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## 1 WELCOME, ATTENDANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

included – In Memoriam, Apologies, Proxies, Roll Call & Attendance, Acknowledgements

Meeting is called to order at 11:00 UTC

### 1.1 IN MEMORIAM

President Gillian Rayner opened the meeting by requesting that those in attendance observe a moment of silence in memory of those from the skydiving community who had died since the last Plenary meeting. **(Appendix A)**

### 1.2 WELCOME ADDRESS

President Rayner welcomed everyone to the first virtual meeting and observed that, due to this being a virtual meeting, there were many first-time attendees who are not usually present at face-to-face meetings. It was originally decided that Observers would not be granted access to the Plenary meetings, but since the Open meetings went so well, Observers are now welcome, however, they would only be allowed to speak if they were given permission by their Delegate.

President Rayner welcomed guests: Maria Osinga-Meek (CIMP President), Stephane Malbos, David Monks (FAI President), Markus Haggrenay (FAI Secretary General), Graeme Windsor (EB and ISC President of Honour), Elena Filanova (CIVL), George Blythe (SG), Jacques Borlo (CIG), Agust Gudmundsson (EB).

President Rayner directed that in order to speak, the Delegates were to indicate their request in the “chat” function of Zoom.

The voting process was explained by President Rayner as follows: Open, less contentious votes would be carried out using the “chat” function of Zoom. Ms. Aliya Ananina (Bureau Vice President) would tabulate the results. For this reason, President Rayner requested that the “chat” be used sparingly. Secret ballots would be conducted using the Election Runner tool. An e-mail would be sent to all Delegates with a link to the voting question. As well, a link would also be posted in the chat” window of Zoom. Delegates were directed to use their voting key and voting ID in order to access the voting item.

At the time of this Plenary, Argentina was not a member in good standing due to some internal issues which had prevented payment of their FAI subscription; therefore, Argentina was unable to vote.

### 1.3 ROLL CALL

The result of the Roll Call showed that there were 42 Delegates present in person and no proxies. A simple majority would be 22.

### 1.4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES

There was one received for day three of the Plenary from China.

### 1.5 VERIFICATION OF DELEGATES' AUTHORITY

All delegates were confirmed.

### 1.6 APPROVAL OF PROXIES

There were no proxies present. Spain had a proposal to disallow proxies during electronic Plenary meetings. See proposal from Spain. (Annex 1.6)

## 1.7 DELEGATES' ADDRESS LIST TO BE UPDATED

Delegates should provide all relevant contact information to the FAI.

## 1.8 DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2020 PLENARY MEETING

The Delegates were asked to approve the Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> ISC Plenary Meeting held in Moscow, Russia, 25-26 January 2020. The minutes were confirmed and accepted without changes

## 3 FAI REPORT

The FAI Secretary General, Mr. Markus Haggénay, reported on the main activities of FAI in 2020 and the outcome of the General Conference held in December 2020.

Mr. M. Haggénay began his report by acknowledging that the ISC has been unhappy with the FAI for quite some time. There is now a change in the President and the Executive Board of the FAI.

The new FAI President, Mr. David Monks joined the meeting and gave a brief history of his activities within the FAI. He has been involved with CIG for 12 years on the Rules and Regulations Committee, has held positions in several air sports organisations, and is a helicopter pilot. He also serves as Chairman of the Royal Aeroclub of the U.K.

In 2018 President Monks sensed a breakdown of trust in the FAI, especially regarding the area of finances. Although 2021 will be a difficult year, it is his intention to bring FAI back to the statutes and rebuild it.

The Commission Presidents Group will meet every month and liaise with the new Executive Board.

In regard to the “missing million” as described at the General Conference, President Monks stated that the money **is not** missing, but has been allocated. A report has been created on this issue and the ISC is welcome to look at it. The Executive Board is concerned with running a financially efficient organization. He asserts that the FAI exists to facilitate the commissions and help them flourish.

President Monks thanked and congratulated all of the volunteers of all of the commissions because the FAI could not function without the volunteers. He stated that 2021 is an uncertain year for our sport, especially how competitions are going to be run. He is sure that the organization will handle every curve ball that comes its way, especially this commission, under the direction of President Gillian Rayner. We are living in unusual times and the FAI will succeed and better days will return. He opened the floor for questions. No questions were forthcoming.

President Rayner thanked President Monks for his comments and encouraging words and yielded the floor to Markus.

Secretary General Markus Haggénay took over the FAI Report. He noted that he has been to every ISC Plenary since he began with FAI and noted that the open meetings are very valuable to attend. He had three separate reports to present. He apologized if the presentation is a bit long on finances, but he shares the ISC concerns, so he felt it was important to speak about the finances and the Organization. His first presentation is the same as his presentation to the General Conference.

It was apparent before the pandemic that the FAI focus had to change. The focus of the FAI is to change to a more efficient, cost-cutting model. This leaner FAI will concentrate on the basics of competitions, records, and awards. FAI undertook a serious cost-cutting endeavour in 2019 (approx. 35% of fixed costs). This initiative was underway before the pandemic began.

Although the FAI is still very much a European organization, it is expanding out to other parts of the world. The pure numbers are clear that the majority of events are happening in Europe and in North America, as well as most people attending originate from these regions. Records are still occurring in spite of the pandemic so there was still some isolated activity.

A financial audit was done in 2019 and extended from 2013 to 2018 to clearing up old accounts and old bookings. The focus was specifically to clear up unreconciled old bookings. This is an attempt to start with a clean slate. It was an intensive year with the auditor. It was good for the new EB to start with a clear and undisturbed look at the FAI finances.

FAI has engaged a new accounting service provider who has introduced electronic work flows which will go a long way in reducing costs. This system is being used to support the commissions and not FAI. In 2021, FAI will focus on overhead/office, services, and commission support. In summary, the new finance system has been introduced, the workflows are in progress and are being improved already. There are still things to do and everything is not yet finalized. At this point they are not where they want to be but are in the process of it with the help of the commissions. This is not a system for FAI alone, but for the commissions as well.

They have streamlined the website a bit in order to reduce the clicks to get to information and documents, etc. This makes it easier for navigation and communication.

A lot of things changed after the FAI General Conference in 2019. The FAI staffing level has been reduced to 5.4 FTE from 9.8 FTE. Due to the COVID-19 Outbreak in 2020 the staffing level was further reduced temporarily to 3.6 FTE, with the financial support of the Swiss government.

The budget proposal builds on a very close relationship mainly with the commissions. There are a lot of inefficiencies that developed over the years and we need to look at that in terms of best practices in order to stabilize the FAI and to make the financial system fully functional. We have to focus on liquidity matters and more timely reporting. This is all in the pipeline and being rolled out. Efficiencies are being looked at, for an example, various insurance costs a year ago were 55,000 CHF and are now down to 17,000 CHF.

Mr. M. Hagganay proceeded through the 2019 financials which are in the public domain. Some explanations of items were given, and the bottom line is that the accounted loss for 2019 was 339,000 CHF. The accounted loss in 2018 was 260,000 CHF, so for the two years, there is a 600,000 CHF accounted loss, including all the provisions and depreciation. This is not all liquidity relevant, but it is accounting relevant.

Mr. M. Hagganay made comments regarding the special reserves of the commissions. They are the result of the activities of the commissions over time. They are stable, approximately 1,000,000 to 1,050,000. They fluctuate between +/- 5%. This proves that the commissions spend their money very wisely and that they are fairly stable.

He stated that reserves technically and legally have to fulfill a purpose and they should be accompanied by a long-term development plan.

Income is decreasing, expenditures in the past have been increasing (due to discontinued unsuccessful projects), competition revenue fluctuates. In a normal year, FAI generates between 350,000 and 400,000 income through sanction fees.

At the end of the year, all currencies are converted to Swiss francs. This is done for all expenditures and sanction fees, etc. Even though the ISC reports in euros, it is important to note that the FAI is located in Switzerland and that all FAI accounting/reporting is in CHF. The deviations, which are a point of ongoing discussions originate from difference between the euro and the Swiss franc.

Additionally, the auditors made eight observations:

- 3 are medium deficiencies
- 5 are significant deficiencies (these deficiencies are targeted for quick change and are actionable. The deadline for these changes is the end of April 2021).

The FAI budget was presented. Certain trends have been identified regarding income: membership subscriptions are decreasing, administration costs are increasing; however, competition revenues fluctuate. Mr. M. Hagganay pointed out that 7 out of the biggest 17 members asked for a Class reduction due to the 10% increase in subscription fees last year. Members are paying later and later each year which has a huge effect on liquidity and the stability of the FAI. From 2019, which was the last normal year, compared to the 2021 budget, income has decreased by 50% from 2019, this is **not** due to COVID-19. Expenses were also cut by 50% (staffing and other operating/depreciation has been decreased by 50%). Of course, this makes certain assumptions, including the use of electronic meetings, etc.

Mr. M. Hagganay thanked all commission presidents and President David Monks and his team for their support. Mr. M. Hagganay called for questions, there were none forthcoming.

## 4 ISC PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

### 4.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ISC President Mrs. Gillian Rayner yielded the floor to Istvan Sipos who gave a brief history of the ISC. This is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the ISC and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first World Parachuting Championships held in 1951 in Bled, Yugoslavia.

President Rayner proceeded to discuss the events which unfolded in 2020 including the effect of COVID-19 on the WISC in Belgium, shifting the Mondial to 2021, the WADA and CAS decisions regarding Russia, and the Swoop Freestyle Contract.

The ISC has consulted the FAI legal counsel and the ruling of CAS does allow events to take place in Russia if it is practically impossible to move them elsewhere. Our situation is that a Mondial is a very big event and to find a host at short notice to manage the seven World Championships is impossible. To have the seven World Championships broken down into individual championships and held at various locations throughout the world, in this very uncertain environment, is also impossible. So, the Bureau is pleading that case with WADA. The Bureau is in the waiting phase, hopeful that ISC will get a positive response. If this is the case then we will have to hope that COVID does not get in the way, but that is a different question and will come after the WADA response.

Moving the competition from one year to the next impacts the ISC calendar overall and this was of some concern during the year because all the parties involved were not able to come to any clear agreements. All of the organizers involved have been able to talk together and the ISC does now have a plan. Some have already confirmed that their bid stands as is and some are having to slightly revise their bid.

The contract with Mr. George Blythe and the ASG (Swoop Freestyle) is on the verge of finalization and Mr. G. Blythe is going to be an advisor on the Canopy Piloting Committee. President Rayner yielded the floor to Mr. G. Blythe and he made a few brief comments on the current activities of ASG.

Finally, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us very clearly that both the FAI and the ISC were not prepared for the situation we encountered, forcing everyone to look much more closely at our rules and regulations. Several proposals that cover holding electronic meetings, electronic voting, as well as situations such as those encountered with the Indoor World Cup and European Championships and the Mondial have been made. These would be further discussed in the Rules and Regulations section of the meeting. President Rayner encouraged everyone to support these proposed changes. President Rayner called for questions, but none arose. **(Appendix B)**

## 4.2 DECISIONS BY THE ISC BUREAU

President Rayner reported on the ISC Bureau's decisions made during 2020 and broke them down into two categories, contentious and non-contentious issues with secret ballot voting for the former. The contentious issues arose from the Indoor World Cup and European Championships. (Annex 4.2)

IBDs 1,3,4,5,6,7 were not contentious; and therefore, the Zoom “chat” function was used for voting.

The vote was called for IBDs 1,3,4,5,6, and 7. The IBDs were accepted by majority with two persons voting against and one person abstaining.

IBDs 2 and 8 regarded the rescheduling of the WCIS and the 20% holdback of competitors' registration fees by the organizer of the 2020 WCIS. These were voted on separately with a secret ballot.

A test of the secret ballot system (Election Runner) proved to be problematic.

As the upcoming vote was important, President Rayner asked for a new roll call. 4 countries missed the roll call.

The vote was called for IBDs 2 and 8 – Mr. Alberto Martin Paracuellos asked if there would be further discussion at this point. President Rayner stated that sufficient time and discussion had been given to both these IBDs; further, emails and letters arguing against these two IBDs were circulated to the delegates using the FAI delegates list by both Dr. R. Hoenle and Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos and a reply was circulated by the delegate from Austria. Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos asked to speak; however, President Rayner stated that the vote had been called and there could be no more discussion on the issue. Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos questioned whether or not the voting had started. President reiterated her previous comments regarding this issue.

IBDs 2 & 8 were accepted by a majority with 27 persons voting for, 8 persons voting against, and 4 persons abstaining.

President Rayner thanked the delegates for their support in this matter and stated that it was a very difficult decision for the Bureau to make. Further, a rule change is being proposed and will be presented by the Rules and Regulations Committee that will allow the ISC to manage such situations more easily in the future.

At this point, President Rayner noted that voting took too long and that there would be a time limit of five minutes imposed going forward. President Rayner suggested that if a delegate does not receive an email link within two minutes, they should automatically go to the link in the “chat” function. After five minutes, the vote would be closed.

## 4.3 BUREAU INTERIM DECISIONS OPEN DEBATE

Proposal from Spain (Annex 4.3). There was no more open debate on this issue.

## 5 FINANCE REPORT 2020

ISC Finance Secretary and Finance Working Group Chair, Mrs. Gail Bradley presented the Finance Working Group Report for 2020, Annex 5, and the Approved and Actual Budgets for 2020, (FWG1).

The year 2020 had no income; and therefore, we ran at a loss of 11,868 euros. This was deducted from our reserves. The expenses were comprised of the Plenary meeting, Extended Bureau, President's travel, video librarian, media & promotion, style & accuracy, small amount on judges, computing costs, etc.

Mrs. G. Bradley is still in discussion with FAI on bank fees and how currency losses will be charged as well as how ISC application fees will be shown. Mrs. G. Bradley has agreed that the 36,000 euros have now been received. The special reserve is not finalized at this time but could be approximately 111,000 euros. This will not be finalized until the next audit in October.

A vote was called on the Expense Report and the Budget as presented. The budget was approved by the Plenary unanimously. **(Appendix I)**

In the 2021 Budget, the Finance Working Group is projecting a budget with the Mondial (participation projected at 720 entrants). Even with Mondial, there will an expected loss of 1,500 euros.

No vote was called on this budget at that time in case there would be some other requests for the budget during the Plenary.

## 6 GENERAL ISSUES

### 6.1 ISC RECORDS

President Rayner introduced a proposal brought up by Mrs. G. Bradley that the ISC no longer pay for Continental records. This was brought forward from a financial perspective because of the cost to ISC.

The proposal will be made to set up a Short Term/Temporary Working Group to look at the question of records in detail. It would look into various questions regarding records including the number of records, record categories, harmonization of records across the disciplines, payment and cost of records (who pays for these records – NACs, ISC, or competitors), and review and clarify the current situation

President Rayner gave some background to the issue. The deal brokered by President of Honour Dr. R. Hoenle has not been adhered to since the deal was struck. The agreement made in 2016 with Dr. R. Hoenle was that the records would cost 80 CHF. If a World Record also achieved a Continental Record, only one sum of 80 CHF would be paid. Further, if a competitor also had other records during the year, that single first sum of 80CHF would be sufficient to cover them all. However, the ISC has been invoiced (and paid) 80 CHF for each and every record even if the same person achieves both a World and Continental Record. In such a case, the ISC has been charged twice. If a person achieves multiple records in a given year, each record is billed separately to the ISC at a rate of 80 CHF. Discussions with Ms. Christine Rousson at the FAI office revealed this was the instruction she received. No written documentation on the process exists other than an IBD issued in 2016 and the minutes of the 2017 ISC Plenary meeting. The invoices have always been paid by ISC with no questions raised.

Mr. Ronald Overdijk sees this discussion as two separate issues, one is the question of Continental Records and the other is the question of a Temporary Working Group.

Mrs. G. Bradley asked for a postponement of the vote regarding Continental Records until after the 2021 budget is presented. Seconded by Mrs. Elisabet Mikaelsson.

Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos proposed to delay all voting on Continental Records until after the Temporary Working Group has given their official opinion on the entire matter. Liam McNulty from Ireland seconded the motion.

President Rayner postponed all voting on the question for the moment. The Temporary Working Group had not been voted on as yet and would be postponed until the Rules and Regulations part of the meeting.

Mrs. G. Bradley wished to point out that in the 2021 budget that she previously discussed, she did not include payment for Continental Records. If the Plenary chooses to continue to pay for these records, the loss will be another approximately 5,000 euros for a total of approximately 6,000 to 7,000 euros projected for 2021.

## 6.2 LETTER FROM FRANCE

President Rayner yielded the floor to the delegate from France, Mr. Patrice Girardin. A letter was received from the French Parachute Federation regarding the state of FAI and consequences for the ISC. Mr. P. Girardin explained the intent of the letter but conceded that with a new Executive Board, the ISC needed to give them time to perform and see how they do. A plan "B" should be considered however, if necessary.

Mr. P. Girardin's comments were followed by a presentation by Mrs. G. Bradley. Her presentation displayed why leaving FAI is **not** a good idea and then went into a number of reasons why this is the case. Mrs. G. Bradley reiterated what had already been said regarding the "new FAI management," that President David Monks and the FAI Executive Board are philosophically different from the previous incumbents, the culture is already changing, there are monthly meetings with the Commission Presidents, cost cutting measures are being demonstrated in many areas, the FAI has committed to replenishing the ISC reserves. We have too much to lose by quitting FAI. On other hand, if FAI fails, the ISC must have a plan "B." The Finance Working Group has spoken about this and 10 steps have been identified in order to leave FAI. This presentation outlines those 10 steps and shows that a "Plan B" has already been considered and the steps to do so already identified. (Annex 6.2)

## 7 CISM

Mr. Gernot Rittenschober gave the CISM report and reported that due to the Pandemic there has been no activity in 2020; however, Qatar International Open Parachuting Championships, in Doha, Qatar, will proceed in February 2021. It is the test event for the 44<sup>th</sup> World Military Championships in to be held in November.

Information about CISM and their activities can be found at:  
<https://www.milsport.one/sports/parachuting>

## 8 ASIANIA

The ASIANIA Parachute Federation report was presented by Mr. Chang Il (David Choi). As with CISM, there was no activity in 2020 due to COVID-19. China and Korea did conduct events in their own countries, but there were no ASIANIA events held during 2020.

ASFC held a Tandem Instructor training course which certified 4 new Tandem Instructors. KPA held two CP training courses in 2020. ASIANIA is looking forward to holding a CP Championships in the near future. (Annex 8)

## 9 THE WORLD GAMES

Dr. R. Hoenle, ISC World Games Liaison Officer, reported that nothing new has occurred with regard to the next World Games to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, USA, in 2022. Communication with the organizer is very good, especially with the help of Steve Hubbard from USPA and Ms. Meredith Ottery as the Course Director.

The updated selection criteria for the participation of athletes at the World Games was introduced to the competitors at the Open Meeting at the last CP First Category Event in Pretoria 2019.

- 1) The selection event is the Mondial Tanay 2021
- 2) Results of the CP classic events and CP-Freestyle event will serve for the selection of competitors:
  - CP-Zone Accuracy: First 8 competitors ranked 1-8
  - CP-Speed: First 8 competitors ranked 1-8
  - CP-Distance: First 8 competitors ranked 1-8

Any competitor in the selection above is only listed once for the WG slots.

- 3) Any female competitor ranked 9-60 up to a total of 36 WG slots
- 4) Any remaining open WG slots after 2) and 3) will be filled by competitors from the CP ranking list from 2021 updated after the Mondial 2021 events results, using a ratio of 1 CP Freestyle ranking vs. per 2 from the classic ranking list, until all 36 WG slots are filled.

## 10 PARA-SKI

Mr. Michael Egger, Committee Chair, presented the Committee's activities in 2020. Mr. M. Eggar introduced his committee and noted that there have been no member changes from last Plenary meeting.

No competitions/FCEs took place in 2020. It was noted that this is not due to COVID-19, but due to bad weather conditions and lack of snow. Due to the lack of competitions, the Ranking List will not change from 2020 to 2021. There are no proposed rule changes for 2021. Mr. M. Eggar thanked the organizers of these events for all of their work. (Annex 10)

### **Bids to host Future FCEs in Para-Ski**

A Bid from Russia to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> FAI European Para-Ski Championship and the 8<sup>th</sup> World Cup of Para-Ski (to be held Dec. 14 to 19, 2021) was received.

A Para-Ski World Championships was held at this location in 2014. The committee checked the bid and supports it.

Mr. Dennis Sviridov commented on the bid. Mr. D. Sviridov thanked Mr. M. Eggar and the committee for supporting this bid.

It was motioned to accept the bid from Russia and was passed with three people abstaining.

The schedule for World Championships in Para-Ski may have to change from odd numbered years to even numbered years depending on the Mondial. The Para-Ski Committee proposed a motion that the Plenary authorize the Bureau (in conjunction with the Para-Ski Committee) to take care of any new bids that may be submitted in 2021 for 2022. The motion was approved unanimously. (Annex 10.1)

## 11 FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING

Mr. Günter Berendt, Committee Chair presented the Committee's activities in 2020. As in Para-Ski, all competitions/FCEs were cancelled due to COVID-19 and is unprecedented.

Future competitions are confirmed for Kemerovo, Russia in 2021 and Strakonice, Czech Republic in 2022, Belarus in 2023 and a possibility of competition in China for 2024. (Annex 11)

### 11.1 PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING COMPETITION RULES

There is a small change to the competition rules (7.3.3) concerning juniors. This change is for clarification.

A vote was taken on the S&A rule change. A majority approved it with one person against and one person abstaining.

## 12 FORMATION SKYDIVING

Mr. Mark Szulmayer, Committee Chair presented the Committee's activities in 2020. Mr. M. Szulmayer stated that there were no competitions/FCEs in 2020.

Current and future Formation skydiving events: Mondial 2021 Tanay, Russia, WCIS 2022 Belgium, WPC 2022 Eloy, Arizona, 2023 WISC Slovakia, 2023 WC Voss, Norway.

There are no rule changes for 2021.

There have been questions about changes to the dive pool; however, dive pool changes normally only happen in a World Cup year. Given the shuffle in the competition schedule, pool changes will not become relevant until 2023. Further, the only changes contemplated at this time will be to the 8-way dive pool. Also, there have been requests/suggestions from various indoor organizers to allow for more than one team to compete at a World Championships and to decrease the competition rounds from ten to eight. The committee rejected both of these suggestions.

Mr. Martin Lemay has chosen to leave the committee and Mr. Yaser Mohsen has had to step down. Mr. Matthew Fry from the U.S. has been invited to join the team. Mr. M. Szulmayer thanked his committee for the work they have done this year. (Annex 12)

## 13 ARTISTIC EVENTS

Ms. Ron Miasnikov, Committee Chair, presented the Committee's activities in 2020. There are no changes to the Artistic Events Committee. Ms. R. Miasnikov thanked her committee for their work.

Although there were no competitions/FCEs this year, there has been a lot of online training throughout the year in the AE Corner for all levels of judges – not just FAI judges. If anyone is interested, they are to contact Ms. R. Miasnikov and she will put them on the list for training.

Ms. R. Miasnikov commented that in AE training courses, there is no difference between a national judge and an FAI judge course because the rules for National Competition are the same as the FAI rules. Competitors are also encouraged to attend because there is no better way for a competitor to learn what the judges are looking for than to attend a course. This applies to competitors, parents of competitors, or coaches. (Annex 13)

### 13.1 PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE ARTISTIC EVENTS COMPETITION RULES

Ms. R. Miasnikov, Committee Chair presented the amendments to the Artistic Events Competition Rules. All rule changes have been vetted by both judges and competitors for review and comment. The community is united and part of the discussion.

In Indoor there is one housekeeping change. For outdoor rules, there are a number of changes, some of them housekeeping.

A request for change to Section 5 encompasses both the Dynamic and the Judges Committees. Keeping in mind costs and expenses, the Committee proposed to drop the spare judge. Of course, this will not affect the 2021 Mondial.

The proposed Competition Rule changes were accepted by the Plenary unanimously. The proposed Section 5 rule changes were accepted by the Plenary unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:30 UTC

## DAY 2 - INTRODUCTION

Meeting called to order at 11:00 UTC

President Rayner addressed a few questions and comments regarding the CAS decision and Russian participation at the Plenary. President Rayner assured the plenary that the Bureau has consulted with FAI legal counsel, and has no concern on this matter. All Russians serving the ISC, from judges, to delegates, to committee members, to Bureau members are perfectly legal.

### Roll Call

There were 41 voting members present.

## CIMP PRESENTATION

President Gillian Rayner introduced Ms. Marja Osinga-Meek, the President of CIMP (MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION), who gave a presentation on COVID-19.

Ms. M. Osinga-Meek is a glider pilot living in The Netherlands and her Commission (CIMP) does research on aviation medicine and air sports. The commission has 4 members. Ms. Osinga-Meek gave a very detailed presentation of the current situation throughout the world.

More information can be obtained from WHO, ICAO, and the Airlines to name a few organizations.

Given the CIMP presentation, Mr. Mike Teague asked questions regarding the Tanay Mondial organizers efforts re: COVID-19 and health/quarantine protocols if COVID should be detected during the event. President Rayner added that the ISC has been in discussions with the organizer and Mr. D. Sviridov did speak to this previously regarding testing, nearby available hospitals, etc., but the ISC needs to have clear protocols established. Mr. D. Sviridov spoke to this issue and assured the Plenary that the Mondial organizer will develop a Working Group which will resolve all the questions of health/quarantine protocols that may arise during the Mondial.

### DIPC

President Rayner also voiced Bureau concerns/reservations regarding DIPC in Dubai. It is not an ISC organized event, but it is on the FAI calendar. FAI and ISC cannot be deemed responsible in case of a COVID related issue.

## 14 DYNAMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Kristian Moxnes, Committee Chair, presented the Committee's activities in 2020. There have been no competitions/FCEs this year; however, since they are a newer discipline, they have some competition rule changes for the year. They also have a proposal for a change to Section 5 (6.2.1) which includes a "new path" for the creation of national judges from NACs that do not support or have a national dynamic judge's training program. These judges can then work their way to becoming FAI judges. A small poll indicated that only 37.5% of ISC NACs have a national judge course, this is a small survey, but it does give an accurate picture of the issue. The Judges Committee has accepted their proposal and approved the wording as confirmed by Mr. Zeljko Tanaskovic, Deputy Chair of the Judges Committee. Mr. K. Moxnes fielded a number of questions regarding the "new path."

Mrs. Elisabet Mikaelsson, Swedish delegate, spoke to this issue as well. It was reiterated by Ms. Rina Gallo that this is a “new path” for a national rating – not an FAI rating.

The Dynamic Committee proposed a new member, Jean-Phillipe Chatelaine. (Annex 14)

#### 14.1 PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE DYNAMIC COMPETITION RULES

Mr. K. Moxnes, Committee Chair, presented the amendments to the Dynamic Rules.

The proposed Competition rule changes were accepted by the Plenary unanimously. (Annex 14.1)

### 15 INDOOR SKYDIVING

Ms. Sarka Ferrerova, Committee Chair, presented the Committee’s activities in 2020. Ms. S. Ferrerova thanked the ISC Bureau for the work they have done over this past year. The committee members remain unchanged for 2021 and Ms. S. Ferrerova thanked her committee for all of their work during the year.

Ms. S. Ferrerova noted that the Indoor Committee is an advising committee and exists to make recommendations for the indoor disciplines and organizers. The Indoor Committee supports the “new path” for the creation of national judges. (Annex 15)

### 16 CANOPY FORMATION

Ms. Rina Gallo, Committee Chair presented the Committee’s activities in 2020. Ms. R. Gallo stated that there were no competitions/FCEs in 2020; and therefore, there are no rule changes for 2021. However, Ms. R. Gallo did recognize Canopy Formation World and Continental Performance Records achieved in 2020.

<b>World Records set in CF in Large Formation Sequential – (Full break rules) in Lake Wales Florida.</b>  2 point, 25-way full break (November 27, 2020) 3 point, 25-way full break (November 29, 2021)	<b>World and Asian Continental Records set in CF in Large Formation Sequential in Evora, Portugal.</b>  World Record - 5 point 25-way (Qatari Team) (January 1, 2021) Asian Continent - 2, 3, 4, and 5 point 25-way (Qatari Team) January 1, 2021
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Ms. R. Gallo congratulated all new the new World and Continental Record holders.

Upcoming FCEs include the 2021 Mondial in Tanay Russia and the 2022 WPC in Eloy Arizona. Ms. R. Gallo thanked Mr. Larry Hill and Skydive Arizona for hosting CF in 2022. She also thanked the Czech Republic for their consideration in holding a Canopy Formation FCE in 2022 and hopes that they may consider bidding on a CF FCE in the future. The CF Committee awaits the outcome of negotiations with Belarus for an CF FCE in the future.

Ms. R. Gallo thanked her committee for their work this year and although the committee members have not changed, Mr. Pasi Pirttikoski has stepped down as Deputy Chair and Ms. Julia Sotnikova has assumed the role of Deputy Chair. (Annex 16)

#### 16.1 PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CANOPY FORMATION PERFORMANCE RECORD RULES

During 2020, the wording of the Canopy Formation Performance Record Rules were amended in Section 5. These changes were reflected in an IBD dated June 23, 2020 and entitled “CF Records Rule Corrections” and can be found on the FAI/ISC website under IBDs.

Rather than present and vote on these amendments at this time, Ms. R. Gallo has deferred the explanation and vote to the Rules and Regulations Committee presentation.

Since the IBD involved (#7) has been ratified, these changes will be reflected in the 2021 version of Section 5.

## 17 CANOPY PILOTING

Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos, Committee Chair presented the Committee's activities in 2020. The CP Committee has a new advisor, Mr. G. Blythe from ASG. Future competitions include 2021 Mondial, and the 6<sup>th</sup> DIPC is confirmed for February 2021 and registration is still open. The 2022 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama is still going forward and a bid has been received from Eloy Arizona for a WPC in 2022 for CP. The committee knows that skydive Arizona will do a good job and thanks Larry Hill for his bid.

Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos stated that there were no competitions/FCEs in 2020; and therefore, there was no way to test the previous rules, so there will be no rule changes for 2021. There are some housekeeping issues, but they will be postponed until next year.

Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos noted a request from the ISC Librarian, Ms. Tamara Koyn regarding recording media. Ms. T Koyn requested a rule change to have CP recording media sent to her. A change in the rules will be considered for 2022. In the meantime, Mr. Bjorn Korth has an archive of recording media that he will be asked to share with Ms. T. Koyn, and any recording media obtained from the 2021 Mondial will be sent to the ISC Librarian for archiving.

There are a number of possible CP rule changes being considered by the committee including modification of the Speed course layout and the creation of zones in the Distance events for ease of judging.

Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos shared a presentation of the new video surveillance system that will be used at Canopy Piloting competitions. It will be implemented in the future for speed, accuracy, and freestyle.

An agreement has been reached with the Judges Committee regarding Section 5 (6.6.2 Event Judges). The new wording is reflected in the Judges Committee proposed rule changes.

President Rayner noted that there are a number of comments in the "chat" regarding the CP Committee's use of "advisors." The CP Committee is the only one that has advisors and President Rayner observed that these are obviously non-voting members or "recognized guests" of the committee. Mr. R. Overdijk asked that the Committee refrain from doing this for various reasons; however, Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos gave the committee's reasons for continuing to be inclusive in nature.

A question regarding the possible effect on records due to the course changes was asked. Mr. A. Martin Paracuellos responded that there will be no effect, as the modification is for ease of judging only. (Annex 17)

### 17.1 MOU WITH AIR SPORTS GROUP (ASG)

President Rayner updated the Plenary on the MoU with Air Sports Group. The contract with Mr. G. Blythe and the ASG (Swoop Freestyle) is on the verge finalization. The proposed and pending changes are more favourable to ISC.

## 18 SPEED SKYDIVING

Ms. Aliya Ananina, Committee Chair presented the Committee's activities in 2020. Members of the Speed Committee remain unchanged for 2021. (Annex 18)

### 18.1 PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE SPEED SKYDIVING COMPETITION RULES

Ms. A. Ananina, Committee Chair presented the changes to the Speed Skydiving Competition Rules which include some housekeeping i.e., missed categories, clarifying definitions (final scores in separate classifications is clarified). Weight checks at the beginning of the competition and random weight checks during the competition will be added. For an incomplete round in the open event, it can be considered complete for separate classifications. Regarding the accuracy of measurement, three new clauses will be added (validation window, relocation of the SMD if the signal is compromised, every data sample will have a speed accuracy of less than 3 metres per second. (Annex 18.1)

The proposed Competition rule changes were accepted by the Plenary unanimously.

## 19 WINGSUIT FLYING

Mr. Steve Hubbard, Committee Chair, presented the Committee's activities in 2020. There are no changes to the Wingsuit Committee members. Mr. S. Hubbard thanked the committee members.

The Committee looks forward to the Mondial in Tanay, Russia in 2021 and the World Parachuting Championships in Eloy Arizona in 2022. A huge thank you to Norway and Skydive Arizona for making this scheduling possible. (Annex 19)

### 19.1 PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE WINGSUIT FLYING COMPETITION RULES

Mr. S. Hubbard, Committee Chair presented the amendments to the Wingsuit Flying Competition Rules. The Wingsuit Committee is withdrawing its request to bring in the principal judges a day early to the competition. However, will move forward with the implementation of a wingsuit Technical Scoring Director. This will necessitate changes to the competition rules and also Section 5.

There was a request from the ISC video librarian for the GPS log files for both wingsuit flying events and the video files from acrobatic be included in the ISC library. The Wingsuit Committee supports this and considers these files pertinent documentation. They support a rule change to enforce this.

Ms. G. Bradley asked for clarification on who is responsible for supplying the Technical Scoring Director, the organizer or the ISC. Mr. S. Hubbard confirmed that it is the organizer.

The proposed Competition rule changes were accepted by the Plenary with 1 person against and 1 person abstaining.

## 20 JUDGES

Mr. Zeljko Tanaskovic, Committee Deputy Chair, presented the Committee's activities in 2020. The committee make up has changed. Mr. Z. Tanaskovic from Sweden will replace Mr. Bernard Nicolas as the Committee Chair. Mr. Bert Ham will become the Deputy Chair. Mr. B. Nicolas stepped away from the committee and two new members are proposed, Ms. Claire King from South Africa, and Mr. Jean-Phillipe Chatelain from France representing the Dynamic Committee. (Annex 20a, 20b, 20c)

### 20.1 PROPOSAL TO AMEND SC5, CHAPTER 6.6

Mr. Z. Tanaskovic, Committee Deputy Chair, presented the proposed amendments to the Judging Rules. The Judges Committee received some proposals and worked together with

those committees, especially the Dynamic Committee. The rule changes to Section 5 1.1.1(4) and 6.1 were agreed to and would be presented by the Rules and Regulations Committee. The Judges Committee brought forward proposals for 6.6, for Chief and Event judges, this is a clarification. The proposal for 6.6.1 regards consultation with the organizer. It is felt that now the Chief Judge expenses are no longer covered by the organizer, the prerogative for selecting the Chief Judge should remain with the ISC. There have been discussions between the Judges and Canopy Piloting Committees regarding the Event Judge (Section 5 (6.6.2)). The wording has been changed and Mr. Z. Tanaskovic urges the CP Committee to reintroduce Event Judges back into their competition rules as the Judges Committee believes that this is a very important role. (Annexes 20.1)

Dr. R. Hoenle asked whether these rule changes will be valid for the 2021 Mondial. The answer is no, they will not. However, Mr. Z. Tanaskovic urged that the CP Committee implement these for the following years.

Mrs. Doris Merz-Hunziker from Switzerland asked for clarification of the wording that the Event Judges can be chosen from the "nomination" list. Ms. R. Gallo that the wording should be changed to "proposed judges list."

The plenary accepted the proposed changes to the committee with one person voting against.

## 20.2 PROPOSAL FROM BULGARIA TO AMEND SC5, CHAPTER 6.7.1 AND 6.7.2

Mrs. Ani Stamenova, ISC Delegate from Bulgaria presented and explained the proposed amendments to the Judging Rules, Sporting Code Section 5 Chapter 6.7.1 and 6.7.2. The proposal had been rejected last year and Mrs. A. Stamenova believed that there may have been a misunderstanding of the intent of the proposal.

President Rayner addressed Mrs. A. Stamenova and assured her that the proposal was clearly formulated and asked if she would like further discussions with the Judges Committee or if she would like this proposal to be put forward for a vote. President Rayner also asked Mr. Z. Tanaskovic for his position on this proposal.

Mr. Z. Tanaskovic confirmed that the Judges Committee is not in favour of this proposal.

President Rayner asked Mrs. A. Stamenova again if she would like to have a vote on this proposal or if she would like to have more discussions on this and bring the proposal back again next year.

A discussion ensued with comments by Mrs. D. Merz-Hunziker from Switzerland and Mr. G. Rittenschober from Austria.

Mrs. A. Stamenova withdrew this proposal and will resubmit at the next Plenary after discussions with the judges and competitors throughout the year. (Annex 20.2)

## 20.3 FAI SKYDIVING JUDGE LIST

The list of FAI Judges for 2021 has been posted but not all NACs have confirmed the judges on the list are correct. **(Appendix C).**

The plenary accepts the 2021 Nominated Judges List unanimously.

## 21 FUTURE COMPETITIONS

President Rayner presented the updated competition schedule via a PowerPoint slide. The Bureau has been working with the various organizers throughout this difficult year. The decision to move the Mondial was fairly easy, the following years not so. The parties involved have come to an agreement for 2021 through to 2023. **(Appendix D)**

President Rayner asked the organizers to update their bids as so much time has passed since they were submitted. It was confirmed that these are not new bids, but adjusted bids. Some updates have been received, but not all. President Rayner felt that out of fairness, it was preferable to vote on all adjusted bids at the same time.

The only bid that can be voted on at this Plenary is the extension to the Eloy, Arizona bid for a WPC in 2022, which now includes Canopy Piloting and Canopy Formation.

### 21.1 COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD IN 2021

Mondial - Tanay, Russia

### 21.2 COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD IN 2022

WCIS – Belgium - FS, IAE, FS

WPC – Eloy Arizona USA – AE, CF, CP, FS, SP, WS

WPC – Strakonice, Czech Republic - ST & AL

### 21.3 COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD IN 2023

WISC – Slovakia

WC – Voss, Norway – AE, FS

WC – Belarus – S & A and possibly a WC in CF

There is some confusion regarding the WPC and WC and syncing up the competitions again. A number of questions arose regarding the situation. Clarification was requested regarding the competition calendar, Belarus indicated wanting to host a World Parachuting Championship and not a World Cup. This will have to be discussed further during the year.

Ms. R. Miasnikov commented that if the Mondial does not happen in 2021 there should not be another year without judges renewing their ratings. Some kind of re-evaluation plan should be put in place during 2021. Mr. Z. Tanaskovic responded that the Judges Committee has already addressed this situation.

President Rayner reiterated her earlier comments in order to clarify the situation.

A vote was called on to accept the shift in the proposed competition schedule for those competitions already approved. The Plenary approved this unanimously.

Skydive Arizona spoke to the additional events and stated that Canopy Formation was in the original bid and was removed in order to allow Belarus to host that event. The prices have not changed from the original CF bid presented at the Moscow Plenary meeting in 2020. Mr. S. Hubbard added that the Canopy Piloting bid was sent to the CP Committee and after some discussion, the CP Committee approved the bid. Concern was expressed on the request by the organiser to give four of the key positions to people coming from North America. The issue was resolved.

A vote was called to agree to the two new events in Eloy, Arizona (Canopy Formation and Canopy Piloting). The plenary agreed unanimously.

Due to the fact that not all of the revised bids have been received, President Rayner motioned that the Plenary give the Extended Bureau the authority to review the revised bids

and approve them – at least for 2022. The bids for 2023 could wait until the next Plenary unless the Bureau feels there is a need to approve earlier.

The Motion as put forward: Does the Plenary accept to give the Bureau and Extended Bureau (discipline Committee Chairs) the power to approve the revised bids for 2022 and 2023. The vote was called and the Plenary accepted the proposal with 1 person voting against.

## 22 TECHNICAL AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Istvan Sipos, Committee Deputy Chair, presented the Committee's activities during 2020. The T&SC Report covered skydiving aircraft incidents as well as skydiving incidents. For the first time, the committee has received replies from 46 countries. From their research, the committee has found that most accidents happen during landing and are due to canopy handling issues.

Within a month, some members of the committee will have a meeting with the European Aviation Safety Agency. This meeting will focus on the safe operation of parachuting operations and lessons learned from recent parachute accidents.

This year the committee has not produced any information notices because they have not received anything from the manufacturers regarding technical problems. However, the committee, in cooperation with the Parachute Industries Association, is preparing a study on fatalities occurring from hard openings. This is an ongoing project and the committee hopes to produce this report by next year.

The committee is requesting to move away from paper CoPs to the use of digital CoPs citing that they are easier to manage, can be used on multiple platforms which are trustworthy and secure. It is also a step for the future.

The committee is planning on sending out a PowerPoint presentation on digital CoPs to all delegates. Delegates will be requested to supply their feedback. Depending on this feedback, the T&SC will bring a proposal regarding Digital CoPs to the next Plenary meeting.

The Committee proposes to add one new member, Mr. Mark Belligan from South Africa.

There was a request from the Mr. G. Rittenschober from Austria to split out the aircraft incidents from the skydiving incidents so that there is a clearer picture of skydiving related incidents.

### 22.1 2019 SAFETY SURVEY REPORT

The Safety Committee reported on the 2019 Safety Survey, and other Technical & Safety material. Annex 22, 22.1, 22.2, 22.3, 22.4, 22.5 had been discussed during the open meetings.

## UPDATE ON 2021 MONDIAL – TANAY, RUSSIA

Due to some questions brought forward by the Belgian NAC, Mr. D. Sviridov was asked to address these concerns. Dennis began by explaining that Russia held their Nationals in 2020, so they have experience running a competition during the pandemic. The Russian Parachuting Federation has safety regulations for COVID-19. This issue will also be discussed with the Working Group in order to establish guidelines for individuals. He gave details of the plans in place which, once finalised, will be communicated to delegates through a Bulletin. Individuals should have their own medical and repatriation insurance, but in case that is not possible, Russia will provide insurance for COVID-19 related issues which will cover medical expenses due to COVID-19 and will be free for everyone. Regarding visas, starting 2021 electronic visas will be available for foreign citizens. The stay in Russia will be limited to 16 days; however, extensions may be granted in certain circumstances under the organizer's agreement with the foreign ministry.

In answer to questions regarding this update, it was confirmed that there will be no spectators at the competition site except for CP, Accuracy Landing, and Style. Spectator zones will be set up at these venues. Other spectators will not be allowed inside the aerodrome or the hotels, so the competitors will be separated. Regarding the possibility of vaccination passports, there is no such thing yet. The insurance will not cover accidents, it will only cover COVID-19 related issues. Accidents must be covered by the participant.

## **23 TEMPORARY WORKING GROUP FOR PARACHUTING FOR THE DISABLED**

Ms. Aliya Ananina, Chair of the Temporary Working Group for Parachuting for the Disabled presented the report on the TWG's activities during 2020. This was covered in the open meetings. The Committee announced that France has set up a very good initiative to create a program for the disabled activity in the wind tunnels. and there are already a few wind tunnels within the European Union who agree to be a part of this program. (Annex 23)

### **23.1 PROJECT WINDTUNNEL**

Mr. Patrice Girardin, delegate from France spoke to this initiative, #WindtunnelHandifly2021. Since we are in a pandemic situation and the program is subsidized by the European Union, the organizers of this initiative are waiting to see when and if they will be allowed to run this competition. Updated information will be given through the ISC, but Mr. P. Girardin can also be contacted directly for further information regarding the tunnels involved in the project.

Mr. P. Girardin clarified a misunderstanding; this initiative is not only open for European countries; it is open to all countries through their wind tunnels. The details are different for those outside Europe, but all are free to join the initiative. (Annex 23.1)

## **24 MEDIA AND WEBSITE**

Mrs. Elisabet Mikaelsson, Media Working Group Chair presented the report on activity in both areas during 2020. Most information was given during the open meetings, but Mrs. E. Mikaelsson made a few additional observations for the Plenary. The size of the ISC audience on Facebook tripled in 2020 in spite of there being no competitions. The overall budget went down significantly. In 2018, 23,000 euros was spent on media along with an additional 5,000 euros paid to Skydive TV for two consecutive years. Costs were cut significantly for a higher achievement. (Annexes 24a & 24b)

## **25 JURY DISCUSSION GROUP ANNUAL REPORT**

President Rayner explained that the Jury Discussion Group was an informal working group that was set up by the Extended Bureau. She also explained how the question would be handled regarding voting. The Plenary would take a position on the Working Group Proposal which, if it fails, will be followed by a vote on the counter proposal from Ireland. A long presentation was made in the open meeting and many questions asked. A counter proposal from Ireland was also presented during the Open Meeting by the delegate, Mr. Liam McNulty. Ms. G. Bradley, Chair of the Discussion Group added a few additional words on the proposal stressing that the proposal is a package and should be voted on as such. Mr. R. Overdijk would present the rule changes that are impacted by this proposal during the Rules and Regulations portion of the meeting. (Annexes 25a & 25b)

### **25.1 PROPOSAL FROM IRELAND, JURY COMPOSITION**

After Ms. G. Bradley's rapid summary of the presentation made during the Open Meeting, Mr. L. McNulty, delegate for Ireland was invited to speak in response to the summary made by Ms. G. Bradley. (Annex 25.1)

Since the question of jurors will not affect the 2021 Mondial, he proposed a motion that the matter of juries be deferred until 2022. Mrs. D. Merz-Hunziker seconded the motion.

Further questions came from the floor. Dr. R. Hoenle asked if this motion will affect the juries for the 2021 Mondial in Russia. Ms. G. Bradley confirmed it would not. The JDG had discussed deferring it for one year but decided to present their proposal as a package this year as a number of items such as the increase in protest fees, should take effect immediately. The proposal has already been endorsed by the Extended Bureau.

President Rayner suggested that if Mr. L. McNulty's Motion is passed, the JDG proposal be separated out, so that the elements the JDG would like implemented this year be voted on separately.

The vote was called on Mr. L. McNulty's Motion to defer the vote on Jury composition until 2022.

The majority of the Plenary agreed to defer the vote with 26 people voting for Mr. L. McNulty's motion, 12 people against and 6 people abstaining.

## 26 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Ronald Overdijk, Committee Chair presented the Rules and Regulations Committee's activities during 2020. The short report from 2020 is in the agenda. The committee composition will remain the same for 2021. (Annexes 26a & 26b)

### 26.1 SPORTING CODE, SECTION 5

Mr. R. Overdijk, Committee Chair presented the proposals to changes to Sporting Code Section 5. (Annex 26.2a & 26.2b)

The proposals for changes to Section 5 in Annex 26.2.b will be handled separately from the other proposals.

The proposal for changes to the Internal Regulations will be presented by Mrs. E. Mikaelsson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP.

A number of other changes to Section 5 have or will be accepted during this Plenary which will need to be incorporated into Section 5.

Mr. R. Overdijk presented a summary of the changes to be approved. These included the proposed new wording for the return of entry fees in the event of "extraordinary circumstances." It was decided to separate the vote on this particular point as a separate item. Although there were objections, Mr. R. Overdijk stressed that it was preferable to include the new wording than risk finding ourselves in the same situation as this year.

Questions from the floor led to a clarification regarding other matters: the Wingsuit, CP and Indoor Disciplines for which discussion ensued.

The first vote covered all Section 5 changes (page 2) with the exception of the return of entry fees. The vote was passed 2 against and 1 abstention. The second vote concerned the return of entry fees. A secret ballot was requested. This was withheld until the following day.

Following the earlier discussion, a vote was called for the changes to Section 5 regarding juries (excluding the Jury composition, as follows:

- Juror prerequisites: added possibility, nominated by a Committee Chair
- Update of Juror list: renewal every 3 years
- Complaint procedure added before a protest can be made (GS 6.1.3)
- Cost of protest raised to € 150

The Plenary accepted the proposed changes to section 5 with 2 persons against and 1 person abstaining.

## DAY 3 - INTRODUCTION

Meeting called to order at 11:00 UTC

### Roll Call

There were 42 voting members present (including the late arrival of Poland).

President Rayner informed the Plenary that Ms. A. Ananina will have to leave the meeting early due to an unavoidable business trip. When Ms. A. Ananina leaves the meeting, her duties as voting manager will be assumed and split between Ms. Julia Sotnikova (Alternate Delegate for Russia) for the secret ballots, and Mrs. G. Bradley (Delegate for Australia and Finance Secretary) for the open voting.

Habitually, contact information for delegates and alternate delegates is collected during the meeting. President Rayner will incorporate all information needed by FAI into the feedback questionnaire that will be sent out to all delegates following this electronic meeting.

### 26.2 SPORTING CODE, SECTION 5 (CONT'D)

A secret ballot was held on the question of the return of entry fees.

- Return of entry fees:
  - 4.4.5(2) If an FCE cannot take place by reason of extraordinary circumstances as determined by the ISC Bureau and the Organiser, all or part of the entry fees, including all or part of the sanction fees that have been paid, will be returned. The amount to be returned will be determined by the ISC Bureau in consultation with the Organiser.

The Plenary accepted the proposed changes to section 5 with 9 persons against and 2 people abstaining.

All accepted changes will be included in the 2021 version of Sporting Code Section 5 valid from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and can be found at <https://www.fai.org/isc-documents>.

### 26.3 PROPOSAL FROM SWITZERLAND, AGE OF JUNIORS 2021

Mrs. D. Merz-Hunziker presented the proposal from Switzerland regarding the age of juniors for 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Swiss Olympic Committee and many other Sport Federations have raised the Junior age limit for the 2021 season by one year. The proposal from Switzerland is an increase of the Junior age in the skydiving disciplines by one year, only for the 2021 season. (Annex 26.1)

The Plenary accepted the proposal with four persons against and two persons abstaining.

### 26.4 INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Mrs. E. Mikaelsson, ISC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President presented the proposals to amend the Internal Regulations as discussed during the Open Meeting and annexed to the Agenda. (Annex 26.3).

A Motion was made to approve the whole document. The Plenary approved the changes unanimously.

## 27 FINANCE

### 27.1 PROPOSALS

Mrs. Gail Bradley, Chair of the Finance Working Group, presented proposals, arising from Finance Working Group meetings and Budget Requests from other Committees or persons. Mrs. G. Bradley thanked her committee for their work during the year. There is an opening on this committee and Mrs. G. Bradley called for candidates to come forward directly to her before the end of the Plenary.

During the presentation of the proposed revised 2021 Budgets (2 versions), Mrs. G. Bradley proposed to reverse the 2017 Plenary Decision to have the ISC pay for Continental records. After Mrs. G. Bradley explained why that decision had been reached, she called a motion as follows: The ISC should not pay for Continental records. Mrs. G. Bradley is seeking acceptance of the principle only. A number of questions were raised and discussion ensued. President Rayner explained that this being contentious, it had been decided that the vote would be held by secret ballot. President Rayner went on to explain the intent of the proposed Working Group who would give results before the Mondial.

### 27.2 AMENDED BUDGET FOR 2021

ISC Finance Secretary, Mrs. Gail Bradley, presented the draft budgets for 2021:

Draft Budget for 2021 with Mondial and Para-Ski, but without Indoor Skydiving. Annex 5 (FWG2). This will give the ISC a small profit of 6,600 euros.

Mrs. G. Bradley explained that the Mondial organiser had offered to cover the costs of the Jury and this was confirmed by the delegate from Russia. The presented budget also included Continental Records. Mr. Markus Haggénay, FAI Secretary General made two points. He asked that the reserves be shown in Swiss Francs rather than Euros as that is the currency in which they are held. He then asked that the word “bankrupt” not be used and replaced “Provisions used up” since the word bankrupt has legal implications.

The Plenary accepted the 2021 Budget with Mondial (as presented) unanimously. Mrs. G. Bradley then showed the budget without the Mondial to show the impact if it cannot take place. **(Appendix J)**

The Draft Budget for 2021 without Mondial or Indoor Skydiving Annex 5 (FWG3). In this scenario, the ISC would suffer a deficit of 8,540 euros.

### 27.3 DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2022

ISC Finance Secretary, Mrs. G. Bradley, presented the draft budget for 2022 Annex 5 (FWG4). This budget reverts the numbers back to 2019 levels as it assumes that the world will be over the pandemic. It is also based on electronic meetings. With various other costs, there is a loss of 23,700 euros. The trends document shows that, with no change to the sanction fee, ISC will probably have exhausted its reserves by 2025. Mrs. G. Bradley’s aim being to present a balanced budget, she highlighted areas where savings could be made. The Austrian delegate reminded everyone that the question concerning the composition of the Jury would be put on the table again next year and may impact the budget for 2022. President Rayner asked that each discipline look really carefully at their costs, some newer disciplines are subsidised by the stronger disciplines which is fine for the first few years, but cannot continue indefinitely. It must be remembered that it is the competitors who finance our costs, and we need to use their money wisely. We cannot criticize FAI if we are unable to maintain a balanced budget ourselves.

The Plenary approved the 2022 draft budget (as presented) unanimously. **(Appendix K)**

A suggestion from the floor was made that the different disciplines should pay different sanction fees to ensure that ISC costs were always covered regardless of the size of the event. This suggestion was considered by Ms. G. Bradley as being grossly unfair for some competitors coming from the smaller disciplines. The principle of the larger disciplines supporting the newer, smaller disciplines should remain but only for so long.

Coming back to the question of Records, President Rayner proposed a motion that a Temporary Working group be formed to study not only the question of Continental Records, but ISC records in general. The group would be led by President Rayner and would include the disciplines. Candidates were called for.

- Set up a Special Temporary Working Group to look at the Record question in detail

Before approving this item not included in the Agenda, the President moved to add it to the agenda, a motion requiring a two thirds majority. The Plenary agreed unanimously. **(Appendix E)**

Consequently, the motion to approve the Temporary Working Group was deemed unnecessary since the Plenary has agreed unanimously to support adding it to the agenda. The Temporary Working Group will be set up in the coming weeks.

## 28 LIST OF APPROVED AND QUALIFIED JURORS

The List of Approved and Qualified Jurors was presented by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Mrs. E. Mikaelsson. There was one addition (Ms. Natasha Higman) and three deletions. **(Appendix F)**

The list (as presented) was approved unanimously.

### 28.1 FAI CONTROLLERS AND JURORS FOR THE UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

The Plenary approved the FAI Controller list at the Plenary 2020 in Moscow. The Jury for 2022 will not be chosen until next year's Plenary. In 2022 there is one substitution. Mrs. Vera Asquith has stepped down as FAI Controller for the World Parachuting Championships to be held in Eloy, Arizona and Ms. Rina Gallo will replace her. **(Appendix G)**

The Plenary approved the list (as presented) unanimously.

## 29 AWARDS

### 29.1 GOLD PARACHUTING MEDAL OF THE FAI

Ms. Julia Angelova was proposed by Bulgaria. Mrs. Ani Stamenova presented the candidate. The secret ballot was not deemed necessary and an open vote was taken. Ms. Julia Angelova was awarded the Gold Parachuting Medal unanimously. (Annex 29.1)

### 29.2 LEONARDO DA VINCI PARACHUTING DIPLOMA

Mr. Brian Pangburn was proposed by Germany. Mr. Peter Pfalzgraf, delegate for Germany, presented the candidate. (Annex 29.2.1)

Ms. Rina Gallo was proposed by Canada. Mrs. Vera Asquith presented the candidate. (Annex 29.2.2)

As Ms. R. Gallo was in attendance, she was placed in a waiting room” while a secret ballot was taken.

The Leonardo da Vinci Diploma was awarded to Ms. R. Gallo.

## 30 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The proposed feedback survey was discussed and suggestions given for its content.

Mr. R. Overdijk recommended that the criteria for the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma be separated in two categories, one for sport and one for service. This will allow the possibility to award two Leonardo da Vinci Diplomas in a given year.

## 31 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 31.1 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Mrs. E. Mikaelsson presented the list of proposed Committee Members and Working Groups to the Plenary for approval. **(Appendix H)**

The Plenary approved the list unanimously.

### 31.2 CONFIRMATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS

**31.2.1** Confirmation of the World Games Liaison Officer Dr. R. Hoenle. The plenary approved Dr. R. Hoenle unanimously.

### 31.3 ELECTIONS TO ISC BUREAU

Due to the former Recording Secretary having resigned, an election for the term of one year for a Recording Secretary is necessary. There were two candidates, Mrs. Vera Asquith from Canada and Ms. Julia Sotnikova from Russia.

#### 31.3.1 Nomination and election of ISC Recording Secretary

Both candidates introduced themselves. A secret ballot was used for this election. Mrs. Vera Asquith was elected Recording Secretary.

## 32 FUTURE ISC PLENARY MEETINGS

72<sup>nd</sup> ISC Plenary Meeting 2022.

Regrettably due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was not possible to hold the ISC Plenary at the originally approved conference location, Bucharest, Romania. The alternate delegate to Romania, Ms. Simona Stan, speaking on behalf of the delegate, Ms. Cristine Stenczel, confirmed that Romania was willing to host the 2022 ISC Plenary in the same place. An updated bid was submitted, the only change are the dates and the name of the Plenary. There were no other bids.

Ms. S. Stan spoke on behalf of the Romanian Delegate, Ms. C. Stenczel. The bid remains the same except for a change in dates (these can be seen in red text in the annex). Romania looks forward to hosting the ISC Plenary meeting and seeing everyone in person again. (Annex 32)

The Plenary approved the revised bid unanimously.

### 33 ADJOURNMENT OF 71<sup>ST</sup> PLENARY MEETING

President Rayner thanked everyone for their attendance and patience for this first electronic meeting.

All documents related to the ISC Plenary Meeting remain available in the FAI Cloud:

**The 71th ISC Plenary Meeting adjourned at 14:45 UTC.**



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