Minutes

of the

Annual Meeting

of the

FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)

Held in Luxor, Egypt

On Wednesday 24th October 2018

At the Sonesta St George Hotel-Luxor (EGY)

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1. Roll-Call

Present NACs: Australia, Chinese Taipei, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, UK and USA
ASCs: CIA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, GAC, IGC and IPC.
Representatives: CIMP and EnvC
CASI Bureau: Antonis Papadopoulos, Art Greenfield, Elsa Mark, Marina Vigoritto, Gillian Rayner
FAI EB: Frits Brink, Alvaro Orleans Borbon, Bob Henderson, Bengt Lindgren, Mary Anne Stevens, Jean Claude Weber.
FAI HO: Susanne Schoedel, Markus Haggeney, Grzegorz Pyzalka
Absent: Hungary, Hong Kong, Switzerland, CIACA, ICARE and from the Bureau Alicia Hirtzel.
Observers: Dr. John Grubbstrom (FAI President of Honor), Bernald Smith (Companion of Honor)

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:
- CIACA
- ICARE
- Switzerland – Alicia Hirtzel

3. Proxies

No proxies recorded.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Declarations of conflict of interest were called for and none were recorded.

5. CASI President's addresses

The CASI President, Antonis Papadopoulos, welcomed everyone and hoped for a productive meeting. He encouraged delegates to feel free to discuss any matter suitable for the meeting. A number of observers were also attending the meeting with the approval of the President.

He then gave the floor to the FAI President Mr. Frits Brink who welcomed all the participants and wished for a fruitful meeting.

6. FAI Secretary General report

FAI Secretary General, Susanne Schoedel took the floor and indicated that her report would be short and would be attached as an Annex to these minutes. She asked that her published comments on the proposed changes to the Sporting Code be taken into consideration and wished all the delegates a successful meeting.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 2017 in Lausanne, Switzerland

CASI President mentioned that Minutes were published and asked if there are any comments.

No comments or additions were recorded.

The motion to approve the Minutes was passed unanimously.
8. General Section amendments

1.4.1. The text as proposed in the Agenda was approved unanimously.

Any amendment to the General Section shall be decided by the CASI Plenary Meeting unless the CASI Plenary Meeting exceptionally delegates the CASI Bureau to act accordingly.

The voting system for the CASI Plenary Meeting is that of a simple majority.

2.2. A proposal to add additional descriptions to certain classes to the table in this paragraph was discussed.

Indoor Skydiving to Class G - Parachuting
Multi rotors to Class 5 - Rotorcraft

These additions were approved unanimously

The proposal to add Drones to class F - Aeromodelling was referred back to Bureau for further consideration.

5.5.4.1. Operational Officials

An explanation as to the need for this proposal was given. It is important that the results provided to the Jury for approval at the end of the competition be final and signed off by the Event Director. The proposal was accepted in principal but needed to be reworded to ensure that it fitted the specifics of each discipline since not all results were managed by an Event Director. The new wording was provided at the second CASI meeting to be held immediately after the General Conference.

5.5.1.4. The person responsible for scoring as per the relevant Discipline Competition Rules is responsible to provide the Jury with a signed-off copy of the final results to enable the Jury to act in accordance with 5.4.2.7.2.

7.4.2. This proposal made by CIVL was withdrawn after discussion.

7.6. An explanation was provided of the reason for the proposed change. Concern about the way the time is defined was raised by the USA and needs more specific wording. An explanation about competition rules answered another concern raised by the USA regarding the order of performance in a competition. The Secretary General highlighted the complexity created in the database by adding the time

The proposal as follows was approved.

On any date that a record is broken by more than one claimant, the best performance only will be awarded the new record except if an Air Sport Commission has a special provision for such a situation which is described in its own section of the Sporting Code.

Simultaneous records are possible if more than one claimant performing at the same time achieves exactly the same performance in the same conditions as another. In this case the record will be registered in the joint names of the concerned persons.

In all cases, not only the date of the performance should appear in the record claim but also the local time at which the performance occurred and, where applicable, the round of the competition in which it took place.

7.8.1.

The proposal was accepted with one minor change but after further consideration it was determined that the new wording needed clarification. Art Greenfield and Gillian Rayner would submit a new proposal for approval at the second CASI meeting immediately at the end of the General Conference. Following the second meeting, the proposal was adopted unanimously.

New proposal

... unless an extension is granted by the relevant ASC president having reviewed any factors that make it difficult to submit the file in the normal timescale. The request for extension shall be submitted to the ASC President within the time limit described above and a copy of the request submitted to the FAI.

7.8.2.
This proposed change is the practical application of the change to 7.6. and was approved unanimously.

The record claim shall include, as applicable:

- Place (course), date and local time of the performance;
- Name of Competition and competition round in which the performance was achieved;
- Name, gender and citizenship of the claimant(s) concerned and/or country represented;

7.8.3.

After discussion it was decided to withdraw the proposal and to leave the existing wording. It was however recognised by CASI that the intent of the rule was to ensure the FAI received the Preliminary Claim within the deadline and that any potential problem could be subject to an extension being granted by the ASC President prior to the attempt.

9. WAG 2020 General Rules

Although no change was proposed to this meeting, several points were highlighted for discussion. Any resulting proposal for change will be submitted in time for the 2020 CASI meeting.

2.2. Entry Qualifications

Markus Haggeney explained why it was necessary to determine the level of skill and experience of a participant and indicated that this should be included in the relevant competition rules or specialised sections of the Sporting Code.

The question was raised about participant selection and that this should, where possible, be common across all sports.

It was agreed that the ASC should define the selection criteria but that the NAC should then select entrants accordingly. The ASC could then express any concern about the skill level of an individual with the relevant NAC.

3.1. Head of Delegation

Due to the WAG 2020 being a multi-site event, there will probably be a need for several NAC officials and this should be taken into consideration when rewording the document.

5.1. International Air Sports Board

It was questioned as to whether it is necessary to have such a Board in a multi-site event since there will be an ASC Jury present for each Discipline. The scope and the duties of this IASB shall be redefined.

The CASI President proposed that the CASI Plenary authorise the CASI Bureau to work on the document during the course of the year and to propose an amended document at the 2020 Meeting. The proposal was carried unanimously.

10. Considerations for the future

Appeals

Currently the wording of FAI Statutes 5.2.3.2.5 enables an appeal to be made against a decision relating to a dispute of a sporting nature without a protest being lodged first.

Following discussion, it was motioned to allow the CASI Bureau to handle this question directly and to consult with the EB and the Statutes Working Group. The motion was carried.

Sporting Licence Data Base Classification

Antonis Papadopoulos suggested grouping together different categories of Sporting Licence that in reality fall under one Class or Sub-Class. This was discussed and although the problem of having two different organisations in a country managing different sub-classes of a discipline was raised, it was decided to go ahead with the grouping to facilitate searching in the Data Base.

New groupings:

Aeromodelling - Spacemodelling - Drones
11. Any Other Business

CIVL President, Stephane Malbos, enquired about the status of an appeal lodged following a CAT 1 World Championships. The CASI President confirmed that the appeal has been received by FAI Head Office and that the fees have been paid. The appeal tribunal will be set up after the CASI elections that will take place immediately after the General Conference.

The meeting was adjourned

***** End of day 1 *****

12. Elections

The meeting resumed on Saturday October 27th, 2018 at 18h15, right after the General Conference, for the elections of the Bureau members.

Present NACs: Australia, Chinese Taipei, France, Germany, Russia, Serbia, Spain, United Kingdom and USA,
Present ASCs: CIA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, IGC, IPC
Apologies: CIACA and ICARE
Absent: Hong Kong, Switzerland, GAC

The only nomination for President was Antonis Papadopoulos from CIAM and he was unanimously approved.

The only nomination for 1st Vice President was Art Greenfield from the USA and he was unanimously approved.

Nominations for the three Vice Presidents were Australia, Russia Serbia and IPC. Serbia declined and the three remaining candidates were approved unanimously.

In the absence of any candidate, Gillian Rayner accepted to continue in the role of Secretary concurrently with the role of Vice President.

13. Any Other Business – Part 2

Appeal
Stéphane Malbos, CIVL, gave some details about the appeal that is outstanding. The CASI President stated he was not in a position to nominate the members of the Appeal Tribunal yet and requested that all documents relating to the appeal be provided to him.

Discussing possible candidates, the CIVL President confirmed he would not stand in the tribunal but proposed Zeljka Ovuka. The German delegate, Hubertus von Samson offered his assistance confirming he is a hang glider/paragliding pilot and is knowledgeable of the rules.

WAG 2020 General Rules
A Working Group comprising the people listed below will be set up and will propose modifications to the rules for the next CASI meeting to be held in Marrakech in 2019.
Antonis Papadopoulos – CIAM, Sergey Ananov – Russia, Stephane Malbos – CIVL, Terry Cubley – Australia, Gillian Rayner – IPC

WAG Coordination Committee
The EB proposed to include the CASI President on this committee. Discussion on this point resulted in a proposal to nominate a person representing the NACs and a person representing the ASCs.
The EB has yet to write terms of reference for the WAG Coordination Committee and once these are published, CASI will be able to nominate candidates.

Markus Haggeney explained that the committee is intended to be the steering committee covering the whole event. It is planned to hold at least 4 one to two day meetings on-site per year together with THK so it is important that it is a permanent position. The Committee will be the highest level decision making body regarding the event. The whole process will only work if all parties cooperate, the position could potentially be quite political.

Sergey Ananov expressed concern that two CASI representative might have differing views that could lead to conflict.

Antonis Papadopoulos asked for possible candidates. Stéphane Malbos proposed the NAC President of Slovenia which was also supported by Marina Vigorito, new Executive Board member.

The meeting concluded at 19h00. The President thanked everyone for their contribution to both meetings.