF THE SWISS DELEGATE (AGENDA ANNEX 11)

Peter was withdrawing this proposal following discussion on it at the Open Meeting.

He then called for a vote on the proposal from Doris Merz-Hunziker (Delegate, Switzerland); Ronald Overdijk (Delegate, Netherlands) asked why a 'non-stop' flight was specified, as this was often a more expensive option. There was discussion from the floor on a 'common sense' approach by and to claimants and when it was put to the **vote there were 3 Against; 1 Abstention, and so the proposal was carried by the balance majority of 42.**

The finalised Financial Statement for 2017 is appended to these Minutes as Addendum E

6.3 DRAFT BUDGETS 2018 AND 2019

The budgets for 2018 and 2019 would be presented for approval by the Plenary at the close of the meeting once all the Committee presentations had been made and any budget requests approved.

Peter Pfalzgraf thanked the Plenary for its support during his term of office. He stated that he would not be standing for election when the post of Finance Secretary was voted on the 28th January 2018.

Budgets for 2018 and 2019 as approved are appended to these Minutes - Addendum F and G

7 ASIANIA

Faye Cox (Appointed Observer, Australia), Secretary General ASIANIA and {David} Chang Il Choi, (Alternate Delegate, Korea) the future Secretary General ASIANIA, expanded on the report contained with the Agenda (Annex 12). She wished to comment on the reduction in the number of participants which she believed to be a global problem, but despite that the work of ASIANIA in encouraging Nations to participate and work towards FAI recognition was looking good. They continued to work hard on judge training to raise the standard of National Judges and move onto achieving FAI status. She thanked all the IPC Chiefs of Judge Training who had participated in the successful course held in China 2017. She was also very happy to announce that China intends to host an Invitational International Indoor Skydiving competition in November 2018 with plans to cover the travel, food and accommodation of the invitees. If there were any questions, please direct them to Faye Cox via the ASIANIA Web site (<http://www.asiania.org/>) or their Facebook page.

President Hoenle led the applause and thanked Fay Cox for her many years of dedicated work on behalf of ASIANIA.

8 COLPAR

Gustavo Eduardo Reyes (Delegate, Argentina), acting on behalf of Hector Ulloa Cheula, Secretary General COLPAR gave the report. He emphasised that the goals of COLPAR and ASIANIA were the same, working to increase the membership within their region of all Spanish/Latin American countries from Mexico to Honduras and welcomed their latest member Ecuador.

He asked the audience and especially to Mr. Brinks if it was not possible to consider the South American Continent from Mexico to Argentina, rather than from Colombia, considering that all the Central American countries share the same language and all are included into COLPAR.

They, like ASIANIA, were proud of the progress made by their judges and their successes achieved when attending FAI courses. They thanked ASIANIA for the welcome given to their judges who attended the course in China. They would continue their work to increase the number of participant countries from the current 13 amongst the Spanish speaking skydiving community. He ended his speech in Spanish to the laughter and applause from the floor of the Plenary.

9 THE WORLD GAMES

Elisabet Mikaelsson (Delegate, Sweden) gave a short summary covering her work over the past two years, culminating in the success of the World Games 2017, Wroclow, Poland 19-24 July 2017.

The first day of competition had seen a 90% take up of tickets, the following 2 days sold out completely. Perfect weather over the competition period meant they completed 3 rounds in all 4 events. The media coverage and video presentation of the event had been excellent. She extended her personal thanks to the CEO of Wroclaw Aeroclub, Marek Jóźwicki, for his work in making this event the success it was.

Elisabet went on to explain the Selection Process had been based on the Individual Canopy Piloting Ranking taking into account a good spread of national representation. 7-8 competitors had to withdraw over the period before the start, including 2 within the last days. She was very happy to report that they had found replacements and had managed to use all the slots available to IPC.

The World Games organisation was very happy with Canopy Piloting going forward, however she would not be re-standing as World Games Liaison Officer for the future games taking place in Birmingham, Alabama, USA, which Markus Haggeneby then reported on; including the expectation that Canopy Piloting had been selected as one of the Air Sports, with the final overall selection expected in about 4 weeks' time. The Games were scheduled to take place in July 2021. Randy Connell (Alternate Delegate, United States of America) raised the question of the intense heat usually experienced in Alabama in July and the adverse effect this could have on the athletes in this event.

Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle stated that he had been informed that Alabama were considering building a Wind Tunnel and there was the possibility of IS being considered. Markus informed the Plenary that

the selection of sports is expected in 4 weeks time, with the first Competition Manager's meeting 4-5 October 2018.

10 THE WORLD AIR GAMES

Markus Haggenev then moved to the World Air Games, and announced Turkey had emerged late in 2017 as serious bidder to host the 2020 WAG. There had been three meetings on site between Turkey and FAI between October and the end of December 2017. 20 years ago THK had hosted the first WAG in Turkey (1997). The objective of Turkey was in hosting the largest ever WAG and although the FAI did not want to present a copy-paste of 1997, Turkey is proposing a large number of participants. The FAI wished all ASC's to look at new and appealing ways of promoting their sports/disciplines. Both President Hoenle and 1st Vice President Patrice Girardin had attended the meetings in September and December, when they had visited sites in Ankara where it was announced there are plans to build a Wind Tunnel and a CP pond on the airfield of Ephesus, the centre of Parachuting events in 1997 and well known to Patrice Girardin, and also a special venue for CP freestyle in Eskishehir.

Markus did state that there was a long way to go, but the FAI was very hopeful they could come to an agreement with Turkey and THK in the next few weeks..

11 FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING

11.1 REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Günter Berendt referred to his reports contained in the Agenda papers and had taken into account the discussions at the open meeting on Wednesday. Despite the problems encountered during the European Championships 2017 in Montenegro they had a valid completion and he congratulated all the medal winners. The Accuracy Scoring system of Weckbecker Electronics would be re-evaluated before re-inclusion on the list of Approved Scoring Systems.

Günter then proposed two rule changes to be voted on by the Plenary. The first covered clarification/housekeeping with regard to a 'pad malfunction'

Existing rule:

"(5) If an AMD is found to be defective or not reset and the first point of contact has been on it, and (4) above does not apply, the affected competitor(s) must be offered a re-jump."

Proposal :

(5) If an AMD is found, **by the Event Judge or the Chief Judge** to be defective, or not reset and the first point of contact has been on it, and (4) above does not apply, the affected competitor(s) must be offered a re-jump.

This proposed rule change was accepted unanimously by the Plenary when put to the vote.

The second proposed rule change, although only a word removal, did alter the intent of the rule.

Existing rule:

6.1.1.1. Three judges positioned at or near the target will independently assess the landing and indicate by visible signal (hand/arm, predetermined by the Chief Judge) if the displayed score is valid/invalid. The decision of the judges will be made by simple majority.

Proposal

6.1.1.1. Three judges positioned at or near the target will independently assess the landing and indicate by visible signal (hand/arm, predetermined by the Chief Judge) if the displayed score is **valid**/invalid. The decision of the judges will be made by simple majority.

Jiri Blaska, (Delegate, Czech Republic) called for a secret ballot.

The IPC Bureau had agreed to use the FAI's electronic voting system at this Plenary, however after several attempts on a 'trial' use it was not working correctly and so the Plenary reverted to the usual paper voting slips method.

Arnold Hohenegger (Appointed Observer, Austria) and Ray Williams (Appointed Observer, Australia) acted as scrutineers with Markus Haggenev, FAI, handling the voting procedure. Delegates were asked to vote **YES** for the proposed Rule Change and **NO** for it to remain as it currently is.

YES	11
NO	32
Abstention	1
Invalid	2
TOTAL	46

The motion was defeated.

The Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rule changes will be incorporated into the 2018 version of Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

Günter then moved on to the upcoming 35th FAI WPC and 9th Junior FAI WPC to be held in Erden, Montana, Bulgaria in August and added his thanks to the Organisers for agreeing to alter the dates of the competition so that they did not conflict with the CISM WPC. He was in no doubt there were teams who would wish to enter both. He also thanked Ani Stamenova and the Bulgarian team for agreeing to host a Judges Training Course, they required a minimum of 5 judges to ensure the course. Full details would be published on the FAI/IPC Website : <https://www.fai.org/page/ipc-judges>.

He closed his presentation with thanks to the Bulgarian Government for the support it was showing for these World Championships. As he left the podium Jiri Blaska, (Delegate, Czech Republic) asked the question as to why his proposal, Agenda Annex No. 18 was not being discussed and voted on. Günter replied that it had been discussed during the Open Meeting, and had previously been discussed and rejected at the Plenary meetings in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and he asked Jiri to please accept his colleagues' decision. Liam McNulty (Delegate, Ireland) stated that he thought Jiri had the right to be heard again, the issue should be discussed and voted on. John Smyth (Delegate, United Kingdom) reminded Delegates that if this was approved it would represent a major rule change - which our policy was that there were no major rule changes in a World Championship year.

President Hoenle asked Jiri Blaska to withdraw his request at this time, on the understanding that it would be discussed and voted on at the 2019 Plenary. Jiri agreed to this, and wished to emphasise that his proposal was in no way a criticism of the judges or their work, but should be considered an aid. 'Exi' thanked Jiri and invited Mark Szulmayer, Chair Formation Skydiving Committee to the podium.

12 FORMATION SKYDIVING

12.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mark stated his presentation would be short as he had covered all the points during the Open Meeting. All the rule changes he proposed were clarification/housekeeping : clearer definition of the tie-break resolution calculation : Organiser must provide a clear form of team identity (to ensure the correct video judgment was allocated to the correct team) : a word order change to define 'reverse order of jumping' - in response to a question from the floor he stated the inclusion of 'where practical' cleared that - there

were a few other housekeeping and renumbering points. There were no further questions from the floor and when President Hoenle called for a vote, there were **no objections or abstentions and so all the proposed rule 'changes/clarifications' were approved unanimously.**

Existing Rule

- 3.2.2.1 *If two or more teams have equal scores the following order of procedures will be applied to determine the final placings:*
- i. *one tie break round, if possible (for the first three placings only). The tie break round will be the next drawn round of the competition,*
 - ii. *the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to the last common scoring formation in the last completed round.*

Proposed Change

- 3.2.2.1 If two or more teams have equal scores the following order of procedures will be applied:
- i. one tie break round, if possible (for the first three placings only). The tie break round will be the next drawn round of the competition,
 - ii. the highest score in any completed round,
 - iii. the highest score starting with the last completed round and continuing in reverse order, round by round until the tie is broken,
 - iv. the fastest time (measured to hundredths of a second) to ~~the last common scoring formation in the last completed round.~~ the last formation scored without infringement by both teams in the last completed round. Starting time must be that used for original evaluation of the performance.

Existing Rule

- 4.4.2 *An updated reverse order of jumping shall be implemented after every break in the competition jumps which occurs after a completed round where practical.*

Proposed Change

- 4.4.2 An updated ~~reverse order of jumping~~ order of jumping in reverse order of placing shall be implemented after every break in the competition ~~jumps~~ which occurs after a completed round where practical.

Changes to the Indoor Formation Skydiving and Vertical Formation Skydiving Competition Rules

Existing Rule

- 2.15. *Working Time: is the period of time during which teams are scored on a performance which starts both feet of any team member leave the antechamber floor (tunnel net for VFS) in order to enter the tunnel and terminates a number of seconds later as specified in 3.1.*

Proposed Change

- 2.15 Working Time: is the period of time during which teams are scored on a performance which starts ~~when~~ both feet of any team member ~~leave~~ have left the antechamber floor (tunnel

net for VFS) in order to enter the tunnel and terminates a number of seconds later as specified in 3.1.

Existing Rule

There is none.

Proposed Addition

4.5.6 The Organizer must provide teams with a way of identification linking the team number with the video of the performance.

The Formation Skydiving and Vertical Formation Skydiving Competition Rule/ The Indoor Formation Skydiving and Vertical Formation Skydiving Competition Rule changes will be incorporated into the 2018 versions of Formation Skydiving and Vertical Formation Skydiving Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

Mark then showed the Plenary the proposed new 4-Way Blocks to replace existing Blocks 1 & 13. These will be introduced into the Pool for 2019, but notified to the Formation Skydiving community this year.

In response to a question, if the committee had considered allowing 2 VFS teams per nation to compete?, (as with CF 2-Way Sequential) the answer was the committee had and decided not to. Also with regard to the question of including an 8-way sequential competition into Indoor Skydiving, this would remain a demonstration event with no plans to include it in the IS FS competition events. He called for a vote on the acceptance of the new blocks to be included in the 'Pool' of 4-Way random from 2019. **No objections or abstentions, voted to be accepted unanimously.**

The proposed new 4-way block formations are attached to these minutes - Addendum H

He ended by thanking his committee for their work during the year, and stated he wished to continue with the same members, other than the one change, Laura Davis (USA) would be replaced by David Grauwels (Belgium) who was welcomed by the committee.

The Plenary then broke for Lunch:

Saturday, 27th January 2018, 14.30 hrs

On returning to the Meeting Room after lunch President Hoenle proposed that the meeting continue until 19.00 hrs that evening and commenced the following morning at 8.00 hrs. He was well aware that many Delegates planned to leave early afternoon on Sunday and there was still a large volume of work to get through. There was consent from the floor.

13 CANOPY FORMATION

13.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Rina Gallo (Delegate, Canada), Chair of the Canopy Formation Committee asked for any questions concerning the rule changes detailed in her Agenda Annex 26 and discussed at the Open Meeting. There were no questions, and on calling for a vote of approval, no objections or abstentions, and so the **proposed rule changes (housekeeping mainly) were accepted unanimously.**

Existing Rule

4.4. End of Working time

After working time has elapsed, only the drawn sequence for that round may be performed. If any other canopy formation is performed the team will receive a score of zero for that round. The organiser shall supply a qualified person to monitor teams for this possible occurrence. This decision is no grounds for a protest.

4.4.1. The Chief Judge is responsible for appointing a qualified person to monitor that rule 4.4 is followed.

4.4.2. If the same team is observed to have broken rule 4.4 a second time, the appointed observer will notify the Chief Judge. The team concerned will be disqualified from the competition. This decision is no grounds for a protest.

Proposed New Rule Inclusion:

4.4. End of Working time

After working time has elapsed, only the drawn sequence for that round may be performed. If any other canopy formation is performed the team will receive a score of zero for that round. The organiser shall supply a qualified person to monitor teams for this possible occurrence. This decision is no grounds for a protest.

4.4.1. The Chief Judge is responsible for appointing a qualified person to monitor that rule 4.4 is followed.

4.4.2. In the event that the CJ cannot appoint the person supplied by the Organiser for pertinent reasons (e.g. person has other responsibilities or is not suitably qualified) the Organiser shall provide an alternative person.

4.4.2 - 4.4.3. If the same team is observed to have broken rule 4.4 a second time, the appointed observer will notify the Chief Judge. The team concerned will be disqualified from the competition. This decision is no grounds for a protest.

Existing Rule

6.6. Score sheets

If the Judges use score sheets to record their evaluation, they will operate their own chronometer and use the signs below to record their assessment. The score sheets of all judges must be collected immediately after the judges have scored the jump for checking by the Event Judge and Chief Judge. Freeze frame of the video image need not be used.

Situation:

- Correct scoring formation.....	
- Incorrect or incomplete formation or inter	0
- Omission	X
- NV Situation	NV
- End of working time	//

Proposed Rule Change:

~~6.6. Score sheets~~

~~If the Judges use score sheets to record their evaluation, they will operate their own chronometer and use the signs below to record their assessment. The score sheets of all judges must be collected immediately after the judges have scored the jump for checking by the Event Judge and Chief Judge. Freeze frame of the video image need not be used.~~

Situation:

-Correct scoring formation.....	†
-Incorrect or incomplete formation or inter.....	0
-Omission.....	X
-NV Situation.....	NV
-End of working time.....	//

The Canopy Formation Competition Rule changes will be incorporated into the 2018 versions of Canopy Formation Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

Rina stated they were looking forward to the upcoming FCE in Australia, and thanked Romania for coming forward at the last minute with their bid for 2019 European Championships and World Cup. Romania came to the podium to answer questions and to confirm they had expanded their bid to include both 4-way events as well as the 2-way Sequential.

Rina finally thanked Russia also for their 2020 Mondial bid. At the end of the meeting, under Any Other Business, Romania would be asking for a 2/3rds majority from the Plenary for their bid to be considered.

14 ARTISTIC EVENTS

14.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ron Miasnikov (Delegate, Israel) then took her place at the Podium. Following discussion during the year with her committee and also during the Open Meeting prior to the plenary it was proposed that Dynamic Flying would form its own Working Group, with the intention of becoming a disciplinary committee in the future. The Artistic Committee was in favour of this move and asked the Plenary to vote in support of it.

There were no objections, abstentions and so it was approved unanimously.

Ron spoke about the work behind the proposed rule changes contained in Agenda Annex 27, which had also been discussed at length during the open meeting. **There were no objections, or abstentions and the proposed rule changes were accepted unanimously.**

Ron welcomed Kristian Moxnes (Alternate Delegate, Norway) to the committee and at the same time announced her resignation. She wished all success in the future. Sarka Blaskova (Alternate Delegate, Czech Republic), said what a loss Ron's resignation was to the Artistic Events community both Indoor and Outdoor and thanked Ron sincerely for all her work. The discipline would not be where it was today if it had not been for the dedication and drive from Ron. President Hoenle echoed these sentiments and Ron received a long resounding standing ovation from the Plenary.

The Artistic Events Competition Rule changes will be incorporated into the 2018 versions of Artistic Events Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

Alberto Martin Paracuellos (Delegate, Spain) asked for a vote on his Agenda Annex 22 for a rule change. This proposal also affected the competition rules for Formation Skydiving as well as Artistic Events (outdoor).

Existing Rule:

"2017 FS and VFS CR

4.8.4 *Problems with a competitor's equipment (excluding freefall video equipment) shall not be grounds for the team to request a rejump.*

Proposed Change:

4.8.4 Problems with a competitor's equipment (~~excluding~~/including freefall video equipment) shall not be grounds for the team to request a rejump.

Existing Rule:

"2017 AE CR

4.5.3 *Problems with a competitor's equipment (excluding freefall video equipment) shall not be grounds for a rejump.*

Proposed Change:

4.5.3 Problems with a competitor's equipment (~~excluding~~/including freefall video equipment) shall not be grounds for a rejump.

These proposed rule changes were accepted unanimously by the Plenary.

15 CANOPY PILOTING

15.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Alberto Martin Paracuellos (Delegate, Spain) started by thanking his committee members for their work throughout the year and was very happy that the committee would stay as it was. He also thanked the organisers who had bid for future events and looked forward to returning to Wroclow, Poland this year. In addition he thanked Poland for agreeing to include a Freestyle Event in this year's FCE - creating the 1st FAI World Canopy Piloting Freestyle Championships. Entrants would be offered a choice of three options, Classic 9 rounds (without Freestyle) 12 rounds (including Freestyle) or 3 rounds, simply Freestyle. Poland had made a revised bid which had been circulated with the Agenda documents prior to the start of the meeting. **Addendum to the Minutes I** Alberto called for a vote to accept the Bid Changes and this was **accepted unanimously without objection or abstention**.

A bid had been received from South Africa to host a World Cup in Pretoria 19-25 November 2019. This would require a 2/3rds majority to be included on the agenda and **was put to the vote and accepted unanimously**. Again this bid had been circulated prior to the Plenary and was an **Addendum to the Minutes J**. There were no questions from the floor regarding the South African bid, however Liam McNulty (Delegate, Ireland) asked if the pond in Poland was able to accommodate Freestyle - the answer was in the affirmative. He also asked if there were any plans to hold a Judges Training Course for Freestyle at the World Championships. Alberto, responded by reminding the Plenary that the Organiser had included a Judge Training Course within their bid for all events in Canopy Piloting, .

The bid from South Africa to host the 10th FAI Canopy Piloting World Cup 2019 was **voted to be accepted unanimously by the Plenary**.

At the moment there were two bids on the table for 2020. One from Russia as part of their Mondial bid, and one from France (part of their Olympic Project). The French delegation stated that their bid had been revised to accommodate Freestyle (with the same options as offered by Poland) (3, 9 or 12 rounds) and the date had been changed from 8-13 October to 7-13 October. The prices per participant included the sanction fee but not accommodation: these were:

Including Freestyle	12 jumps	600 € per participant
3 Classic Events	9 jumps	540 € per participant
Freestyle only	3 jumps	420 € per participant

According to our voting protocol a vote would be taken as to whether or not to accept a Mondial. If that was not accepted then a vote would be taken between the choices per Discipline; later in the programme.

Alberto then thanked George Blythe for attending the Plenary meeting, and presenting such an exciting and dynamic new event - FAI World Freestyle Swoop Championships. He wished him success in the forthcoming event in Copenhagen 24/25 August 2018 and in establishing other venues this year and the work towards a World Cup Series.

Alberto moved then to rule changes which were mainly housekeeping and had been circulated with the Agenda, Annex 32. These related to modifications to the Weight Chart and the Definition of how and when the course may be opened after a course closure but these were dropped following the Open Meeting and delayed until next year.. The one major change proposed by the committee was to allow Canopy Piloting competitors to make Indoor Skydiving flights during competition without penalty. The Freestyle proposed changes for this year were all housekeeping. However the committee looked at how points are awarded between 'technical' and 'presentation' and clarified the rule. **All the proposed changes were accepted unanimously by the Plenary.**

Existing Rule

3.4.3. *The minimum number of rounds required for a valid event is one round. A valid competition requires a valid event for one round of each Speed, Distance and Zone Accuracy.*

Proposed Change

3.4.3. The minimum number of rounds required for a valid event is one round. A valid competition requires a valid event ~~for one round of each~~ in any Speed, Distance ~~and~~ or Zone Accuracy.

Existing Rule

3.4.4. *Freestyle can be included as an additional event to the standard format events or offered as an event on its own.*

Proposed Change

3.4.4. Freestyle ~~can will be~~ included offered as an additional event on its own. ~~to the standard format events, or offered as an event on its own.~~

Proposed New Rule

3.4.6. Only Indoor Skydiving is allowed.

Existing Rule

Addendum B

B.1.4.2 *Sensors on G1 and G5 must be at a height of approximately, but not lower than 1.5 m and at approximately 0.6 metres for the lower sensor.*

Proposed Change

Addendum B

B.1.4.2 ~~Sensors on G1 and G5 must be at a height of approximately, but not lower than 1.5 m and at approximately 0.6 metres for the lower sensor.~~ Electronic Sensors should be placed as follows; The upper sensor should be placed at the same level as the top of the course markers at G1 and G5. the

lower sensor should be placed at approximately 0.9 m below the upper sensor. Both sensors should be offset the same amount from the centre line through G1 and G5 respectively

The Canopy Piloting (including Freestyle) Competition Rule changes will be incorporated into the 2018 versions of Canopy Piloting Competition Rules and Canopy Piloting Freestyle Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

Alberto also asked for Plenary approval for his budget request of 1080 Euros to have drawings made of the Freestyle Moves. **This was accepted without objection or abstention by the plenary.**

He then raised the issue that had caused major discussions within the committee - whether to go straight to a World Championships in Freestyle without the traditional IPC route of World Cup first as is usual with new disciplines. He maintained that Freestyle was not a 'new' discipline, and the competition rules for the event had been in place for several years. Freestyle had been an event in many International competitions, although not necessarily FCE's. The majority of the committee wanted to move forward and not delay things by a couple of years. When asked about Judge availability/knowledge to judge Freestyle, he said there were many judges who had experience with Freestyle although not necessarily FAI. He asked for it to be put to the vote that the 1st FAI FCE in Canopy Piloting Freestyle could be titled 1st FAI World Canopy Piloting Freestyle Championships. **When put to the vote there was 1 against and 1 abstention, so it was passed by majority.**

16 SPEED SKYDIVING

16.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Elisabet Mikaelsson (Delegate, Sweden), promised to live up to the name of her Discipline and quickly covered the proposed rule changes relating mainly to the placement of the SMD's and equipment inspection. All the other changes were housekeeping. She referred the plenary to her committee's papers circulated prior to the meeting (Agenda, Annex 33). **All the proposals from the Speed Skydiving Committee were accepted and when voted for passed unanimously.**

Existing Rule including Proposed Additions in Blue

- 4.1.3 *Parachutes and equipment will be inspected by the Chief Judge, Meet Director or FAI Controller to confirm that they are safe for the event. Chief Judge, Meet Director or FAI Controller may delegate this task to a qualified person, such as a Rigger, Senior Rigger or Master Rigger. If, in the opinion of the Chief Judge, Meet Director and FAI Controller, the parachute and/or equipment are not safe for the event, the competitor will not be permitted to use it. Inspections that do not interfere with a competitor's performance may be made at any time during the competition, as determined by the Chief Judge. If any equipment does not meet the requirements as determined by the Chief Judge, Meet Director or FAI Controller, this equipment will be deemed to be unusable for the competition.*

This decision is not grounds for protest.

Additional New Rule

- 4.1.4 *If a competitor changes his rig during competition, the new rig must be inspected by the Chief Judge or Meet Director according to 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.5 before the competitor is allowed to jump with the rig.*

causing subsequent renumbering: 4.1.4 to 4.1.5 and 4.1.5 to 4.1.6

Existing Rule including Proposed Additions in Blue

- 4.1.5 *Each competitor will wear two SMDs issued by the Chief Judge. The devices will be attached*

(i) on the lateral webbing on each side of the competitors harness, or

(ii) on each side of the competitors container horizontally in line with the lowest part of the lateral webbing when the competitor is standing upright.

In either case, the SMDs must be mounted predominantly on the sides of the rig and not above the widest point of the container when seen from behind, and the vertical distance between the centre of the SMD and the hip bone (tubercle of the ileum crest) of the competitor must be no greater than 7 cm. See 7.1.

The devices will be located to the satisfaction of the Chief Judge, and this decision is not grounds for protest.

Once the position of the SMDs have been located to the satisfaction of the Chief Judge, the competitor is not allowed to change the location of the SMDs without the approval of the Chief Judge.

causing subsequent renumbering: 4.1.6 to 4.1.7 and 4.1.7 to 4.1.8

Existing Rule including Proposed Additions in Blue

4.1.8 Immediately after the jump, the competitor is to report to the judge's area to have the measuring devices removed by a member of the judging staff. The competitor is not allowed to read the data directly from the SMDs before it is registered by the judges.

causing subsequent renumber: 4.1.6 to 4.1.7 and 4.1.7 to 4.1.8 4.1.9 to 4.1.10 4.1.10 to 4.1.11

Existing Rule including Proposed Addition in Blue

5.1.3 The first person to exit on a pass goes 90 degrees to the right of the aircraft line of flight, the second goes 90 degrees left, and so on. If a competitor uses a technique that results in horizontal movement across the ground during the jump, then that competitor must turn to the appropriate direction shortly after exit. If a competitor uses a technique that results in a vertical flight path with little or no horizontal movement across the ground during the jump, then that competitor may make the turn to the appropriate direction during deceleration after leaving the course. See 7.2

Existing Rule

5.3.3 Maximum Exit Altitude: The maximum exit altitude for a valid jump is 13500 ft (4115 metres). A competitor is not allowed to exit the aircraft on a higher altitude than the maximum exit altitude. Jumps from a higher exit altitude as the maximum exit altitude has to be considered as not valid.

Proposed Change

5.3.3 Maximum Exit Altitude: The maximum exit altitude for a valid jump is 13500 ft (4115 metres). A competitor is not allowed to exit the aircraft on a higher altitude than the maximum exit altitude. ~~Jumps from a higher exit altitude as the maximum exit altitude has to be considered as not valid.~~ If both SMDs register a higher exit altitude than the maximum exit altitude the jump will be considered as not valid, if only one of the SMDs register a higher exit altitude than the maximum exit altitude the jump will be considered valid.

Existing Rule including Proposed Addition in Blue

5,4,1 The SMD must be capable of gathering data, or transmitting real-time data to a ground station or stations, which allows the competitor's average vertical freefall speed between 2700 m and 1700 m above ground to be displayed to a resolution of one hundredth of a

kilometre per hour, and the competitors exit altitude to be determined to an accuracy of 10m.

The SMD must also be capable of recording the exit altitude.

Existing Rule

6.2.1 The scores are collated immediately after the judges have assessed the jump. The results of the collation must be checked by at least one Judge who was not one of the assessing judges.

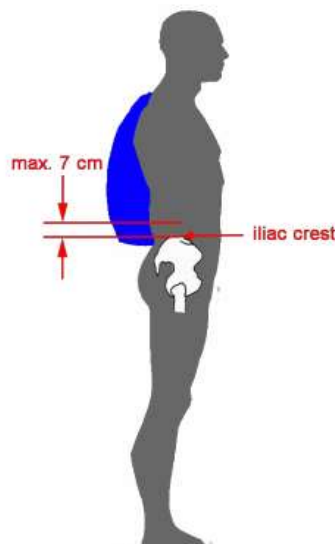
Proposed Change

6.2.1 The scores are collated immediately after the judges have assessed the jump. The results of the collation must be checked by ~~at least one Judge who was not one of the assessing judges.~~ the Chief Judge.

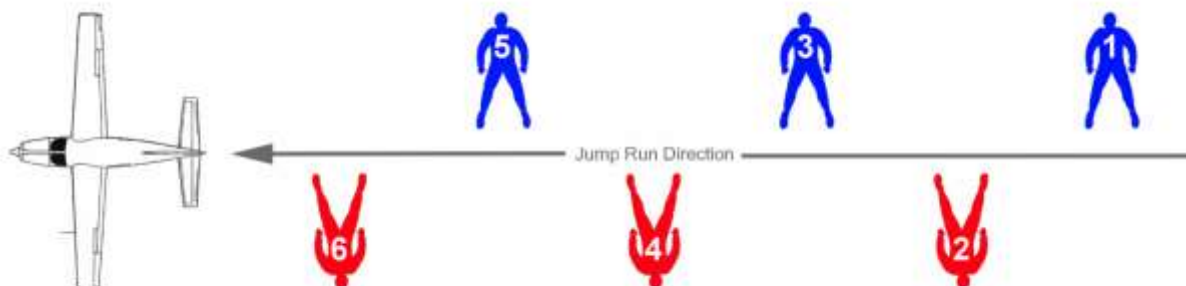
Inclusion in the Competition Rules

Definitions:

7.1 Placement of SMDs



7.2 Exit Procedure



The Speed Skydiving Competition Rule changes will be incorporated into the 2018 versions of Speed Skydiving Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

Elisabet concluded by thanking the Australian hosts of this year's FCE for also organising a Judge Training Course. Currently Speed Skydiving only had 8 FAI qualified judges. She thanked her committee for their work and stated how pleased she was that they all wished to continue.

17 WINGSUIT FLYING

17.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

John Smyth (Delegate, United Kingdom), announced his intention to ask Denis Werenskiold (Delegate, Denmark), the new Wingsuit Flying Committee Chair to take over the presentation. However first he wished to make a Declaration of Intent by the Wingsuit Flying Committee to finalise the rules for Acrobatic Wingsuit Flying using an Altitude Window for incorporation into the 2019 Competition Rules.

Denis then introduced his committee and the 26 pages of rule changes proposed by the committee; the majority of which were word changes and housekeeping. However there was now a Table of Contents and an illustration clearly defining 'flight paths' and penalty zones (10, 20 or 50 %). Following a question from the floor, he undertook to discuss and clarify, with the Rules and Regulations Committee, the actual wording for the application of the penalties. This new scale helps to clarify the position without compromising safety.

The committee had also clarified 'training jumps' and re-jumps for camera problems, in line with other disciplines. When called to the **Plenary voted unanimously to adopt all proposed changes**. Denis, endorsed by the plenary, thanked John Smyth, James Hayhurst and Henny Wiggers for all their work in establishing the discipline.

The Wingsuit Flying Competition Rule changes will be incorporated into the 2018 versions of Wingsuit Flying Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website

They are also added as an Addendum K to these Minutes

18 RUSSIAN BID TO HOST A MONDIAL 2020 IN, AL&ST, FS, CF, AE, CP, SP, WS.

The original bid papers had been submitted with the Agenda, Annex 17 but this had subsequently been revised to accommodate Canopy Piloting Freestyle, and a change of date to avoid a potential clash with WAG 2020. **Addendum to Minutes L**

Denis Sviridov, presented a short video of the location and facilities they would have available to host this Mondial in the heart of Siberia in the resort of Tanay. He explained the modifications to the bid so that they could include Freestyle as a 4th CP event, and used the overhead to project the site of the pond currently under construction. This would be large enough to accommodate all 4 CP events. The new proposed dates were 1st to 12th August 2020, and following a question from Gernot Rittenschober (Delegate, Austria) Denis confirmed their intent to work closely with committee chairs and the FAI Controller to schedule the competition with the best for the competitors in mind.

Denis also spoke of the problems experienced in the past for athletes wishing to compete at a Russian FCE with regard to Visas. The Organising committee had already been working with the Russian Immigration department to have a similar Visa process that will be utilised for the Football World Cup which will offer a simple, quick and inexpensive process.

There being no further questions from the floor, President Hoenle called for a vote to accept the proposal for a Mondial 2020 - this is the first stage of the voting process.

This was accepted unanimously and so President Hoenle moved swiftly to a vote on whether to award the bid to Russia for 2020. Again this **was accepted without objection or abstention**,

unanimously. Unfortunately, at this point in the meeting it was a little confusing as to exactly what had been called for and voted on, but the decision had been made.

Following the acceptance of the Mondial, France announced its intention to re-submit the French bid for the Canopy Piloting World Championships 2022 at the Plenary 2019.

19 PARA-SKI

19.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Michael Egger (Delegate, Austria), presented the last discipline for the day. He thanked his committee for their work and announced that it would remain the same for 2019. He then showed the Ranking Lists he had produced for Para-Ski which incorporated the World Cup Series (a 2nd Category Event) along with the bi-annual World Championships. He would make these rankings available to Susan Dixon for inclusion on the IPC/FAI Website Rankings pages.

All the proposed changes to the rules were clarification changes - (1) {4.4.2} regarding the calculation of the points to determine the combined winner (accuracy/skiing); (2) {4.4.4} redefining the definition of the Final Round in accuracy and (3) {7.3.5.} defining the programme of events. There were no questions, objections or abstentions when put to the vote. **The proposed changes to the Para-Ski Competition Rules were accepted unanimously.**

Existing Rule including Proposed Addition in Blue

4.4.2 *The fastest time of each run shall be assigned 0 points in each individual ranking as described in 7.2.1. For team calculation only the fastest time of team members in the respective event is considered. For each 0.32 seconds that a competitor is slower than the fastest time, one point will be given....*

Existing Rule

4.4.4. *The best 20%, but no less than 8 men and 4 women, of the individual combined placing, including juniors and masters will jump in a final individual accuracy round.*

Proposed Change

4.4.4. The best 20%, but no less than 8 men and 4 women, of the individual combined placing, ~~including juniors and masters~~ will jump in a final individual accuracy round. The final jump counts for all medal rankings, i.e. including junior and masters if at least two of them are jumping in the final.

Existing Rule

5.2.12. *Each competitor, who exceeds more than 150 points or does not start at the gate when required or is disqualified, will be scored a maximum of 150 points.*

Proposed Change

5.2.12. Each competitor, who exceeds more than ~~150~~ the maximum points as described in 7.3.5. or does not start at the gate when required or is disqualified, will be scored ~~the a maximum of 150 points.~~

Existing Rule

7.3.5. Program of events

The FAI World Para-Ski Championships will comprise the following events:

(1) Team Accuracy landing: 6 rounds

The minimum number of rounds for a valid event is 2 (two). If there are only two or three rounds finished, the points for skiing are divided in half (half points, which means for each 0.64 seconds behind the fastest time one point is awarded,

Proposed Change

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The Para-Ski Competition Rule changes will be incorporated into the 2018 versions of the Para-Ski Competition Rules which will be posted on the FAI/IPC Website.

20 IPETA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Gail Bradley (Delegate, Australia), IPETA Company Secretary, returned to IPETA and the Election of the Officers (Agenda item 5.3.2.) and referred to the decision taken by the Plenary earlier in the day to re-appoint the existing Directors {5 from IPC (2 Bureau, 3 Elected from the Floor of the Plenary) and 2 from FAI} to oversee the winding up of the Company. She asked that this be put to the vote and it was **- there were no objections or abstentions and so it was accepted unanimously**. She thanked the existing Directors for taking on this task.

21 2/3RDS MAJORITY REQUIRED TO CONSIDER THE BIDS FROM USA AND ROMANIA

Two bids were on the table and required a 2/3rds majority to allow them to be included in the Agenda and voted on during this Plenary. 1st from Eloy, Arizona for a World Cup in Formation Skydiving and Artistic Events 5-13 October 2019. The 2nd was from Romania for a Canopy Formation European Championships and World Cup, 15-24 August 2019.

Both were voted on unanimously and accepted onto the Agenda for the meeting.

21.1 USA, FORMATION SKYDIVING, ARTISTIC EVENTS, WORLD CUP 5 - 13 OCTOBER 2019.

The bid had been submitted by Lawrence Hill, Eloy, Arizona. Gernotl Rittenschöber (Delegate, Austria) asked if Eloy would consider the inclusion of Speed Skydiving into the event, but this was rejected by the organiser, who also confirmed the date could not be changed. There being no further questions the **bid was accepted unanimously**, and Mr. L. Hill was thanked very much for coming forward to fill this gap in the FCE programme. **Addendum M to these Minutes**

21.2 ROMANIA, CANOPY FORMATION EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS/WORLD CUP 2019, 15-24 AUGUST.

Cristina Stenczel (Delegate, Romania) presented their bid. They asked for support from IPC in selecting a suitable Meet Director as this was a very new venture for Romania. They had extended their original bid to include both 4-Way events and the revised Bid had been circulated just prior to this meeting. **Addendum N to these Minutes.**

Gernot Rittenschober (Delegate, Austria) asked that the Plenary authorise the Bureau to source a Meet Director (now was not the time to do so). **This was accepted and voted for unanimously.** Patrice Girardin (President of Honour) did volunteer for the position, should no one else be forthcoming.

That concluded the business of the day for Saturday, 27th January 2018.

SUNDAY, 28TH JANUARY 2018, 8.00 hr

A Roll Call was conducted by Markus Haggene, FAI, showing there were 33 Delegates present, with 13 proxies giving a total of 46 votes. The Delegate from Israel had left the meeting and given their proxy to Belgium.

A two-thirds majority would require 31 votes and a simple majority 24 votes.

22 INDOOR SKYDIVING

22.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mohammed Al Delayel (Delegate, Qatar) commenced by thanking his committee for their work during the year. He also stated how pleased he was to see the development of Dynamic Flying into forming its own Working Group away from the Artistic Events Committee. This frees his committee to concentrate on developing Indoor Skydiving and the format of a World Cup Series. They intended to present their proposals to the Plenary 2019. He also thanked the Plenary for their agreement (during the open meeting) to redefine the date for submission of Bids for inclusion on the Plenary Agendas in the future from 1st December to 1st October.

He then displayed his comparison table of the bids received for this Agenda for the Indoor Skydiving FCE's 2019 and 2020. The minor adjustments/clarifications of these bids gave example to the need of earlier submission. After allowing bidders to comment about their bids for 2019, (France the date change and the fact that their entry fee per participant did not include accommodation - Belgium that their entry fee per participant did not include the Sanction Fee) he added he was pleased to announce that France had proposed an alternative date, and Germany was prepared to change theirs. France offered a choice between 16-20 April 2019 or 23-27 October 2019. Germany now proposed 24-28 April 2019.

With regard to the 2020 Bids, it would not be possible to vote on the bid from Japan, due to their NAC's refusal to support them in this Bid, and in fact, stating they were opposed to the bid as there was no recognised Parachuting representation within the Japan NAC structure. The Delegation from FlyStation Japan Inc. were warmly thanked by all present for putting forward their bid and visiting Sofia to present it. They were wished success for their competition and for their work and contribution to the Olympic Dream.

Each Bid would be voted on in turn in a randomly drawn order : Belgium ; France ; Germany 2019

Belgium ; Poland 2020.

Markus Haggene was assisted in the distribution and collection of the voting papers by Arnold Hohenegger (Appointed Observer, Austria) and Ray Williams (Appointed Observer, Australia) acting as scrutineers.

Bids for 3rd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships 2019

Country	Yes	No	Abstention	Invalid	TOTAL
Belgium	15	28	2	1	46
France	29	16	1	-	46
Germany	12	33	-	1	46

Bids for 4th FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving 2020

Country	Yes	No	Abstention	Invalid	TOTAL
Belgium	40	6	-	-	46
Poland	10	35	1	-	46

Congratulations were offered to both France and Belgium.

Accepted Bid from Belgium 2020 attached as Addendum O

23 TECHNICAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

23.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Gustavo Eduardo Reyes (Delegate, Argentina) He also commenced by thanking his committee, and stating that the Annual Safety Report 2016 and a Power Point Presentation of that report, was on the USB key that had been circulated to all Delegates. The 2017 Annual Survey form was also on the same key and Gustavo encouraged all Delegates to ensure the questionnaire is completed by the responsible person within their organisation. The wider the participation in these information gathering tools the safer our sport can become. He further confirmed that 2016 was the second year they had included skydiving aircraft incidents into their reports.

He was glad to report it had only been necessary to issue one Information Notice during 2017. The committee had decided against incorporating Indoor Skydiving into the survey. He also reported that the committee had given up on the Electronic Reporting System as they had not managed to get it operational. He ended by suggesting all Nations take up the idea of the USA, UK and Australia to hold a National Safety Day.

The 2016 Annual Safety Report, the Power Point Presentation and Parachuting Aircraft Incidents, along with the 2017 Survey Form and Notes are Annexed to these minutes Addendums P, Q, R, S

24 RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

24.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ronald Overdijk (Delegate, Netherlands) also thanked his committee for all their work during the year. He stated that just prior to the Plenary they had been presented with a complete re-write to Sporting Code Section 5, Chapter 3, Records. There had been insufficient time for the committee to work on this and it was a project for 2018 to be presented in full at the Plenary 2019.

The proposed changes to Sporting Code Section 5, Internal Regulations, Event Application Document and FAI Controllers Handbook contained in the documents circulated prior to the plenary, after discussion at the Open Meeting, were put to the **vote and accepted unanimously**. The agreed change

to the Bid Submission date for the Plenary Agenda from 1st December prior to the Plenary Meeting to 1st October of that year would be incorporated in all relevant documents.

The committee would continue to work on the changes to the FAI/IPC Organiser Agreement to reflect the proposals with regard to the Organiser's Website and the publication of the IPC FCE official results. Susan Dixon (IPC Webmaster) stated that the agreement of the Plenary to her proposal to create a bespoke Web Site for IPC FCE Results would cover many of the issues.

All of the **proposed changes were accepted unanimously by the Plenary**. Liam McNulty (Delegate, Ireland) asked a question on the legality of the Organiser Agreement. Prior to the finalisation of the 'New Organiser's Agreement' agreements in the past for FCE's had been signed at the Plenary immediately the Bid was awarded. This has not been the case with the new Agreement, in fact he was very surprised, as Jury President, Montenegro FCE 2017 to discover that the OA had not been signed by both parties (FAI - Organiser). He did not receive a good explanation from the FAI. Randy Connell (Alternate Delegate, United States of America)- re Wingsuit FCE Nevada; Agnieszka Sobczynska (Alternate Delegate, Poland), re CP FCE Poland, had all experienced problems and Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle (IPC President), stated that Bahrain had yet to receive their Organiser Agreement, although their Bid had been approved at Faro 2017. The rollout of the new OA has seen ongoing delays because of the change requests and he apologised for the inconvenience this has caused. Markus Haggene, FAI answered on behalf of the FAI stating that the rewriting of the Organiser Agreement had been a long process, each time it approached publication more amendments were proposed. It was such an important document and so necessary to establish 'rights' to an Event. The question was raised from the floor as to the necessity to have an Organisers Agreement - was it necessary? If it was not signed was the competition valid? Markus Haggene confirmed that an event is always fully covered by statements in the General Section and SC, even without a signed OA.

Ronald called for a vote on the proposed changes to the Sporting Code Section 5, Internal Regulations, First Category Event Application Document and FAI Controllers Handbook in the documents circulated prior to the Plenary start. **These were accepted in full, unanimously**. Agenda Annexes, 51, 52.

the accepted changes to the Sporting Code Section 5, Internal Regulations, First Category Event Application Document and FAI Controllers Handbook are appended to these Minutes - Addendum T

Ronald then moved to the various proposals contained in the Agenda Documents from various Delegates with rule changes: Annexes 53, 54, 55 and 56.

Gernot Rittenschober (Delegate Austria) withdraw his proposal, he was content that the committee had incorporated it into their proposals. Annex 54 had been discussed at the open meeting and incorporated into the changes proposed by the committee.

Gillian Rayner (Delegate, France) withdrew their proposal as it needs more discussion and consideration of the impact on multiple documents. She suggested that there appeared to be a general agreement to move in the direction of renaming IPC and could be worked on during the year for a formal presentation of change to the Plenary 2019.

After a discussion amongst Delegates, Poland agreed to withdraw their proposal on the understanding that if an Organiser sought help with a Meet Director the Bureau would proffer this assistance. It was a difficult situation to legislate for, as it was very much a local need.

Ronald confirmed there were no proposed changes to the composition of his committee which was working well together.

25 JUDGES COMMITTEE

25.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Bernard Nicolas (Alternate Delegate, France), explained that the proposals from the Judges committee to rule changes were mainly housekeeping. During 2017 one of the nominated Chief Judge's for an FCE had resigned his position (for personal reasons). The Judges committee realised there was no laid down replacement procedure which they now wished to redress.

Existing Rule

6.6.1. Chief Judge

The Chief Judge (CJ) for an FCE is nominated by the Judges' Committee -----

He must also be familiar with all aspects of the conduct and operation of an international competition and will serve as administrative head of the Panel of Judges.

Proposed Change

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In the case where the designated Chief Judge is unable to attend the FCE the following procedure will be applied:

1 - The said Chief Judge must inform without delay the Chair of the Judges Committee and the Organizers of the FCE of his inability to attend.

2 – The Chair of the Judges Committee will immediately inform the IPC Bureau and the relevant discipline Committee Chair of the resignation. The Judges Committee will, within the following 7 days and taking into consideration any suggestion from the relevant Discipline Committee, nominate a replacement Chief Judge.

3 - The IPC Bureau will then take all necessary steps to comply with SC S5 in the organization of the FCE.

He also drew the attention of the Delegates to a clarification of Sporting Code Section 5, 4.1.4 where the requirement for the EJ to arrive one day before the Judging panel had been incorrectly placed under 4.1.4 (1), whereas it should be under 4.1.4 (2). The Judges Committee would work with the Rules and Regulations Committee to ensure the correct wording. This change had been accepted in Faro 2017, so was purely housekeeping.

When the proposed changes were put to **the vote there were no objections or abstentions and they were voted for unanimously** on the understanding that the Judges Committee work with the Rules and Regulations Committee on the best wording of any changes.

All the proposed changes to the various Rules and Regulations relating to Judging matters are amended to these Minutes, Addendum U

Bernard further reported on the decision to discontinue the On Line Judge Training Course, due to the difficulties presented by its maintenance. However Bernard wished to thank Karla Cole and her work as Judge Training Course Co-ordinator, for the courses she had arranged during 2017 and the very successful Training Judge Workshop that had preceded the Plenary meeting. 18 Chief Training Judges had attended, a maximum take up.

Bernard then presented the Chief Judges who were proposed for the FCE's 2018.

<u>Competition</u>	<u>Discipline</u>	<u>CJ Name</u>
1st FAI European Indoor Skydiving Championships (NOR) April 2018	Formation Skydiving Artistic Events	Pekka Salmela Thi Bich Van Ha
1st FAI World Canopy Piloting Freestyle Championships (POL) and 7th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships (POL) July 2018	Canopy Piloting	Marylou Laughlin
35h FAI World Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Championships/ 9th FAI Junior World Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Championships (BUL) August 2018	Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing	Zeljko " Zippo" Prajz
2nd FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships (CZE) August 2018	Wingsuit Flying	Richard 'Buzz' Bennett
23rd FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships (AUS) October 2018	Formation Skydiving	Zeljko Tanaskovic
12th FAI World Artistic Events Championships (AUS) October 2018	Artistic Events	Sylvia Wagner
18th FAI World Canopy Formation Championships (AUS) October 2018	Canopy Formation	Julia Sotnikova
2nd FAI World Speed Skydiving Championships (AUS) October 2018	Speed Skydiving	Angelika Mittasch
3rd FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving (BRN) October 2018	Formation Skydiving Artistic Events	Thierry Courtin Jami Pillash

Finally calling for a vote of approval, Bernard confirmed the number of Judges proposed for Indoor Skydiving, Formation Skydiving and Artistic Events : - 12 per discipline.

Following a few questions of clarification, Bernard called for a vote and the Chief Judge selection and number of Judges for Indoor events **was approved without objections or abstention**.

Resulting from discussions between the judges in Laval, Canada, and the different approach of the introduction of judges for Dynamic Flying, from outside the skydiving community, Bernard had conducted a simple survey of Judges' opinion on sharing rooms at FCEs. The results led him to believe that this was a subject for the future, either by offering single rooms to judges; reducing the star rating of the hotel to enable single rooms to be booked; and the suggestion of President Hoenle, to give the judges the option of paying the difference and taking a single room. This would be formulated and put the Plenary for discussion and a vote next year.

Bernard confirmed that all NAC's had checked the FAI Judges Listing posted at the back of the room, ensuring it was correct, with all the contact details including a valid e-mail address. Denis Werenskiold (Delegate, Denmark) asked for an exception to be made for the Danish judges, as due to problems within their offices the list had been submitted after the deadline. His request was of particular interest to Wingsuit Flying as this discipline was short of judges and would like to be able to include those from Denmark. Bernard, with the support of the Plenary said that the rules had to be followed, although it was unfortunate, other NACs had suffered so in the past. There were sufficient judges on the Nominated FAI Judges List (9) for a panel to be selected. He also stated that a clarification of the rules relating to a judge vacancy on the panel, to enable a Chief Judge to select a qualified judge from the FAI Judges Listing was currently being discussed by the committee.

The FAI Judges List and FAI List of Nominated Judges are appended to these Minutes - Addendums V and W

He closed his presentation by thanking his committee for their continuing good work and also by paying respect and his extended thanks to Lindy Rochow-Williams for her work over many years. He was very grateful to her for her support and wished her well for the future. He had invited Zeljko Tanaskovic (Alternate Delegate, Sweden) to fill Lindy's slot on the committee.

26 LIST OF APPROVED AND QUALIFIED JURORS

26.1 REPORT OF THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT - JURORS

Patrice Girardin, as his last duty as 1st Vice President presented the 2018 Jury Listing. There had been no additions or deletions this year. However on the list displayed Patrice had neglected to include Gustavo Eduardo Reyes (Delegate, Argentina) and C Chang Choi (David) (Alternate Delegate, Korea) - both appointed in 2017 (Faro); also Jiri Blaska (Delegate, Czech Republic) was placed on a jury for 2016, when in fact it had been Sarka Blaskova (Alternate Delegate, Czech Republic).

The corrected list was then presented and voted to be accepted, unanimously.

The list is appended to these minutes as Appendix X

26.2 REPORT OF THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT - JURIES 2018, FAI CONTROLLERS 2018,2019, 2020

Patrice then presented the proposed Juries for 2018 and the FAI Controllers for 2018, 2019 and 2020 although a decision had yet to be reached for the Mondial 2020. This was going to be the largest ever parachuting event, making this a very important appointment. After some discussion and suggestions from the floor it was left to the incoming Bureau to decide and publicise that decision via the FAI/IPC Website. Patrice Girardin, thanked colleagues for putting forward his name, but if the WAG 2020 was granted to Turkey he would be fully involved in that.

The list was then presented and voted to be accepted, unanimously

The list is appended to these minutes Appendix Y

27 AWARDS

27.1 LEONARDO DA VINCI DIPLOMA

There were no other Award proposals for this Plenary.

John Smyth (Delegate, United Kingdom) presented, on behalf of the British Parachute Association, their nomination for John Hitchen to receive this award in recognition of his many years service to IPC - as a Delegate, Judge, Jury Member, FAI Controller - he was well known to many of the Delegates present in Sofia. His full history of service was included in Annex 64 attached to the Agenda.

There was no doubt in the room about his suitability for this Award and he received a standing ovation of acceptance **without objection or abstention.**

The 2018 Leonardo da Vinci Diploma 2017 was awarded to John Hitchen (United Kingdom).

28 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Aliya Ananina (Delegate, Russia) drew the attention of all Delegates to the advertising flyer circulated by the Russian Delegation inviting participation in their "Handiffly Euro Challenge", Moscow, 25-30 July

2018. All details and registration is available on the website <http://sky-open.nubex.ru/en/> and she requested all delegations to indicate their intention to participate by 15 February 2018.

29 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

29.1 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The new Committees and Working Groups were displayed and the Plenary was asked to vote to approve the composition of each. At the moment the position of Chair of the Artistic Committee was vacant following the unexpected resignation of Ron Miasnikov (Delegate, Israel) and the existing committee may change with the new Chair. The new Bureau would take this on as an urgent project.

The listing, as presented was **accepted unanimously without objection or abstention.**

The list is appended to these minutes Appendix Z

29.2 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE IPC WORLD GAMES LIAISON OFFICER

Following the resignation of Elisabet Mikaelsson the position remains to be decided; again a project for the incoming Bureau.

Accepted by the Plenary without objection or abstention.

29.3 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE WORLD AIR GAMES LIAISON OFFICER

Patrice Girardin (President of Honour) would continue as the World Air Games Liaison Officer and was **unanimously approved.**

29.4 CONFIRMATION OF THE IPC WEBMASTER AND MEDIA LIAISON OFFICER

Susan Dixon (Approved Observer, France) would continue in her roles as Webmaster and Media Liaison Officer following the **unanimous approval of the Plenary.**

29.5 CONFIRMATION OF THE IPC RECORDS OFFICER

Randy Connell (Alternate Delegate, United States of America) agreed to continue in this role. This was **unanimously approved by the Plenary.**

30 BUREAU POSITIONS - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(For a 2 year term of office until the IPC Plenary 2020)

30.1 IPC PRESIDENT

Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle was asked if he wished to re-stand for office and he confirmed he did.

Markus Haggene, FAI, then asked if there were any other candidates from the floor of the Plenary. Gillian Rayner (Delegate, France) confirmed her candidature.

Both candidates made a short presentation of what they would/could bring to the role of IPC President.

Markus Haggene, FAI, assisted by the scrutineers who had acted throughout this Plenary, handed out voting slips with a clear instruction to simply write one name only on the voting paper.

In Total 46 votes were cast as follows:

Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle	19
Gillian Rayner	26

with 1 abstention.

Gillian Rayner was duly elected IPC President and was welcomed into the role by the FAI President, Frits Brink.

Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle then stood down and handed the microphone and responsibility for the final business of this Plenary, 2018 to Gillian Rayner.

Following her thanks to the Plenary for her appointment, Gillian called on a vote **to make Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle an IPC President of Honour which was accepted unanimously.**

At this point in the meeting it was noted that the Russian Delegation had left the Plenary, taking with them one of the proxies. **This left a total vote of 44 (32 Delegates, 12 proxies) with a simple majority of 23.**

30.2 IPC 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Nominations	NAC	Accepted/Declined
Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle	None	Declined (not Delegate)
Elisabet Mikaelsson	Sweden	Accepted
Doris Merz-Hunziker	Switzerland	Declined
Alberto Martin Paracuellos	Spain	Declined
Liam McNulty	Ireland	Declined
Ronald Overdijk	Netherlands	Declined
Sarka Blaskova	Czech Republic	Declined
Patrice Girardin	None	Declined (not Delegate)
John Smyth	United Kingdom	Declined

As the only Nominee to accept the nomination, **Elisabet Mikaelsson** was voted by acclamation.

30.3 TWO IPC VICE PRESIDENTS

Nominations	NAC	Accepted/Declined
Mohammed Al-Delayel	Qatar	Declined
(David) Chang Il Choi	Korea	Declined
Doris Merz-Hunziker	Switzerland	Accepted
Alberto Martin Paracuellos	Spain	Declined
Ronald Overdijk	Netherlands	Declined
Jiri Blaska	Czech Republic	Declined
Liam McNulty	Ireland	Declined
Patrice Girardin	None	Declined (not Delegate)
John Smyth	United Kingdom	Declined
Agnieszka Sobczynska	Poland	Accepted
Rina Gallo	Canada	Declined

Again, as there were only two Nominees who accepted the nomination both Doris Merz-Hunziker and Agnieszka Sobczynska were **voted by acclamation, there being no objections or abstentions**.

NOTE: Following the closure of the Plenary, it was realised that Agnieszka Sobczynska being Alternate Delegate for Poland had not been eligible to accept her nomination as Vice President. She therefore regretfully withdrew her acceptance. As the Plenary had closed and there had been no other candidate for the position during the voting process, the position will remain unoccupied and an election for a Vice-President will take place at the Plenary 2019

30.4 FINANCE SECRETARY

Markus Hagganey called for any Candidate for the position of Finance Secretary, as Mr. Peter Pfalzgraf has stated his intention not to re-stand for Election. The only person to step forward was Gail Bradley (Delegate Australia), again she was **voted by acclamation** by the Plenary.

30.5 RECORDING SECRETARY

Having confirmed her willingness to re-stand for election, and there being no candidate standing against her, Susan Dixon was re-appointed to the position, with **no objections or abstentions, unanimously**.

31 BUDGETS 2018 AND 2019

Peter Pfalzgraf, Finance Secretary presented his final budgets for 2018 and 2019 having taken account of all the requests from Committee Chairs and Officers for items to be included in the budget. The calculations were displayed on the overhead projector. There was a question from Susan Dixon with regard to the total Media Budget for 2018 - shown in the figures as 26,000 €. She said by her calculations, as agreed during this Plenary, there was 9,000 € for Skydive-TV; 6,000 € for the new results web site; and 8,000 € for FCE coverage, a total of 23,000 €. Peter explained that he took a nominal figure of 3,000 € as a budget amount for all committees and officers in order to create a budget and he had used the same figures for 2019. Susan felt that the actual figure he now had of 23,000 € should replace the 3,000 € nominal. Peter agreed to alter the Budget accordingly.

When put to the vote there were no objections or abstentions and it was passed unanimously.

32 1ST BUREAU DECISION

Gillian Rayner (IPC President) then announced the first decisions of the new Bureau. Having been tasked with finding an FAI Controller for the Mondial, Tanay, Russia 2020 and the World Games Liaison Officer - they would like to propose Dr. Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle (President of Honour) for both positions. Their proposals were **accepted unanimously** amidst strong applause from all present.

33 FUTURE IPC PLENARY MEETINGS

33.1 69TH IPC PLENARY MEETING - 2019

The first step in the choice of venue for the 2019 Plenary meeting was the requirement to vote on whether or not to hold the meeting in Lausanne. An absolute majority is required to seek an alternative venue, and when put to the vote this **was achieved unanimously without objection or abstention**.

Following their Letter of Intent presented to the 67th IPC Plenary meeting in Faro by France, France had presented their Bid to host the IPC 69th Plenary Meeting in Lille, France.

France made a short presentation of their bid which included the video they had shown for their successful bid to host the 3rd FAI World Indoor Skydiving Championships 2019, utilising the same Hotel and with the ability of Delegates to visit the tunnel as well. When asked if it would be possible to arrange tunnel time for the Delegates during the Plenary meeting, it was confirmed that the undoubtedly the tunnel organiser would extend a very warm welcome to all Delegates in January 2019.

A vote was taken, and it was **accepted unanimously** that the 69th IPC Plenary Meeting 2019 would take place in Lille, France - 22-27 January 2019.

34 THANKS TO THE HOST AND ADJOURNMENT OF THE 68TH IPC PLENARY MEETING

On behalf of the Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Observers, FAI officers and the IPC Bureau, President Gillian Rayner thanked the Aero club Montana and the Bulgarian National Aeroclub and particularly the family Stamenova - Angel Stamenov (Main Organiser), Ani Stamenova,(Delegate Bulgaria), Vesela Stamenova-Dzhorova (Alternate Delegate, Bulgaria) and their support staff for their attention to detail and hospitality extended to all over the whole of the week. It had been an outstanding meeting.

The 68th IPC Plenary Meeting ended with standing applause to our hosts, and organisers.

The 68th IPC Plenary Meeting concluded at 14.30 hrs Sunday 28h January 2019

35 LIST OF ADDENDA

- Addendum A Delegate List www.fai.org/page/ipc-delegates
- Addendum B Report of the FAI Representative Mr. Markus Haggenev, Sports and Events Director
- Addendum C Presentation and report by IPC Media Partner - Skydive-TV
- Addendum D Parachuting for the Disabled Working Group Report 2017
- Addendum E Financial Statement for 2017
- Addendum F Budget 2018
- Addendum G Budget 2019
- Addendum H Formation Skydiving - New FS 4-Way Block Formations for 2019
- Addendum I Revised Bid from Poland for 7th FAI WCPC 2018 to include Freestyle
- Addendum J Bid from South Africa to host 10th FAI WCCP 2019
- Addendum K Wingsuit Flying Competition Rules with changes highlighted
- Addendum L Revised Bid from Russia for Mondial 2020 to include CP Freestyle and Date change
- Addendum M Bid from United States of America for 22nd FAI WCFS 2019 and 12th FAI WCAE 2019
- Addendum N Bid from Rumania to host the 8th FAI ECFC and 10th FAI WCCF 2019
- Addendum O Accepted Bid from Belgium to host the 4th FAI WCIS 2020
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