



## Notes from the IGC Bureau Zoom meeting, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 UTC

### Participants

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

### Agenda

1. Welcome  
PE welcomed the members of the Bureau.
2. Bureau Action List  
PE will share the updated list after the meeting.
3. Finance  
PP provided additional commentary on the written report:
  - IGC will be responsible for covering the cost of all medals ordered, including those for the cancelled Championships (13.5 Metre class).
  - The 2024 expenditure indicated a slightly higher cost for officials than anticipated.
  - Unexpected expenditure was incurred in respect of legal advice in relation to the WGC 2024 in Uvalde (confidentiality issues relating to the use of the PAT tool). This was requested by FAI and is reflected in the EB meeting minutes.  
**Action:** PE will ask the FAI Secretariat to cover the cost of legal advice in relation to WGC 2024 in Uvalde from the FAI budget.
  - FAI will ask ASCs to budget for two reserves, one for OPEX and one for contingencies (the latter could also be used for investments, but a plan needs to be in place). Deadline for implementation is after the next IGC Plenary.
4. Championship Management Committee
  - i. A written report was circulated by MT in advance of the meeting with a number of issues to be addressed:
    - Australia's 2028 JWGC is likely to be re-scheduled to January 2029. This should be presented to the 2025 IGC Plenary for information.
    - New rule on the date of birth of juniors - the current cut-off date of 31 December could be moved to a later month to take account of the WGC being held in the southern hemisphere).  
**Action:** MT to prepare a draft proposal for a new rule on the date of birth of juniors for discussion at the next face-to-face Bureau meeting.



- The Bureau noted the remaining contents of the report.
- ii. Issues from Tabor (CG)
  - CG gave brief verbal feedback. The Steward's Report may provide additional information.
  - The organisers of the WGC 2025 asked for guidance on increasing the maximum allowable number of participants beyond 120 as presented in the original bid. The Bureau noted the intention and pointed out the need for clear justification of adequate capacity for camping and accommodation, optimisation of airport facilities including briefing space and operational capability of tow aircraft. The limits in Annex A should also be respected.
- 5. E6glide status
  - Event postponed to 2026.
  - The future of this activity will be discussed at the next face-to-face Bureau meeting.
- 6. Challenge Cups and how to assure they are present during prizegiving.
  - The Bureau briefly discussed the need for relevant Challenge Cups and Trophies to be delivered to the venue of the next Championships so that they can be presented at the Awards Ceremony.  
**Action:** CMC to outline possible options to ensure delivery of relevant Challenge Cups and Trophies to the next Championships venue prior to the awards ceremony.
  - The World Soaring Cup will be transported to the venue of the FAI GC where the trophy will be presented to the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year 2023.
  - The awarding of the IGC Champion Pilot of the Year 2024 may wait until later in 2025. The award will be presented at the 2025 FAI GC. The pilot concerned is already informed.
- 7. Certification of Championship Sporting Directors
  - The Bureau considers this to be a very important initiative. The issue will be discussed in more detail at the next face-to-face Bureau meeting.  
**Action:** PE to draft a proposal for a certification of Championship Sporting Directors for discussion at the next face-to-face Bureau meeting.
- 8. Virtual Gliding contract (PE)
  - The final version of the contract with the FAI has recently been agreed and is now subject to review by the other party. No further issues are expected and signature is expected very soon.
- 9. Next meeting (EASA Cologne)
  - VF informed about the preparations for the meeting and the support of EASA in hosting the IGC on its premises. The properly equipped meeting room and facilities will be available throughout the meeting, despite the weekend days.
- 10. AOB
  - PE - IGC received a question regarding the compliance of the Nixus glider with the definition of a glider. The question was forwarded to OSTIV for further evaluation. OSTIV



has agreed to work on the answer. The current definition may need to be updated. An interim report will be presented by OSTIV at the 2025 IGC Plenary. The final decision rests with CASI. The current plan is to have a proposal for consideration at the 2025 CASI Annual Meeting.

- AC - some issues were observed at the 2024 WGC in Uvalde regarding inconsistencies in sporting licences, but fortunately these were resolved before the Championships.
- PP - mentioned the observation by some of limited information about gliding competitions from the FAI compared to other sports. The IGC will consider how to improve the visibility of gliding by adjusting the internal structure/processes. In general, there is no problem if ready to use material is prepared and sent to the FAI. The IGC Bureau expressed its appreciation of the current support it is receiving from Sean Young in this area.