



Notes from IGC Bureau meeting 21st February 2022 at 18:00 UTC

Participants

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

Agenda

1. Welcome

2. GFAC

GFAC chairman Ian Strachan joined the meeting to discuss the proposal for removal of periodic altitude calibrations for certain GNSS FR. The members of three IGC's committees (GFAC, ANDS and SC3) do not support the proposal as drafted because of possible unforeseen consequences (e.g., possibility of need to revoke some previous certificates). The main concerns relate to world and continental record performances.

The bureau members made the following comments: There is no proof from IGC championships that a pressure recording at the take-off was missing and inaccurate (take off altitude is always known). The issue in general seems not to be about the sensor accuracy but its status (working or not), but some old devices may need a recalibration by manufacturer in case the values are outside approved limits. The link on pressure sensor calibrations between SC3 General Section and Annex A is not explicit. The risk of some calibration workshops disappearing may be mitigated e.g., by possible use of certified avionics workshops.

3. Bureau action List

- a. status on actions

4. Finance

There is not additional information to the information published for the Plenary. The addendum on the financial report can be deleted – as the CAS appeal is stopped, there is no need to make a provision for lawyer's support.

5. 2022 Plenary

- a. Material for distribution

All proposals and bids that were timely submitted were included in the agenda and published on the meeting website. The deadline for registrations is 28-Feb deadline. The voting credentials will be disseminated soon afterwards. The discussion paper



on alternative scoring methods from USA and NZL should be covered under Annex A report as it relates to the rules for championship. Cloud to be created. The IGC award nominations will be disseminated to delegates by email only.

b. Practical issues and organisation

Action: VF and PE to setup a meeting with FAI to finalise the preparations (completed on 28-Feb 2022)

c. Voting

The same electronic voting system as the one used last year will be available. The credentials will be disseminated by the FAI shortly before the meeting. Alternatively, the virtual hand-up symbol may be used for non-controversial votes.

6. Safety Workshop 2022

IGC and OSTIV agreed to organise the safety workshop in Hungary at the end of WGC. The workshop will comprise of two 4-hour sessions (during the last weekend) to picture the risks at gliding championships and to propose actions at various levels (sporting rules, sailplane design, other...) to mitigate those risks. Data collection should be one of the pillars of the future activities. The goal is to create a framework to indicate what to do and why to do it. There is a need for a good representation at the workshop – focus will be on active pilots (there is a clear need to work on pilots' attitude), but also experienced Contest Directors, Stewards (~ 15 people). It is crucial to identify and invite the right persons (and pilots) so that these can act as safety ambassadors in the future. Plan is that PE and OSTIV representative will run the project. The preparatory work is expected to start very soon and a modest budget from IGC will be necessary (mostly to cover the cost of meeting room).

7. Status on appeal to the CAS made by Air Sport Australia Confederation

The case is formally closed by CAS. The cost incurred by IGC still need to be determined in cooperation with the FAI. The FAI may impose additional sanctions to the personnel involved in the case (e.g., suspension of FAI licence). The topic will be reported in a more detail verbally at the upcoming IGC Plenary meeting.

8. Quality of FAI sanctioned Championships and related actions

Most of the work for 2022 has been completed already (templates). The work on the evaluation form is in a good progress. The working group is looking for a way to gain insight into the finances of a WGC with the aim of getting some sort of guidelines for future organizations on what items should be considered.

9. Policy for the use of IGC trackers

The bureau decided to prioritize the allocation of the system in the following way:

1st Priority: World Gliding Championships (WGC) and Sailplane Grand Prix Final

2nd Priority: Women's WGC and Junior WGC

3rd Priority: Continental Championships

4th Priority: National Sailplane Grand Prix.

The bureau decided to provide online training for national experts and will publish a manual explaining the configuration and operation of the system. Organizers will be required to provide local expertise to configure and operate the system.



The IGC Bureau is seeking to adjust Sanction Fees to recover IGCs cost to operate and maintain the Tracking System, there is no additional cost to organizers for hiring the Tracking System (ref. relevant proposal to the 2022 IGC Plenary)

10. Status and actions on 2022 Championships

All officials were assigned, including remote members.

a. WGC, Hungary

There was a number of exchanges with the organisers in a different level (stewards, IGC president). The local airspace situation was discussed frequently. Drone and other operators can ask for airspace without others being able to access that airspace without their permission. PJE areas include climbing and descending area for aircraft. Final feedback on the agreed way forward is expected in a few weeks or the latest at the IGC Plenary meeting.

The IGC bureau agreed to support the proposal for a real time public tracking without the individual glider ID being visible (using IGC trackers). Pilots will be still allowed to use the FLARM settings at their discretion (incl. no-track). The organisers indicated the intention to use PEV start option.

b. WWGC, UK

The preparations are well on track.

c. JWGC Czech Rep.

The preparations are well on track. The Local Procedures are expected to be released shortly.

d. EGC/WGC Lithuania

The steward and organisers are busy with the finalisation of Local Procedures.

e. PAGC

The new chief steward will be Mr. Eduardo Toselli.

11. Online scoring

Both, WeGlide and Naviter support the IGC's efforts. There will be a short report to the plenum. The work on MoC will start after the IGC Plenary meeting.

Action: PE, BS, FK and AC to meet WeGlide to finalise the MoC.

12. Sailplane Grand Prix

There is a great interest in Qualifying SGP events.

The organisers of SGP Final invited the bureau for a meeting in Pavullo. The bureau decided to accept the invitation. The tentative dates of the meeting are 7-9-Oct (still to be confirmed).



13. Virtual gliding

- China is very enthusiastic about virtual gliding and may be ready support such events. There is a need to clarify the mutual understanding of the subject discipline before further engagement.
- Two categories of events are being explored – restricted (requiring NAC nomination) and open. The latter will require a virtual category of sporting licence – to topic is already being dealt with by CASI. The reason is that any World champion needs to be FAI member. Possible solution already exists - an individual licence (~10€ each) if a competitor comes from a non-FAI country.

14. Electric gliding

The paper for the Plenary was drafted and published.

15. AOB

- Italy requested the IGC President for the waiver for submission of World Record related documentation by 120 days. PE agreed to extend the deadline until 15-Apr 2022.

Action: PE to inform Italy about the extension of deadline to 15-Apr 2022

- Brazil requested approval of increased costs of aerotows at PAGC 2022 (increase from 55 USD to 70 USD). The proposal will be listed as a late proposal for consideration by the IGC Plenary.

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Reviewed: IGC Bureau

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