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Minutes

Of the Midyear Meeting Of the FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)

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At the Mercure Hotel

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1. Roll-Call

The meeting was called to order at 09:07

Present: NACs: Australia, France, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, Russia, United Kingdom and USA

ASCs: CIA, CIACA, CIAM, , CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, GAC, IGC

Absent: Germany, Switzerland and IPC, CIG

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

Ms. Alicia Hirzel, Switzerland representative to CASI

Mr. Rainer Hoenle, IPC President

Mr. Jacques Berlo, CIG President

3. Proxies

No proxies recorded

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

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

5. President's addresses

CASI President, Mr. Antonis Papadopoulos opened the Midyear Meeting and welcomed all the Representatives and observers. He introduced and thanked the FAI President, Mr. Fritz Brink and the General Secretary, Ms Susanne Schödel for their presence. He thanked also the rest of the FAI EB members who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Papadopoulos gave the floor to the FAI President.

Mr. Fritz Brink welcomed those present and briefly referred to the new FAI projects, the Air Games Series - Multi Sports Events, and the importance to get involved with the Drone community.

He also presented the new President of the Lithuanian NAC who talked about the strong national program aiming to attract young people to aviation. More details to be given at the Active NACs Presidents Meeting next day. Also he introduced the new NAA (USA) President who also introduced himself.

The CASI President referred to the work done so far by the established Working Groups but also mentioned that it is important for the persons who volunteered to participate, at least to assist the chairmen in order to fulfil the task.

6. FAI Secretary General report

The Secretary General Ms. Susanne Schödel, informed about the new platforms to broadcast FAI events and the evolving digital marketing strategies.

Ms. Schödel informed the audience about the importance of creating synergies between disciplines to be able to develop our sports.

She also mentioned the Air Games Concept which promotes smaller event formats which can be organized close to spectators. There are interested cities to host these events, but FAI will need to answer some practical questions.

7. Multi Sports Events WG Update

Mr. Mike Close, the chairman of the WG summarised briefly the background of the WG proposal. The purpose was to include the Multi Sports Event definition into the General Section of the Sporting Code, based on the information received from the Statutes WG. Four (4) recommendations were presented in ANNEX 1 of the Agenda to be included in the next edition of the Sporting Code General Section.

Mr. Cassidy (UK) asked for clarifications regarding the nomination of competitors by NAC or by FAI.

Mr. Ananov (RUS) stated that according to the Russian NAC selection of competitors should be done by the NAC under the control of FAI and ASC. The selection process for national teams should be done by NAC and the selection of individual competitors by ASC.

Mr. Delor (FRA) supported the Russian proposal.

CIVL President Mr. Malbos considered that is very difficult to develop a general rule for Multi Sports Events because in the traditional competitions we use a mixed selection system.

Ms. Schödel informed the audience that for The World Games, Asian Games and Military Games (CISM) there are specific rules for selection of competitors..

Participants agreed that rules need to be specific to allow control but must not be too restrictive or limiting.

CIVL President suggested that these rules and possible changes should not be the FAI HO responsibility. He considered that such decision should be made by the EB with the consensus of the ASC to be mandatory before involvement in Multi Sports Events.

Mr. Close summarized that suggestions regarding the exact wording will be circulated and he requested the participants to actively give feedback on them, on time.

8. Sporting Licences WG Update

Mr. Malbos Chairman of the WG informed the participants about the difficulties the WG faced to formulate guidelines for NACs regarding the sporting licences and noted that political direction from the EB is much needed.

Mr. Delor (FRA) explained why we need sporting licences and what the sporting license is representing.

Ms. Schödel gave examples of the scheme other IF's have established for the same issue.

Ms. Vigorito (IGC) stated that by using these licences we recognize the membership in an organization, we acknowledge the rules of engagement and will respect them. Her view was supported by others.

Mr. Ananov (RUS) suggested that we should not consider withdrawing the right to issue licences from NACs, instead we should support them to be stronger.

Mr. Malbos (CIVL) reminded the participants that for Cat. 1 events all licences are checked by the ASC but in case of Cat. 2 competitions only the NAC or the organizers are in charge to do so, which allows room for interpretations or deviations.

Mr. Papadopoulos (CIAM) suggested the whole Cat. 2 concept needs to be reconsidered and that organizers need to be educated regarding the FAI online database. He mentioned that although CIAM organizes more than 300 Cat. 2 events annually, the percentage of participants with valid SL is getting close to 95% and he explained what actions CIAM took in order to arrive at this result.

Ms. Schödel stated that the EB will discuss the matter. She also requested that the paragraph in the WG report as presented to this meeting, mentioning her, to be changed as follows: *“Susanne Schödel came up with a proposal for Sporting Licenses to be issued by FAI for Cat 2 events for fundamental changes. Some of us liked it, some did not. The discussion did not really help to find a consensus. It is obvious that Susanne’s proposal is a starting point, not a final statement to be implemented as it is. Still, the basic idea changes the rules of the game: SL could be issued one way or the other by somebody other than the NAC.”*

Mr. Malbos summarized that the WG will accept proposals which will be discussed in the next CASI Plenary Meeting.

9. Jury Handbook WG Update

Chairman of the WG, Ms. Marina Vigorito informed the audience that major changes need to be done in the General Section before the Jury Handbook could be revised. Some commissions found solutions to reduce costs of Jury (e.g. remote Jury members) but these solutions are not in agreement with the current provisions of the General Section. Proposed changes will be prepared for the General Conference and will contain general guidelines which will allow ASC’s to create the specific rules for themselves.

Mr. Weber (FAI EB) reminded everyone that even with special rules for each ASC, fairness must be assured at all time.

Mr. Papadopoulos said that the draft of the revised Jury Handbook will be circulated for feedback.

10. Records and Classes WG Update

Mr. Greenfield (USA) Chairman of the WG presented the document (ANNEX 2) highlighting the overlaps in the various sections of the Sporting Code. The members of the WG gathered information and identified the various areas where overlap exists, but they will need more information and expert help to be able to formulate suggestions for possible changes to the rules. He said that he believes the WG needs to be reconstituted before it can continue its work.

CIVL President asked that the definitions of different kinds of gliders and hang gliders be included in General Section. These definitions were removed from the General Section a couple of years ago.

Ms. Vigorito informed the participants that IGC already submitted a proposal for it which will be discussed in the CASI Plenary Meeting next October at Lausanne.

Mr. Papadopoulos volunteered to assist the WG Chairman if so needed.

11. General Section

Mr. Papadopoulos proposed to review the following articles of the General Section to see if modifications were needed:

- if in paragraph 2.5 under the definition of continental regions, the list of the subdivisions for Asia is necessary.
- in paragraph 3.1.7. other forms of sporting licences provisions should be revised.
- international record recognition should be addressed at the next General Section edition.
- A definition for junior should also be introduced.

In addition to the General Section the volumes “Code of Ethics” and “Awards and Closing Ceremony Guidelines” need to be revised.

12. New Organizers Agreement

Mr. JC Weber (FAI EB) reported that he had been working together with Mr. Haggenev (who is not in the meeting due to his involvement with TWG) on the new organizer agreement. It was prepared and then checked by the FAI legal advisor. However he noted that some modifications to the Sporting Code General Section will also be needed and the item should appear on the Agenda of the next CASI Plenary Meeting.

13. Any Other Business

Ms. Vigorito (IGC) mentioned SC GS paragraph 7.6 - Simultaneous Records, and she explained the reasons why this has to be discussed during the next CASI Plenary Meeting. Mr. Papadopoulos (CIAM) mentioned that CIAM will submit a proposal for changes to the same paragraph. Mr. Greenfield (USA) mentioned that also in US a similar discussion was introduced among US Air Sports Organizations and if there is a proposal for the same paragraph NAA will submit it in time. The proposal was accepted.

Mr. Cassidy (UK) suggested that FAI contracts with third parties (e.g. Red Bull Air Race) should be made available to the FAI members.

Ms. Schödel said that legal agreements are the EB competence, the content of the Red Bull Air Race contract was shared but the whole document is confidential.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:00.