Notes from the IGC Bureau meeting 7th and 8th October 2003 in Madrid

Participants

- Peter Eriksen, president (PE)
- Rick Sheppe, 1st vice-president (RS)
- Patrick Pauwels, treasurer (PP)
- Brian Spreckley, vice-president (BS) – remotely
- Frouwke Kuijpers, vice-president (FK)
- Angel Casado, vice-president (AC)
- Mandy Temple, vice-president (MT)
- Vladimir Foltin, secretary (VF)
- Christof Geisler, vice president, (CG)

Session 1, Saturday 7th 09:00 – 13:00

1. Welcome (PE)

2. Bureau Action List
   The Bureau reviewed and updated the list of actions.

3. Finance
   a. 2023 status
   b. 2024 budget including review of the pricelist

   Budget presented during the 2023 IGC plenary was updated and submitted to the FAI in the summer. It reflected the increase by 3% as approved by the 2023 IGC Plenary.

   Action - PE to initiate the discussion with Reno Filla on IGC Ranking List finances.

   Decision - Bureau approved fees and procedures for IGC approval of a type of flight recorders and new sanction fees based on the 2023 IGC Plenary decision (ref. email from PP)

   The Bureau noted that the transportation of IGC trackers needs to be organised well in advance to avoid any unnecessary fees and charges upon their return to Europe.

4. IGC tracking system
   a. Presentation of the Proximity Analysis Tool with an online demo
      The Bureau received the presentation of the proximity analysis tool by AC, which now runs on the FAI servers. A standalone application is also available. The tool requires registration to SoaringSpot or SGP. The default sphere is available, but adjustable. All encounters are then considered. The tool to be used as educational and promotion tool and not as a disciplinary tool. It should drive the improvements towards a standard performance of pilots.
b. Presentation of the IGC-SAR tool
   The Bureau received the SAR4Comp presentation of the proximity analysis tool by
   AC. The tool assists the organisers in searching for missed gliders and will be further
developed so that it could be used at IGC Championships. The Bureau thanked AC
   and the OGN team for the development of this very important safety tool.

c. Status Real Time Scoring
   This matter is still work in progress and delayed slightly because the industry partner
   is being busy with the development of new products.

d. Physical state of trackers
   See actions.

e. Process for transfer of trackers between organisers
   See actions.

5. Scoring Software
   a. Status
      Nothing specific to note.

6. Annex A
   No new proposal, last year’s changes published ahead of WGC.
   a. Start methods, current situation
      The Bureau anticipates possible problems due to multiple proposals being tabled.
The Annex A committee requested that impact on other start procedures should be
part of the proposals. The Bureau is concerned about the safety implications of new
proposals as they may increase the pilot’s head down time.
   b. Proposals received.
The Bureau noted all proposal that were tabled (ref. a separate file).
   c. Bureau/Annex A Committee proposals
      Decision - The Bureau will file an ‘Other’ proposal for starting option packages,
      which will be simplifying the existing structure. It should be reflected in Annex as a
      Note and/or in an Appendix.
      Action - VF to reformat IGC rules and procedures, so that the document will contain
      all known approval references.
      Action - The Bureau will ask scoring software working group for a technical opinion
      on the implementation of the Y2 start procedure proposal from Poland. The
      feedback to be provided to the proposal authors so that it could be considered for
      their final version of the proposal.

Session 2, Saturday 7th 14:00 – 18:00

7. Championship Management
   Extensive discussion
   a. Quality of events
      i. Stewards report from 2023 Championships – major issues
         The Bureau noted the report including the major issues reported within.
      ii. Quality of events – how do we increase the standard - discussion.
         A post event survey is vital. A shorter Championships should be strongly
considered. There are no consequences for the organisers not adhering to
the bid and not achieving a standard quality nor incentives in case they do
well. The Bureau would be in favour of the latter to improve the quality of
the events. More specific requirements in the dynamic part of the
Organiser’s Agreement could be applied e.g., number and performance of
tug planes per number of sailplanes or similar. The IGC Bureau will ask for a
more detailed organisation chart to be submitted with the bids in 2024.
The introduction of the role of certified sporting director may help to
address some of the known deficiencies.

**Action** - IGC to file proposal in 2024 for Sporting Director(SD)

**Action** – MT to lead the development of a post Championship survey to be
completed by participating pilots and Team Captains.

iii. Media coverage of WGCs and Continental Championships
The Bureau recommends that a media liaison should be always nominated
by the organisers.

iv. Safety officer – how do we make that work
Safety to have a more prominent role in the Championships organisation.

**Action** – The championship management working group to prepare a
training and qualification programme for stewards, future Sporting Directors,
safety officers and referees.

b. Change of 2024 dates
The Bureau noted the agreed change of dates of the 2024 FAI EGC in Tábor, Czechia.
Discussion took place about a more careful management of slots and time slot
options to the bidders, which resulted in Bureau preference to keep the existing
practice.

**Action** - MT to send out the call for bids for the 2026 FAI EGC in club, std. and 15m
classes.

**Action** - VF and MT to draft a process for inclusion into the IGC rules and procedures
for cases when no notification of requested bids will be received by September 30
deadline.

c. Stewards and Jurors

i. Document Pack for Chief Stewards
There are many single sheet documents that are now being consolidated
into a meaningful package to support the work of Chief Stewards.

ii. Stewards WG, training of Stewards
There were several online sessions for stewards during the year.

iii. The role of the Jury President – discussion
The Bureau noted the clarification of roles of IGC/FAI officials like the
consultation of jury by championship director or similar (to understand
consequences of their decisions like loss of sporting license).

iv. Jury training, status

**Decision** – The nominated jury members are obliged to participate in the
jury training within 12 months prior to the Championship in question.
v. Process for selections and nomination of jurors and stewards
   **Decision** – The process of nominations for stewards and jurors to be described and documented. The NAC nomination will be followed by training and then qualification of Stewart’s or Juror. The latter to include mentoring and gradual qualification (from Steward to Chief Steward and from Jury member to Jury president).

vi. Identification of new Stewards and Jurors
   **Action** - IGC will invite the IGC Delegates to nominate candidates for new Stewards and Jurors.

vii. Cost of officials
     There will be no proposed changes following the discussion by the Bureau (in person participation is always being considered, but two remote jurors will still be possible as an option)

viii. Allocation of officials for 2024 events
     **Decision** - IGC approved allocation of officials for the events in 2024
     The bureau provided comments to the proposed list of Jurors and Stewards that should be included in the published list.
     The qualifications are Jury President or Jury member, Chief Steward or Steward. The current needs to be managed and recorded by the WG.
     **Decision** - The Bureau decided to purchase and provide clothing for officers acting on site at the IGC Championships.

d. Status on safety work
   The Bureau noted the good progress of the work to date.

e. Bids received.
   MT provided the overview of the bids and championships in a separate file (available to all Delegates). The bidders from Australia for the 2026 FAI JWGC should decide if the bid will be kept or not.

f. Calendar of future events – Bureau proposal
   **Action** – MT to draft a proposal of the IGC championships calendar for the next few years.
   Frequency of Junior and Women’s WGC outside Europe
   **Action** - MT and VF to draft new proposal for minimum frequency of WGC held outside Europe (rolling period of eight years instead of fixed period) i.e. reset the clock after a WGC is awarded to a bidder from outside of Europe.
   The reasons are the alignment with the frequency of junior and woman WGCs and the correction of effects of delayed competitions e.g., due to pandemic.

Session 3, Sunday 8th 09:00 – 14:00

8. Update of Committee members etc. on the web.
   **Action** - VF to update the list of officers and coordinate the publication with the FAI

9. Virtual gliding
   a. Status of current season
      The Bureau took note of the status report provided by Antoine Havet.
   b. Plans for 2024
      The working group suggested to separate the real events from the their virtual counterparts.
Decision - IGC noted the report and supported the organisation of virtual WGC in 2024.

10. Sailplane Grand Prix
   a. Current seasons
      BS provided feedback on the latest series and the final in Italy. Some pilots declined participation due to location.
   b. Plans for next years
      12th Series organisation is in progress, the call for bids was sent out recently.
      Action - the SGP team to outline the way how to incorporate more junior and woman pilots in the SGP finals
   c. Review of SGP WG membership
      The bureau noted the current composition of the management team and possible need for some changes in the near future.

11. Low emission Gliding WG
   a. Status
      There was a lower participation at the recent event mostly due to costs. Some new ideas based on experience at E5Glide will be incorporated into the rules. The event is not yet ready for WGC. There is the need for a team to take care of this forma like it is the case in SGP.
      Action - PE to organise an online meeting with the event organisers of Electrifly-In Grenchen to look for possible synergies.

12. FAI General Conference, Dayton Ohio, USA
   The Bureau discussed the FAI proposal to the General Conference about harassment and behaviour towards FAI officials.

13. 2024 IGC Plenary, Toulouse 1-2 March 2024
   a. Bureau meeting – from Wednesday, 28 February 14:00 to Thursday 29 February 13:00 to be followed by the visit to Aura-Aero on Thursday afternoon.
   b. Bureau proposals
      Action - VF to update the draft list and add it to the notes
   c. Year-1 Proposals received
      From DEN - handicap committee plans to implement the requested changes at the next IGC Plenary meeting
      From USA - no comments
      From DEU - Proposal 1 should be tabled as ‘Other’ (not as Year 1), Proposal 3 is already required
      There may be 2 other proposals from HUN about the 2nd crew in 20m class EGC
      Action - MT to contact Hungarian Delegate for further details
   d. Preparation of Year-2 proposals
      All adopted Year 1 proposal from 2023 tabled by NACs will be filed as Year 2 proposal in 2024. The Bureau will file the Year 2 proposal about the mandatory strobe light.
Action – RS and VF to draft the final version of the proposal for mandatory strobe light (item 6.2.1 from the 2024 IGC Plenary)

Action - VF to invite the authors of Year 2 proposal to coordinate with the relevant committee or WG to avoid unnecessary errors or confusions.

e. Subjects for discussion at the 2024 IGC Plenary
The following topics are being considered: EASA GA Flightpath 2030+ and the key topics for GA, FANS4ALL project, New proximity tool, SAR4IGC and Quality of Championships.

f. Guests
The Bureau members were invited to suggest to PE the names of guest or keynote speaker to be invited to the meeting

g. Awards
All NACs are encouraged to nominate worthy candidates for IGC Awards.

14. AOB
The next online Bureau meeting will take place on 28 November (evening European time).