



## **FAI MICROLIGHT COMMISSION (CIMA)**

### **SUMMARY OF THE MEETING FAI MICROLIGHT COMMISSION BUREAU – LONG MARSTON, UNITED KINGDOM - 28 AUGUST 2003**

Present :

Mr. Tormod VEIBY, President  
Mr. Tomas BACKMAN, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Mr. Carlos TRIGO, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Mr. Thomas GUNNARSON, Secretary

In Attendance:

Mr. Richard MEREDITH-HARDY  
Mr. Jose Luis ESTEBAN  
Mr. Joel AMIABLE  
Mr. Jacek KIBINSKI  
Mr. Etsushi MATSUO

1. Flight Recorders. Mr. Meredith Hardy reported that 75 PPG, PL1 and PL2 pilots were using GPS flight recorders in the championships (2003 WMC). It was taking approximately two hours to get all 75 tracks on the computers. Pilot complaints regarding flight path dissolved as pilots could review their tracks after the task was scored. The MLR unit used in the WMC cost \$200 and the manufacturer, Thales, is now offering freeware to switch from hang gliding to microlight flight recording. Mr. Meredith Hardy said his working group would propose simplifying the flight recorder approval rules based on their experience at the championships.
2. 2003 World Microlights Championships Monitor. Mr. Kibinski reported that there was no communication to him by the organizers prior to the WMC. He retrieved his information from the WMC website. He arrived at the championships site one week early.
3. 2004 Asian Continental Championships. Mr. Matsuo reported that China, Korea and Japan have a strong relationship. He had been to Beijing frequently and reported the Chinese would like to host an FAI event. They already have held PL2 and PPG events with huge publicity and many spectators and media coverage. The Chinese had asked Mr. Matsuo to help assure a future event would meet the requirements for FAI sanction. Mr. Veiby said he would encourage the Chinese to propose an event when he visits with them at the FAI General Conference.
4. 2004 American Continental Championships. Mr. Gunnarson reported that the current U.S. sanctioning body is not interested at this time but he would continue to encourage this direction.

5. 2004 European Microlight Championships. Mr. Trigo reported his organizational team is forming and he is trying to procure additional space to accommodate PPGs. A test competition was run successfully in July. Date of the EMC is expected to be in late July/early August.
6. 2005 World Microlight Championships. Mr. Amiable reported that there would be separate tasks for single seaters and two seaters. Mr. Alain Berthere would be classic classes director and Mr. Mike Campbell Jones was going to be asked to be para classes director. The organizers also expected to have a gyro class and were trying to get the FAI rotorcraft commission to accept the scores. The venue would be Levroux, France, site of the 2000 European championships.
7. 2005 World Air Games. Mr. Meredith Hardy reported that the Malaysian bid was more in line with the new FAI WAG concept. He also said they would pay for competitor's travel. The Polish bid was more like the traditional FAI championships. Mr. Meredith Hardy expressed concern over competitor resources if the WAG were held in Poland the same year as the WMC.
8. World Microlight Ranking System. Mr. Gunnarson credited Mr. Meredith Hardy for his tremendous work establishing a ranking system on his website. He suggested that be the basis for a proposal to CIMA by the WMRS working group.
9. CIMA Activity. Mr. Veiby reported on the very different format of the next World Air Games and that it would be separate from, and not conflict with, continued microlight championships. He then reported on the FAI Presidents' meeting held in April 2003 in Friedrichshafen, Germany. Topics included FAI restructuring, new FAI image, FAI centenary celebration, corporate patrons, world anti-doping code, format for FAI ceremonies, sporting licenses database and TV right procedures.
10. Colibri Badge. Mr. Matsuo said he would propose for the CIMA meeting a shorter cross-country distance for PPG and PHG.
11. Ann Welch Award. Mr. Gunnarson suggested that CIMA consider establishing an award in memory of Mrs. Ann Welch who passed away earlier in the year.
12. International Microlight Database. Mr. Gunnarson reported that there was no significant input to the database for a number of years. He offered to contact the FAI Secretariat and revive discussions of providing an online centralized recording system through the FAI website. Mr. Trigo offered to assist.
13. CIMA Priorities. Mr. Veiby led a discussion on where the commission should place its priorities in the coming year. The unanimous consensus was :
  - a. Finalize the use of flight recorders as primary evidence in FAI sanctioned events.
  - b. Support of continental microlight championships outside Europe including the possible funding of experts to assist organizers.
  - c. Continue development and testing of World Air Games microlight tasks.
  - d. Develop CIMA awards system.
14. Date and Place of Next Meeting. Thursday afternoon, 13 Nov, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Tom Gunnarson  
CIMA Secretary

29 September 2003