Notes from the online IGC Bureau meeting 30 November 2021, 19:00 UTC

ZOOM meeting

Participants

- Peter Eriksen (PE)
- Frouwke Kuijpers (FK)
- Angel Casado (AC)
- Patrick Pauwels (PP)
- Rick Sheppe (RS)
- Brian Spreckley (BS)
- René Vidal (RV)
- Vladimir Foltin (VF)

Apologies

- Christof Geissler (CG)

Agenda

1. Welcome (PE)
2. Bureau action List (PE)
   a. status on actions

   All actions except one are closed.
3. Finance (PP)
   a. Status 2021 – PP presented IGC’s financial situation at the end of Oct-21. The IGC’s reserves decreased by 38.118,28 € to 60.587,88 €. All IGC finances need to be carefully considered.
   b. Adjustment of Sanction Fees – PP presented the overview of existing sanction fees for IGC Championships and simulation of their impact on IGC’s finances in 2022 and beyond. The Sanction Fees have not changed for more than 10 years. The bureau agreed that the Sanction Fees should covered IGCs expenses related to championships, which is not the case right now. At the 2022 Plenary meeting, the Bureau will propose an intermediate increase of sanction fees by 25€ per pilot at every Championship in 2022 to mitigate the imminent calculated loss for the next year. Additionally, the bureau will indicate the need to adjust the sanction fees for future events, but that should be done only in conjunction with the measures aiming at the increase of quality of the championships.

Action – PP to draft the relevant proposal on increased 2022 sanction fees for the 2022 IGC plenary
c. 2022/23 Budget – PP presented the draft budget for 2022 (not considering the proposed measures) with the expected revenues 35,250 € and expenses 61,185 €, which would result in further decrease of reserves by 25,935 €.

d. Remaining payment to Montluçon
One pilot left the venue without paying the bill. The IGC may eventually claim the unpaid amount from the concerned NAC.

Action - PE to approach the national IGC delegate to address the issue. (Post meeting note: The bill has been settled thanks to the intervention of the IGC delegate)

4. Quality of FAI sanctioned Championships and related actions (FK)

A small well-motivated team meets regularly to progress on this topic. The Local Procedure templates and Annex A were adjusted to be fully compatible (removal of redundancies, clarification of required information, improved wording, etc.). The templates and other championships aid documents will be tested in 2022 and the further improved based on the experience.

Financial considerations surrounding the organization of IGC championships and post event surveys may be among the next developments aiming at future improvements.

The bureau discussed about ways to collect a direct feedback from the championships and decided to conduct regular surveys after each event and provide explanations of why they are needed and how the information will be used. The goal is that the surveys will become part of a regular championship quality process still to be developed.

5. Feedback from FAI 2021 General Conference and CASI (PE)

The GC 2021 was conducted in a calm atmosphere and showed a very good collaboration between the FAI and ASCs.

CASI - FAI By-Laws require voting at physical meetings only. SC general sanction may need to be rewritten to align it with FAI By-Laws.

Action – PE to pass on the relevant information once available to SC3 committee for further processing.

6. Status and actions on 2022 Championships (FK)

a. WGC, Hungary

The organisers indicated the need for an increase of the entry fee. Additionally, the initial version of the local procedures requires a specific FLARM setting due to local airspace situation. The latter is to be discussed between IGC experts and the organisers at a specific meeting.

Action - PP (chief steward) to coordinate the meeting at the earliest convenience. (Post meeting note: The meeting took place on 20-Dec 2021)

b. WWGC, UK

The organisers contributed substantially to the activities aiming at the increase of
quality of FAI sanctioned Championships (see item 4 above). The bureau also took note of a very good public communication by the organisers including the promotion of women gliding.

c. JWGC Czech Rep.

The organisers intend to use IGC trackers and provided the relevant request via Chief Steward. Due to overlapping dates of championships IGC needs to establish priority criteria for the use of trackers. The topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Action** – AC to provide an overview of known requests for the use of trackers and propose priority criteria for their use

d. EGC/WGC Lithuania

PP will ask for a meeting between IGC and the organisers to confirm the intentions. FK informed that due to the currently limited availability of the chief steward, Dick Bradley will swap his role with Robert Danewid. Robert will take over the role of CS and Dick role of steward.

**Action** – FK to inform organisers about the change

*(Post meeting note: The organisers were informed during the EGC preparatory meeting with IGC on 15-Dec 2021)*

e. Medals and flags

Order for 2022 championships has been recently finalised with the FAI.

7. Future organisation of Virtual gliding (BS/PE)

    FFVP (Antoine Havet) offered to take lead in organising these events including organisation of WGC. Virtual FAI WGC requires a sporting licence (like other ASC). FFVP has offered to organise WGC together with IGC. FFVP is ready to do all the practical work. There is a need to engage with Antoine and FFVP to discuss the details including the known risks.

**Action** – PE to meet with FFVP and report about the progress at the next meeting

8. Electric gliding (BS)

    Two entities are interested to run events in 2022 and 2023 (Saint Auban and Salzburg). There will be a proposal for the Plenary to establish the electric gliding WGC in the future.

**Action** – BS to draft the relevant proposal for the 2022 IGC Plenary meeting.

9. Online scoring (AC)

    IGC/Naviter phone call took place last week. Naviter will put resources into the development. Another potential partners may be interested (unfortunately not StrePla, which announced about the leaving of market). The idea is to have at least two options available for the championship organisers.

10. Insurance of IGC officials (PE)

    A new version of the FAI’s insurance policy was shared. The policy covers any persons nominated by IGC to serve at Championships (incl. video or tracking support personnel).
11. IGC Zoom account (PE)

IGC bureau decided to create own Zoom account to avoid issues due conflicting times with other FAI meetings. A specific email will be created at fai.org for that purpose.

**Action** – VF to notify the credentials to relevant IGC officers (bureau, committee and WG chairs)

12. 2022 Plenary (VF/PE)

A hybrid meeting is now being envisaged considering the current developments of the pandemics (spread of new Omicron variant). This will however require that the Swiss authorities extend the derogation to hold online general assemblies. The final decision about the form of the 2022 IGC Plenary meeting will be taken at the bureau meeting in January.

13. Continental record claim

The bureau received the request from Italian pilot Margerita Aquaderini for a waiver (delay) from the requirement for GNSS FR calibration following the continental record. The bureau concluded that the waiver from the current rules is not possible.

**Action** - PE to reply to the request accordingly

14. AOB

- Antidoping control – IGC was requested to provide criteria for selection of pilots to be included in the antidoping control program for sportsmen. The bureau agreed that the criteria should be based on IGC RL.

**Action** – PE to reply with the criteria based on the IGC ranking list

Next online IGC Bureau meeting will take place on 11 January 2022 19:00 UTC.

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**Reviewed:** IGC Bureau

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