



Notes from the IGC Bureau Zoom meeting Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 11:00 UTC

Participants

- Peter Eriksen, president (PE)
- Rick Sheppe, 1st vice-president (RS) – except item 7
- Frouwke Kuijpers, vice-president (FK)
- Angel Casado, vice-president (AC)
- Mandy Temple, vice-president (MT)
- Christof Geissler, vice president, (CG)
- Patrick Pauwels, treasurer (PP)
- Vladimir Foltin, secretary (VF)

Apologies

- Brian Spreckley, vice-president (BS)

Agenda

1. Welcome (PE)
PE welcomed the members of the Bureau.
2. Bureau Action List (PE)
Item not discussed due to time constraints. Actions will be reviewed at the next meeting.
3. Finance
PP will not be present at the 2024 IGC Plenary. PE will report to the Plenary on his behalf. The Bureau briefly discussed the recent submissions regarding the finances of the IGC Ranking List. A dedicated discussion between the Ranking List management and the Bureau and FAI is needed to finalize the proposals.
Action: PE to schedule the meeting between the Ranking List Management, the Bureau and the FAI on the sidelines of the IGC Plenary in Toulouse to discuss the recent proposals from the Ranking List Management.
 - a. Remarks to the 2023 results
The IGC financial situation is stable. Improvement of situation depends also on the acceptance or not of the new proposals tabled for consideration by the IGC Plenary.
4. Country Development Working Group
Important initiative, but difficult to manage and very resource intensive. 6-7 enthusiastic women glider pilots nominated by the delegates are actively involved. However, the results of the initiative so far are limited. Some good ideas have been proposed, but they are difficult to implement on a larger scale. The main limitation is the collection of data to substantiate the need for action.
 - a. Status of the activities
 - b. Future status of the WG**Action:** MT to report verbally on recent activities and proposed way forward to the IGC Plenary meeting (during the Reports agenda item).



5. Championship Management Working Group and Women in Gliding

- a. In 2023 we had a general waiver to make 7.4.6 (energy control at the start) optional rather than mandatory as written in Annex A. LPs submitted for 2024 request a similar waiver for the next 12 months. CMWG suggest a Bureau motion to make 7.4.6 optional in Annex A going forwards. It is currently the only start which is mandated.

The Bureau noted that the situation regarding starting methods in Annex A and other procedures is not entirely consistent. There is also a Year 2 proposal from Poland on starting to be considered by the IGC Plenary in 2024. The outcome of the meeting will clarify the situation and determine the action to be taken by the IGC thereafter.

Decision: The Bureau decided to extend the waiver for energy control at the start to be optional to all Championships in 2024.

- b. We have been asked if current JEGC champion should be invited to enter EGC. Annex A as written did not foresee this situation. The CMWG seek clarification on this issue.

Decision: The Bureau decided that the interpretation of the current Appendix A allows the reigning Continental Champions in the Junior and Women's categories to participate in the unrestricted Continental Championships as additional team members in their respective classes. This clarification will be included as an editorial change in the next edition of Annex A, and it will be clarified in the Local Procedures of Continental Gliding Championships in 2024.

6. Certification of Championship Sporting Directors (PE)

Work on this topic is already in progress.

7. Discussion on Earth models

RS left the meeting during the discussion about this agenda item.

- a. Progress

There are different interpretations and applications in gliding, which have implications for scoring (SW certification), visualization to pilots (gliding computers) and flight documentation (GNSS flight recorders). The discussion is not considered to be directly related to airspace use.

- b. Meeting in Toulouse

Mediation of the various views is necessary, including clear documentation of the results (including divergent views). The best approach, in the opinion of the Bureau, would be to require certification of the scoring software used at championships. This approach should be further discussed with the relevant stakeholders before a proposal is made.

8. 2024 IGC Plenary, Toulouse 1-2 March 2024 (VF)

- a. Additional subjects for discussion

The bureau meeting will start on Wednesday (around 14:00) and conclude on Thursday 12:00. Two side meetings will be organised on site (on the subjects of 'Earth model' and 'Ranking List finances').



9. AOB

- The Handicap Sub-Committee, considering the proposal from Denmark, has recently had intensive discussions with experts on how the management of handicaps should evolve. The discussion and the way forward are reflected in the report to the Plenary. The Sub-Committee will develop some proposals for consideration by the Annex A Committee.
- The History Working Group is working on the inclusion of the results of past IGC Championships on the FAI website. The work is inspired by the similar initiative of the FAI Aeromodelling Commission. The Working Group is expected to give a verbal progress report to the IGC Plenary on this initiative.