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1. IPC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Scoring System

Last month I reported that an evaluation was being made on the use of the Cametrix system at competitions in August at Kikinda, Serbia (Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing) and Klatovy, Czech Republic (Canopy Piloting).

This evaluation has now been completed with reports from Chief Judges, FAI Controllers, Jury reports and a report from Cametrix itself. As a result, the Bureau has decided to exercise the option open only until end of September 2011, to cancel the contract.

The Bureau was aware of the popularity of the Cametrix system for Formation Sky-diving events and its capability to integrate scores and other web output seamlessly into the FAI/IPC website, a feature that made the system particularly suited to the objectives of the IPC Strategic Plan. The way forward will be a topic of discussion at the coming Plenary meeting in February, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

FAI General Conference news

The following is a very brief synopsis of some of the main issues affecting IPC discussed at the General Conference and the Air Sport Commission Presidents meeting with the FAI President and the Executive Board in Belgrade, 12 – 15 October 2012. For full details, please refer to the minutes, which will follow in due course, or discuss with your national FAI delegate.

IPC/ASC Finances

I have previously raised the matter of the IPC reserves maintained within the FAI accounts. The past FAI President had proposed initially that ASC's should be levied to contribute to the cost of running the FAI office and superstructure. This proposal was later reduced to a "resource sharing mechanism", under control of the FAI Executive Board. Following a meeting with the Executive Board and the Air Sport Commission Presidents on 12 October prior to the FAI General Conference, it was agreed that the FAI Budget Guidelines would include statement that any resource sharing mechanism would include the requirement to consult and obtain agreement with the Air Sport Commission President/s concerned.

"Hot Potatoes"

FAI President John Grubbstrom raised three contentious issues for consideration and possible decision at next year's Conference.

1. Air Sport Commission votes at General Conference. It was proposed that the General Conference give consideration to removing the votes of Air Sport Commissions. Each ASC is allocated 4 votes each, the equivalent of a class 7 membership, which applies to a country with 3 to 5000 air sport persons.
2. Abolish the Air Sport General Commission, and transfer responsibility of the Sporting Code General Section to the ASC President's group. This was unanimously rejected by the CASI which comprises representatives of the 10 ASC's and 10 elected NACs.
3. Create FAI Regional Vice-Presidents in 8 regions covering the globe, to promote FAI membership and objectives. The Conference resolved to go ahead with this project without delay in a targeted sequential manner. NACs are to be canvassed for possible candidates to this voluntary role.

Vacancy for a Sport Manager in FAI office

Air Sport Commission Presidents were advised that a vacancy currently exists in the FAI office to fill the position left by now Secretary General, Jean-Marc Badan. ASC Presidents were requested to pass the word on that applications are now being called for. Further details available from the FAI office in Lausanne.

FAI Sports Agency

FAI Board is proposing to establish a Sports Agency as a separate corporate identity to promote specific sports events targeted at showcasing cities and sports on a commercial basis.

Media Rights

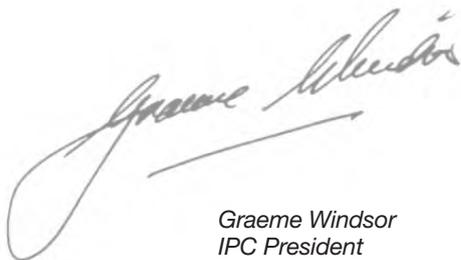
FAI has cancelled its contract for exclusive media rights with Flying Aces Ltd.

FAI Medals

The Air Sport General Commission, CASI, passed a unanimous resolution tasking the FAI office with investigating a source of FAI medals at a lesser cost. This meeting was chaired by myself as 1st VP due to the inability of the President to attend due a medical condition.

Thank You

I wish to sincerely thank Agnieszka Solomon for volunteering to put together this Newsletter and to assist the Bureau in development of a Canopy Piloting tour concept. Her expertise, efficiency and efforts are greatly appreciated.



Graeme Windsor
IPC President

2. FAI/IPC AWARDS

The FAI/IPC awards not only provide an avenue for recognition for deserving persons and organisations within parachuting, they also provide a vehicle for promoting both national and international recognition of the sport of parachuting.

Awards specifically available for Parachuting are as listed in FAI By-Laws and include:-

THE FAI GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL was established by the FAI in January 1968. The cost of the Medal is covered by the revenue from a 10,000 US Dollar endowment fund provided by Mr. J.A. Istel, President of Honour of the FAI Parachuting Commission. The Medal may be awarded annually for an outstanding accomplishment in connection with parachuting. This may be in the realm of sport, safety, or, at the option of the Commission, an invention. It cannot be awarded to delegates to the FAI Parachuting Commission. One Medal only may be awarded annually.

THE LEONARDO DA VINCI PARACHUTING DIPLOMA was established in 1970 by the FAI. One Diploma a year may be awarded to a male or female parachutist who has:

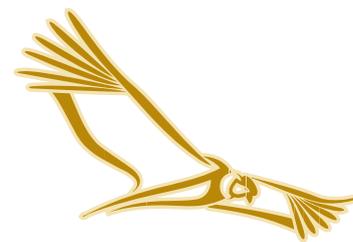
- obtained at least three times consecutively the title of National Parachuting Champion; or
- obtained at least once the title of Absolute Parachuting Champion and at least twice the title of Combined Champion at an international parachuting competition ; or
- successfully fulfilled the function of Chief Judge at least twice at an international competition and at least once at a World Parachuting Championship; or
- fulfilled at least three times consecutively the function of International Judge at a World Parachuting Championship ; or
- established at least three World Parachuting records ; or
- fulfilled at least twice the function of Competition Director at an International Parachuting Contest, and at least once at a World Parachuting Championship; or
- been appointed President of Honour of the FAI Parachuting Commission; or served for at least ten consecutive years, and is still serving as, national delegate to the FAI Parachuting Commission.
- Frequency and Number. One Diploma only may be awarded annually.
- Nomination and Approval. Procedures shall be as described in Chapter 9 of the Statutes, subject to the following additional condition:

Nominations, with accompanying dossiers, shall reach the FAI Parachuting Commission by the date of the meeting previous to the meeting at which the award is voted.

FAUST VRANCIC MEDAL was established in 2001, following a proposal by the Aeronautical Federation of Croatia, in memory of Faust Vrancic. The Medal may be awarded, on the decision of the FAI Parachuting Commission, for technical innovation or achievement in parachuting. It cannot be awarded to Delegates to the FAI Parachuting Commission. One Medal will be provided annually by the Aeronautical Federation of Croatia.

Nominations are invited.

3. IPC PLENARY MEETING 2012



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MEETING
BUENOS AIRES
ARGENTINA

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07-12

www.paracaidismo.org.ar/ipcmeeting2012

This is a reminder that the closing date for items – reports, resolutions, nominations for awards, bids and any other agenda items, is **26 November 2011**.

The **Plenary Registration Form** can be had on the Plenary 2012 web site – www.paracaidismo.org.ar/ipcmeeting2012

Delegates are urged to nominate suitably-qualified people for the following awards - Gold Parachuting Medal of the FAI, Leonardo da Vinci Diploma, Faust Vrancic Medal of the FAI. The criteria for nomination for these awards can be found in IPC's Internal Regulations document, which is available on the web site, or from the IPC's Recording Secretary. Nominations should be sent to the IPC Recording Secretary for inclusion in the agenda of the 2012 Plenary Meeting. The closing date for nominations, as for all agenda items, is 26th November 2011.

4. FAI WEB SITE

www.fai.org

FAI web site has been re-designed and updated. Please make yourself familiar with new look and feel, as well as the new structure. Enjoy!

5. FROM IPC CANOPY PILOTING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF CP COMPETITORS' MEETING – KLATOVY, CZECH REPUBLIC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 15:15, 26 AUGUST 2011.

Members of IPC Canopy Piloting Committee present: Jacqui Bruwer (Chair), Jan Anderson, Christopher Ian Bobo, Alberto Martin Paracellos, Barry McAuley and Jason Moledzki.

Item #1 – Definitions

- forward comments to Jay Moledski and Ian Bobo

Item #2 – Course Lengths

Due to increasing distance records being made and the fact a lot of venues will be unable to meet the new requirements following suggestions were made:

- drag water
- maintain 1.5 metre or below thru the water course (course markers)
- No change, keep going
- drag water from entry gate up to a given distance.
- keep 1,5 m throughout the water
- keep 1,5 m through the first 100 m
- combine both methods

For Distance the vote was favourable to go to 1.5 metre high course markers on the water portion of the course and require competitors to stay below that height over the water. Also, allow water touch after entry gate without penalty. As in speed vertical extensions on any of the course markers would result in minimum score.

For Speed, don't drag water - leave as is.

Item #3 – High Speed Camera (1000fps)

An issue that has been discussed in the past but was put on hold because of the price of the equipment. Apparently there are now cameras available for around US\$1000.

- this equipment could be used as back-up for sensors
 - should virtually eliminate reumps
 - should be incorporated into Cametrix

Ian Bobo to investigate feasibility of this equipment and report back.

Item #4 – Weight Categories

Extensive discussion on this issue – including the following.

- need feedback mostly from lighter weight competitors wearing lots of weight
- how will categories be decided?
- Large numbers of competitors only at FCE's
- Possibly same canopy size or Wing Loading
- One canopy for all events

No consensus was arrived at.

Item #5 – Course Markers

After allowing the use of smaller course marker in the Distance and Accuracy Events the majority of competitors voted to return to the normal sized floatable course markers used for the past number of years. The smaller markers presents a different sight picture and makes set-ups more difficult.

Item #6 – Freestyle

Lengthy discussion on judging methods and structure – including:

- keep as separate competitions (do not merge as 4th event of combined)
- for scoring, throw out high and low and average remaining 3 scores
- assign values for entry/exit areas
- start with 10 points and deduct amounts for each element
- separate judges into judging the different components of the move i.e water, execution, landing, etc.
- we need video of all moves for judges' training
 - send to Barry McAuley
- make rounds 1 and 2 open to all moves in the pool (one different move for each round)
- round 3 is "free" for combinations and new moves
- define landings more clearly – reference PST – limit to three – take into consideration a stand-up sliding landing -committee to work out
 - 0 – 1 – 2 points for landing
 - define time on water
 - section water for reference (markers on side or noodles in water)
- score of 0 if coming to a stop in the water

Item #7 – Scoring System

In addition to the following items discussed, more feedback is welcome.

- 2 sensors required at entry and exit
- ability to display two competitions at once (WC & EC)
- ability to have more than one competitor on course at the same time – continuous running clock
- high speed camera to validate timing
- bring spares of everything
- get specific percentage of rejudges from system failures in other nations
- have included in contract that supplier pays for rejudges over a certain percentage
- the ability to supply the necessary paperwork required by judging staff
- manual input for wind measurement while competitors in course
- columns missing on combined score-sheet on website

Item #8 – Medical Equipment

Concern was expressed that basic medical equipment needs to be available on site i.e. backboard.

Item #9 – World Games

Chair of the Committee outlined basic information for those that may attend the World Games in Cali, Columbia in 2013.

- 36 competitor total
- wild card competitors for home nation
- females to be included.

6. FROM IPC TECHNICAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

2010 Reports

The Technical and Safety Officers of those countries that have not yet sent the 2010 Safety and AAD reports are reminded that these reports for 2010 are required as soon as ever possible. The compilation of the final reports, for presentation at the IPC Plenary meeting, and for distribution to T&S Officers worldwide, takes some time and therefore it is important to receive the reports relatively early.

Medical Research

Dr Anton Westman, who has conducted much research into medical conditions and their compatibility with parachuting, and also into injuries in parachuting, is now doing a study on diabetes and parachuting. A questionnaire has been sent to T&S Officers and those who have not yet completed this are asked to do so now, and return it to the T&S Committee.

Notices

Two Information Notices, Nos. 40 and 41, have been issued, on 06 October and 23 October respectively, and both relate to the Vigil AAD. These Information Notices have been sent to T&S Officers and are available on the web site.

Notice 40 http://www.fai.org/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&download=4194:information-notice-2011-no-4-06-10-2011&id=

Notice 41 http://www.fai.org/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&download=4247:information-notice-41-102011&id=

7. FROM IPC PARA-SKI COMMITTEE

First of all the Committee is happy that Russia is still working hard for hosting the World Meet in Para Ski 2013 in Sochi. As the time of final decision was delayed several times in the last years the Committee would be pleased getting a final decision as promised in this mail (after the elections) this year from the official Russian Delegate.

Secondly the Committee has made up its mind in GOSAU in March this year and decided unanimously having NO two way female teams in Para Ski. It is correct that it is easier to find one more female competitor forming a team than to find three more competitors. But the goal of the Committee is to increase the number of female competitors - and going back to two way teams is in the opinion of the Committee the wrong way as Artistic Disciplines have shown in the past. And having several two way teams is indeed no argument getting Olympic, the only argument can be having several 4-way teams!!!

Thirdly Para Ski will be a Demonstration Event at the Mondial in Dubai 2012. The Organiser is working on it and I - as the Chairman of the Committee - will have a meeting in Dubai in December for the last arrangements - so that the details and rules for this 2nd Cat. Event can be presented at the Plenary 2012.

Just to sum up in the Para Ski News should be announced, that there is still no bidder for a European Championship and World Cup in Para Ski 2012, Russia is intending hosting the World Meet in 2013 in Sochi (the final decision will be at the End of the Year 2011) and there will be a 2nd Category Demonstration Event in Para Ski during the Mondial in DUBAI 2012. Bidders are welcome to contact the Committee.

8. FROM IPC ARTISTIC EVENTS COMMITTEE

Biggest European head-down formation record

The Euro Record 2011- 80 way, the largest freeflying head-down formation in Europe, was made september 23rd at Skydive Empuriabrava in Spain. 18 nations were represented. This is an increase of over 40% from the last record made in 2009.

The formation was launched from 19.000 feet and had the shape of a colourful flower that flew over 5 seconds. It is the biggest parachuting formation ever flown in Spain. The event was attended by 110 of Europe's top freeflyers. The record was achieved after 7 jump attempts in just two days.

The pilots experience made it possible to spot the formation with such precision that all the jumpers could land safe back on the drop-zone. An incredible job done by the pilots taking in consideration that the airplane formation was composed by two Twin Otters, a Beech 99, a Dornier 28 and a Pilatus Porter, running in at ground speeds of over 130 knots.





At break off a new technique formerly used in formation skydiving was applied for the first time in freely, where jumpers tracked off in groups led by their pod leader. Overall it seems that everyone enjoyed and learned a lot from this freeflying experience. A very high technical level was displayed by all participants. It is all very promising for the future, with another attempt in 2013.

The organisers "Babylon" would like to thank their sponsors and send a huge well-done to the many people who have helped preparing and realising this event.

You can see the [Pictures](#) and [Videos](#) in this links.

9. IPC BUREAU DECISIONS

Fuller details/background regarding any Bureau Interim Decision may be had by contacting a Bureau member or the Committee Chair of the Committee concerned.

No. 2011/23/09

Date

20 September 2011

Subject

Payment to International Pink Parachute Club for the use of their scoring system at the 6th FAI World Cup of Canopy Piloting and 2nd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships, held at Klatovy, Czech Republic, 22nd - 27th August 2011.

Details

During the course of the competition, the Cametrix operator proposed that the organizers scoring system be used in the speed event, rather than Cametrix.

The International Pink Parachute Club had originally declared their contracted cost for providing their own scoring system was €400. Subsequently the claim from International Pink Parachute Club was for €500, plus €999 late order fee, totaling €1499.

Bureau Decision

The IPC Bureau agreed to reimburse the International Pink in the amount of €400, for the provision of a scoring system, the figure quoted by International Pink Parachute Club.