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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting
FAI Environmental Commission

held in Lausanne, Switzerland
on 22 January 2011
at Hotel Aulac

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ATTENDEES

PRESENT

Vice President	Mr. Bernald Smith (BS) (also Representative of IGC)
Italy	Mr. Andrea Tomasi (AT) (Alternate Delegate)
Norway	Mr. Arne Mathisen (AM) (Alternate Delegate and also holding Proxy for the United States of America)
Sweden	Mr. Rolf Björkmann (RB) (Alternate Delegate)
Switzerland	Mr. Felix Kiser (FK) (Delegate)
United Kingdom	Mrs. Diana King (DK) (Secretary & Delegate)
FAI	Dr. John Grubbström (JG) (FAI President)
FAI	Mr. Stéphane Desprez (SD) (FAI Secretary-General)
FAI	Mrs Ségolène Rouillon (SR) (FAI Members and Services Manager)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from

Germany	Dr. Wolfgang Scholze (Delegate)
Norway	Mr. Kåre Liasjö (Vice President & Delegate)
CIA Representative	Mr. Steve Ireland

1. **Opening Remarks by the Vice-President, Bernald Smith**

Bernald Smith welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 10:30 hours.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late President, Michael Goth, who had died in a gliding accident during the previous year.

2. **Welcome and Remarks by the FAI President, Dr. John Grubbström and the FAI Secretary-General, Mr. Stéphane Desprez**

The FAI President welcomed the Environmental Commission members to Lausanne and introduced himself and the members of the FAI headquarters staff.

He commented on the importance of the Environmental Commission and the need to present a positive attitude and publicity in order to counter the public impression that airports are not environmentally friendly. He asked the members to consider whether it would be more appropriate to have a Commission with democratic NAC representatives or a group of technical experts. He also asked what help is needed from the FAI headquarters.

ACTION EnvC to consider these questions

The Secretary-General described the present status of the FAI, which with 101 members organisations is currently larger than many other international sport federations.

FAI work in 2010 included

- Undertaking a strategic analysis and 360 degree analysis in order to develop a new Strategic Plan. The vision and mission were revisited and the FAI's goals were reviewed and re-stated as being:
 - i. To strengthen the organisation
 - ii. To unite the constituents (NACs, ASCs, TCs)
 - iii. To provide services to NACs, possibly coming from the work of the TCs
 - iv. To promote airports.
- Under finance and budgets, working to re-unite and consolidate revenues and make budgets more available to the Commissions including the TCs.
- Projects including a re-organisation of HQ staffing, outsourcing the IT, a revamp of the website, to include plans for a members' intranet, and the office move to the Maison du Sport Internationale.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting in Neu-Isenburg, Germany 6 Feb 10

It was agreed unanimously that the Minutes be accepted with the amendment of Minute 12 (3) to remove the action on Norway to lead on the EMS simplification.

4. Commission President's death

BS commented that the death of Michael Goth was a great loss to the Environment Commission and proposed that he be elected as a posthumous President of Honour of the Environment Commission. This was agreed unanimously and should be notified to his family, his company and the DAeC.

5. Vice Presidents' Reports

5.1 KÅRE LIASJÖ, Commission Vice President

There was no report.

5.2 BERNALD SMITH, Commission Vice President

BS thanked the FAI office for adding him and Kåre Liasjö to the Commission Presidents' list for communications, which had been valuable in helping him to take the Commission work forward after Michael Goth's death. He also thanked Ségolène Rouillon for her very helpful work in preparations for the meeting.

6. Reports from Delegates

6.1 FELIX KISER, Delegate (Switzerland)

FK presented a report (Appendix 1). He commented that the improved situation on Landscape Rest Zones had been achieved with the help of the regulator, who is a participant in airports. The threat to mountain airstrips is due to the perceived environmental threat of flying in those areas.

6.2 ARNE MATHISEN, Alternate Delegate (Norway)

AM presented a report (Appendix 2). He reported that he had been present at the Joint International Environmental Meeting and thought that it had no significant practical benefit, but that it was useful to have liaison with other motorised sports. There had also been a recent joint meeting with other sports and with the green movement including the media. This had been very useful and it was important that the media understood what airports are doing to take care of the environment.

AM drew attention to the proposal presented to the FAI Executive Board (EB) by

Norway in a letter dated 7 July 2010 (Annex 1 to Appendix 2) and questioned why there had been no response or progress. SD explained that the EB had previously had no-one who could take this forward, but that the new EB members have portfolios and that Otto Lagarhus would have responsibility for environmental matters. There was a long discussion about the proposal and in particular whether it was affordable and practical to engage professionals as was suggested in the proposal. It was not clear how many countries are affected by the fuel problem. It was suggested that the EnvC should undertake the work themselves, but it was pointed out that the current members did not have the necessary technical expertise.

It was agreed that the EnvC should ask NACs and ASCs for their view on whether the fuel issue is of concern and whether the topic should be pursued. The actions agreed at the 2010 meeting (Minute 4.2) should also be completed. The results of these enquiries and consultations should be presented to the EB to enable them to discuss the proposal properly. The aim should be to provide the information for the June EB meeting. BS agreed to lead on the project for the EnvC. JG confirmed that the proposal will be considered by the EB.

ACTION Bernald Smith/FAI Secretary General

Following this debate, AT suggested that an international prize should be offered, for universities and researchers able to take on such a project. This was discussed further later in the meeting (see Minute 15.2).

6.3 DIANA KING, Delegate (UK)

DK presented a report which had been circulated in advance (Appendix 3). She commented that the proliferation of wind turbines was the topic of greatest concern to many airports, due to the relatively restricted area of the UK and the great opportunities for wind energy.

6.4 ROLF BJÖRKMANN, Alternate Delegate (Sweden)

RB presented a report (Appendix 4). Only 3 out of the 9 airports in Sweden had responded to a request for information. Unleaded fuel was now being used by many aircraft. Airfields, including model flying fields, were being closed. There was generally a low level of interest in undertaking work on environmental matters.

6.5 ANDREA TOMASI, Alternate Delegate (Italy)

AT reported that there was a challenge to airports to improve their environmental sustainability in the EU 20-20-20 project, which aims for a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2020. He suggested that the FAI should encourage airports to comply with that target and to develop greener ways of operating. In Italy, a battery-powered self-launching glider was under consideration, which the FAI could support. [Post-meeting note: BS will include this in his report to the 2011 General Conference]

JG commented that it would be necessary to measure the current emissions created by airports compared with future possibilities in order to establish environmental credentials. This should be followed up.

6.6 BERNALD SMITH, Delegate (USA)

BS reported that no significant work was under way in the USA and that there was no vision or response from the National Aviation Authority. There had also been no reaction or communication from US airports to contribute to the EnvC report.

7. Reports from Air Sport Commissions

7.1 IGC - Bernald Smith

BS reported that, in compliance with FAI requirements, the IGC requires an

environmental statement as part of the preparation for any international contests. Jet-engined motor-gliders are being developed. There was no other attention by the IGC to pollution problems or to any other environmental considerations.

8. Review of items from the last meeting

8.1 Climate controls – no action taken; to remain open.

8.2 Airsport sustainability - no action taken; to remain open.

8.3 Airsports not harmful to birds and wildlife - no action taken; to remain open.

8.4 Simple guidance for event organisers

- Poster - no action taken; to remain open.
- DAeC Planning checklist for organization of environmentally-compatible air sports events – see item 11 below.

8.5 Denmark's Green Sport Certificate - no action taken – to remain open.

8.6 Organisation of a joint meeting with CANS: JG suggested that BS should brief CANS on the work of EnvC with a view to a possible joint meeting. JG offered to assist with the liaison.

ACTION Bernald Smith/ FAI President

8.7 Translation of documents – one had been completed by Max Bishop. There were still others to be done.

8.8 Voluntary agreements – item closed.

8.9 Denmark 2010 report – to remain open.

8.10 UK and Sweden 2010 reports – items closed.

9. Aviation and Nature Conservation – Education Material

Wolfgang Scholze (WS) had provided information about the sizes of documents that it would be useful to translate. It was agreed that it would be useful to translate certain sections of the document 'Nature Conservation for Pilots'. SR was asked to liaise with Max Bishop to agree a translation project for publication of these documents on the website.

ACTION Ségolène Rouillon

BS and DK agreed to decide, with WS, which documents should be translated and published on the website. This information should be passed to SR for action.

ACTION Bernald Smith/Diana King/Wolfgang Scholze

10. Climate Change and Air Sports

It was agreed that it was necessary to promote environmental items such as the FAI Code of Conduct, by regular, repeated communications and PR. Occasional articles should be posted to the EnvC website to keep it interesting. The FAI Secretariat could help with dissemination to all FAI members. BS suggested that Wolfgang Scholze should be asked to present on environmental topics at the FAI General Conference. JG and SD agreed that this could be useful.

ACTION Bernald Smith/ FAI President/FAI Sec. Gen.

11. Environmental Management System

BS presented a simplified and shorter version of the EMS for consideration and it was agreed it was a useful document. It was also agreed that some detailed guidelines were required to help users to understand what they need to do to achieve the

standards. It was agreed that the DAeC Planning checklist for organization of environmentally-compatible air sports events was an appropriate document for this purpose, to be available as guidelines but not to be made compulsory as a means of achieving the EMS. It was agreed that Max Bishop should be asked if he would be able to translate it.

ACTION FAI Secretary General to approach Max Bishop

DK suggested that good publicity and communications would still be needed to promote the concept to air sports.

RB suggested that it was necessary to appoint the review committee to handle any applications. All members were requested to bring forward recommendations for nominees for this role.

ACTION AII

12. EASA involvement

SD explained that the FAI and Europe Air Sports (EAS) have a Memorandum of Understanding to the effect that any matters that arise regarding EASA are handled by EAS. EAS keeps FAI briefed on developments. SD confirmed that the FAI office would brief the EnvC on anything from EASA or EAS which is of environmental importance.

ACTION FAI Secretary General

13. World Air Games 2013

Bidding was currently open for the World Air Games 2013. The FAI Secretariat would be responsible for requiring appropriate environmental actions as part of the bids. The FAI Sporting Code and Environmental Code of Conduct are relevant. The Secretariat would call on EnvC for assistance if more information is needed.

ACTION FAI Secretariat/EnvC

14. Finances

The EB has agreed a budget of 25,000 CHF to support the TCs, to fund TC projects and the expenses of the Technical Commissions' Presidents. It was agreed that there was no need to bid for any funds at this stage, but that a proposal could be presented if a project was developed that needed funding.

15. Other Business

15.1 In response to a question about the future composition of Technical Commissions, JG thought that it was likely that the TCs would become expert groups rather than democratic commissions. RB suggested that the two aspects of the EnvC work were to identify problems from the membership and from the floor and for an expert group to look for solutions and ways forward.

15.2 JG referred to the earlier proposal from AT for an environmental prize. He suggested that a paper should be prepared with a detailed idea, including proposals on the frequency of presentation, costing, funding, purpose, criteria and judging process.

AT agreed to prepare a detailed proposal for EnvC consideration, in liaison with SR. It should be circulated by email with a view to a possible launch before the next EnvC meeting.

ACTION Andrea Tomasi

16. Elections

President - Bernald Smith was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Vice-Presidents - Kåre Liasjö wished to step down. Wolfgang Scholze was nominated and elected by acclamation, subject to his agreement. DK to ask for his acceptance.

ACTION Diana King

Secretary – Diana King was nominated and elected by acclamation.

17. Next Meeting

The difficulty of people getting to meetings due to the cost and distance was discussed and the possibility was considered of electronic meetings as well as or instead of physical ones. BS asked that the EB should consider the possibility of a presentation at the General Conference. The possibility of a joint meeting with CANS to discuss airspace restrictions due to environmental restrictions was also discussed and it was agreed that part sessions between the two Commissions could be useful, or meetings between one or two people from each Commission.

ACTION Bernald Smith/FAI Secretary General

JG asked the EnvC to source the experts on the various topics that are of importance to the EnvC.

The date of the next meeting was provisionally agreed as 11 February 2012 in Lausanne starting at 10.30.

The meeting closed at 16.55 and JG sent greetings to the NAC Presidents.

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