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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting 2020 of the
FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC)

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1. Welcome and roll call of the Delegates

- a) The meeting of the FAI General Aviation Commission (GAC) was called to order on Saturday, 21st November 2020 at 13:05 UTC by the GAC President Mr. Rodney Blois. He welcomed all 32 delegates and observers from 23 countries, as well as Mr. Markus Haggene, FAI Secretary General, as well as Mr. Visa-Matti Leinikki, FAI IT Manager.

Mr. Blois thanked all for accepting the invite for this unusual time and for their co-operation to hold the Zoom meeting. He also thanked members that all reports for this meeting were available before the meeting.

- b) A roll call of the delegates was taken by Mr. Hans Schwebel
Apologies received from Mr. Jean Birgen, Luxemburg and Mr. Ignas Krivickas, Lithuania
- c) Mr. Hans Schwebel asked if anyone wished to make a declaration of conflict of interests.
No conflict of interests was noted.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The secretary Mr. Schwebel asked for the approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Billund, Denmark on the 9th November 2019 were accepted.

4. Report on GAC activities during the year

President Rodney Blois reported on the GAC activities over the past year.

With the covid 19 all activities were postponed for 1 year. (see Annex 4)

5. Report on FAI by the FAI Secretary General Markus Haggene

- a) Mr. Markus Haggene reported on the following topics:

Audit financial year 2019

Budget process 2021

FAI finance project

FAI secretariat

(See Annex 5a)

- b) Mr. Rodney Blois gave a short report about the CASI activities (Ref. Annex 5b)

6. Past International Competitions

Report back on the China international open ANR completion held in November 2019.

- a) Mr. Rodney Blois, Jury president, tabled his report. (Ref. Annex 6a)
- b) Mr. Pedro Cabanero International Chief Judge tabled his report. (Ref. Annex 6b)
Mr. Blois thanked Mr. Han Zhaofang from China for holding the first ANR open Championship.
Mr. Blois also asked Mr. Zhaofang to send a Rally team to the WRFC 2020 to South Africa.

Mr. Zhaofang told the meeting that China had the first ANR training camp with 30 crews participating. He also announced that GAC and China will work closer together. China will have enough aircraft to hold local competitions.

7. Sub-committee Reports

Rally Flying Sub-committee

Mr. Frank Eckard, Chairman of the Rally Flying Sub-committee, presented his report. There were no changes to the Rally rules. (see Annex 7a.)

Precision Flying Sub-committee

Mr. Allen Hansen, Chairman of the Precision Flying Sub-committee, tabled his report. (See Annex 7.b)

Air Navigation Race Sub-committee

Mr. Maurice Ducret, Chairman of the Air Navigation Race Sub-committee, tabled his report. (See Annex 7c)

Records Sub-committee

Mr. Art Greenfield, Chairman of the Records Sub-committee, reported that 2 changes were proposed to Sporting code Section 2. The changes were approved. (Annex 7d)

8. Technical Matters Report

Technical Adviser GNSS

Mr. Ralf Grunwald GAC technical advisor tabled his report. (See Annex 8 a)

FAI Environmental Commission

Mr. Henry Lindholm has agreed to take the position in the environmental commission until to the next GAC meeting

Long Range Air Racing

Mr. Jean Birgen was unable to attend the Zoom meeting.

Mr. Rodney Blois reported on behalf of Jean Birgen on the planned Hans Gutmann LRAR 2021 (Annex 8 b)

9. Future International Competitions

a) 22nd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2020, in South Africa.

Mr. Frank Eckard from South Africa presented the amendments to the local rules. The local rules were accepted. The new dates for the 22nd FAI WRFC in Stellenbosch are 6th to 20th November 2021. (see Annex 9a)

b) 25th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2022, in France

Mr. Philippe Muller from France presented a preliminary bid to host the 25th FAI WPFC in France (Annex 9c)

The final bid will be presented at the next GAC meeting in 2021

c) 23rd FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2023, in France

Mr. Philippe Muller from France announced that they are also interested in hosting the 23rd FAI WRFC 2022.

More details will be presented at the next GAC meeting in 2021

d) 26th FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2024, in Czech Republic

The Czech Republic announced that it will be impossible to host the WPFC in 2024

Poland may be a possible host. We will get an answer at the next GAC meeting 2021

e) 24th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2025, in Italy

Mr. Filippo Papale from Italy presented a report and a video, as Italy is interested in hosting the 24th FAI WRFC in 2025. The preliminary bid will be presented at the GAC meeting 2021

f) 25th World Rally Flying Championship 2027

Germany is interested to host and organize the WRFC 2027

President Rodney Blois asked the delegates of the countries represented, to come forward for more bids to host the GAC competitions, especially for the WPFC 2024.

10. Other Competitions

11. Finance/Treasurers report

The treasurer Ralf Grunwald tabled the financial report as well as the budget

(Annex 11)

The sanction fee of E 50.00 was not changed

12. Awards

There were no nominations for any award 2020.

Mr. Blois asked the delegates to take the opportunity to nominate

13. Other Business

Anti-Doping

a) GAC fully endorses the FAI position on doping.

14. Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges

Mr. Schwebel received 2 new applications.

The new applications will be discussed at the next GAC meeting

The Jury and Judge lists were updated and approved. (See Annex 14a & 14b)

15. Elections

The GAC bureau decided, that there will be no election at the Zoom meeting, and that the Office bearers will stay on until the next GAC meeting in Stellenbosch 2021

Election of Bureau

President

Mr. Rodney Blois

1st Vice President/Secretary

Mr. Hans Schwebel

2nd Vice President/Treasurer

Mr. Ralf Grunwald

Election of Sub-committee Chairmen

Precision Flying Sub-committee	Mr. Allen Hansen
Rally Flying Sub-committee	Mr. Frank Eckard
Air Nav Race Sub-committee	Mr. Maurice Ducret
Records Sub-committee	Mr. Art Greenfield

Election of Technical Representatives

CASI	Mr. Rodney Blois
FAI Environmental Commission	Mr. Henry Lindholm

The position of the World Air Game liaison officer was removed.
There will be no Air Games in the near future.

Webmaster	Mr. Frank Eckard
Technical Advisor, GNSS	Mr. Ralf Grunwald
Technical Advisor, Long Range Air Racing	Mr. Jean Birgen

President Rodney Blois announced that from next year the election of the office bearers will be for a 2-year term to have a better continuity to run the GAC.

16. Location and date of the next GAC Plenary Meeting

Mr. Schwebel re-confirmed the final bid from South Africa to host the GAC meeting from the 20th to the 22nd November 2021 in Stellenbosch, after the 22nd FAI WRFC. The final bid was approved. (Annex 16a)

Mrs. Filipa Oliveira from Portugal tabled a presentation to host the GAC Meeting in Funchal, Madeira Island, Portugal November 2022. (Annex 16b)
More details will be at our next Meeting.

Mrs. Esther Rimensberger from Switzerland presented a bid to host the GAC meeting in 2023 Lucern. (Annex 16c)

Mr. Filippo Papale from Italy reported that Italy is interested to host the GAC meeting in Catania, Sicily 2024
More details will be announced at the next meeting

17. Adjournment

The President Rodney Blois thanked everyone for joining the Zoom meeting. He also thanked all the delegates, alternate delegates, and observers for their input.
Mr. Rodney Blois adjourned the meeting at 15:05 UTC.

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