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Minutes

of the
Plenary Meeting
of the
FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission
(CIMA)

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On 9 and 10 November 2012
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at the Maison du Sport International (MSI)

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Note: the Microlight and Paramotor sub-committees met in the afternoon of 8 November 2012 in the Maison du Sport International, Lausanne.

1. Roll Call

The President introduced himself and welcomed Delegates.

1. Apologies and Proxies

Proxies

The following were received in good order:

SVK to CZE
USA to GER
AUT to SWE
FIN to EST

The President asked the Plenary to stand in silence in memory of CIMA President of Honour Mr. David COLE who had passed away earlier in the year.

2. Conflict of interest declarations

Mr. DOMANSKI (POL) is employed by Dudek, manufacturer of paramotor canopies.

3. Minutes of 2011 CIMA Meeting

The Minutes were published at the beginning of 2012. One alteration; the TUN Observer had been wrongly recorded as a Delegate. **The Minutes were APPROVED** with this one alteration.

4. Matters arising

After consultation with the FAI Head Office, Mr. Domanski declared that it was not logical to make monetary transfers regarding sanction fees from the 2011 championship in ISR since they would attract taxes and fees. The matter was therefore closed.

5. Report of the FAI Secretary General

Annex 1

6. CIMA Bureau Report

Annex 2

Note: Anti-doping numbers:

Paramotor

50 14 16 9 8 45 19 28 20 12 18 11 29 24 40 25 38 4 15 39

Microlight

38 32 48 25 13 11 50 28 27 30 3 23 26 12 45 42 41 34 49 21

7. Delegates' Reports

Annexes 3a to 3q.

8. 2012 WMC Marugan, ESP

The event was widely considered a great success and the President thanked the Organisers for their hard work. The President drew attention to the Organiser's report (annex 4); it had been written in a frank manner and would be of great use to future organisers.

There was the need for Jury Presidents to report on the statistics of the event, including the number of entrants in order to determine the sanction fees due and therefore the income to CIMA from the event.

9. 2012 WPC Marugan, ESP

This event was also considered a success with thanks given once again to the Organisers. The Jury President's report (annex 5) was comprehensive with good ideas.

10. 3rd Asian Beach Games 2012, Haiyang, CHN

The Paramotoring event at the Games had been a great success and very well organised. The President thanked the Air Sports Federation of China (ASFC) and in particular the ASFC President Mrs LI for their help in ensuring that Paramotoring was included in the programme.

As Jury President, Rob HUGHES conducted jury training for Stephen SHRESTHA and Rohaizi HUSSIN, the other two members of the jury. There was a need to develop more local officials for the future.

The results of the championship were amended after the end of the championship; THA had won all three medals in the Precision class and the Chinese Organisers claimed a local rule which prohibited this. The Bronze medal was therefore awarded to the Chinese competitor who was placed 4th. Despite there being no mention of this in any rulebook, the THA Delegate Mr. KURUKITKOSEN did not wish to take this matter further.

11. Continental Championships 2013 - Bids to be granted final approval

EMC2013 (SLO); there was no further news and it was assumed that planning was on track. The Deposit would fall due 4 months before the event, according to the Organiser Agreement.

The Local Regulations and Task Catalogue were presented to the plenary and were approved unanimously.

Monitor: Jacek KIBINSKI

Jury: Wolfgang LINTL (GER, President)
Grant FINNEY (GBR)

The third nomination was for a person who was not in good standing with his NAC and therefore the Plenary agreed to task the Bureau with the selection of the third member.

EPC2013 (EST); The Organiser Agreement had still not been signed, despite several reminders. Mr. KOLAR understood that the OA should have been signed by now but still had questions to ask. The FAI Senior Sports Manager agreed to meet Mr. Kolar early on the Saturday morning to discuss outstanding issues; following this meeting there were 4 issues outstanding and a deadline of 15 December was set for all issues to be resolved and for the OA to be signed.

The Organiser claimed a budget of €260,000 and extensive television coverage. The competition would take place during the calmer weather conditions early in the morning and late at night, with the option to sleep in the early afternoon.

The Local Regulations had been loaded to the wiki the night before the Paramotor Sub-Committee meeting. The Paramotor Sub-Committee had not accepted a change to the weighing system for limited fuel tasks but had proposed a modified version which did not include the weight of the pilot. A bodyweight handicapping scheme was rejected.

Mr. Kolar stated that the LR would conform to the standard model but with modifications to fuelling to accommodate local laws.

The Task Catalogue was uploaded to the WIKI shortly before the start of the second day of the meeting; they were based on the LR used at WPC2012 but with many modifications. This deferred item therefore followed after the S10 amendments item and it was noted the Fastest Takeoff task was rejected for safety reasons.

Despite the fact that Delegates had not had time to read the documents, **the LR and TC were put to the vote: For 12, against, 1, abstentions 11; an absolute majority was therefore not achieved and the LR and TC were rejected.**

The President set a deadline of 15 December for the submission and approval of the LR and TC. **This deadline was approved by the Commission.**

Monitor: Mr. Domanski withdrew his candidacy and the Bureau was tasked with the selection of the Monitor.

Jury: Wolfgang LINTL (GER; President)
Patrice GIRARDIN (FRA)
Pietro d'INTION (ITA)

The Organiser asked for a virtual jury with the President on site and the two other members available by skype. **This was rejected.**

Stewards:
Marta DENIS (POL)

12. Other 2013 Events

Asia & Oceania Championships;

THA gave a presentation (Annex 6) to host the championships alongside a test event for the 2014 Asian Beach Games in Krabi, THA. The CIMA President had attended the King's Cup event at which 47 pilots competed; he had expected to involve himself in the scoring organisation but was pleased to find that his services were not required.

There would be a cap of 100 pilots across the two championships; if 70 entered the A&O Championships, this would leave space for a further 30 for the open test event.

The bid was approved unanimously and the championships were awarded to Thailand.

The Local Regulations and Task Catalogue were approved unanimously. A deadline of 30 January 2013 was set for the signing of the Organiser Agreement.

Jury: Rohaizi HUSSIN (MAS, President)
Stephen SHRESHTA (NEP)
HAN Zahofang (CHN)

Stewards:
ZHANG Wei (CHN)
Jose Luis ESTEBAN (ESP)

World Paramotor Slalom Championships:

This event had been developed outside of the FAI but was bidding to be officially recognised in the FAI Sporting Calendar. The event was proposed for. Aspres sur Buech , France, 9-15 September 2013. The Local Regulations were available and the Paramotor Sub-Committee stated it was satisfied with the initial outline but further detailed work was needed.

It was noted that the standard complaints and protests system was not very compatible with knockout style competition because a protest could stop the entire event for a very long time pending a resolution. Since knockout competition, especially at the final stage of an event does seem to hold some potential There was the need for a fast track complaints and protest system which may require higher approval.

The bid was unanimously approved and the 1st FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships were awarded to France. **The Local Regulations and Task Catalogue were unanimously approved.**

Pending the outcome of this first event it was agreed that future World Paramotor Slalom Championships should continue on the standard two year cycle. The President noted that on 8th November he had received a notice of intention to bid from POL for the 2nd World Paramotor Slalom Championships at Rudniki near Częstochowa (annex 7)

13. World Championships 2014 – Bids to be confirmed.

WMC 2014

Hungary gave a presentation (available at <http://prezi.com/1j4dkpqrbcmp/wmc/>) to bid for WMC2014 which would run concurrently with WPC 2014 if the subsequent bid were accepted. Dates: 6-16 August.

The bid was approved and the World Microlight Championships 2014 were awarded to Hungary.

Monitor: Vladimir SILHAN

WPC 2014

Hungary had included in its previous presentation a bid for WPC2014.

Slovakia gave its bid presentation (annex 8)

The bid from Hungary was unanimously approved and the World Paramotor Championships 2014 were awarded to Hungary.

Monitor: Vladimir SILHAN

14. Continental Championships 2015 – Provisional bids

There were no provisional bids.

15. Championships beyond 2015 - Bids?

Both China and Poland signalled their intention to bid for the World Paramotor Championship in 2015.

Slovakia would bid for EMC 2015 in a new location with the same organiser as their bid for 2014.

Slovakia would also bid for EPC2015, based on its bid for WPC2014.

Belgium was considering a bid for WPC 2016, depending on government legislation.

16. World Air Games

The bidding process for the World Air Games 2015 had been opened recently; NACs who intended to bid to host the Games were invited to contact the FAI Senior Sports Manager, Rob Hughes, at sports@fai.org before 30 November 2013.

17. Working Group reports

Internet Presence:

There had not been much activity and the chairman questioned its need for existence. The Commission agreed to convert it to the IT Working Group with focus on data capture and other projects. Mr KURUKITKOSEN agreed to sit on the group.

Autogyro :

The problem of satisfying the still air requirement of 250km had been resolved. Mr Lintl expected to be able to close the working group satisfactorily in 2013.

18. Committee reports

FRAC :

There had been no activity. The President confirmed an outstanding requirement to update the download software for the AMOD GNSS logger and he apologised for not having yet completed the task. The Committee would propose in 2013 to remove MLR loggers from the list of approved devices and instead rely on AMODs or other similar loggers.

Internal Regulations

There were 4 proposals:

- 1) Change the vote needed to amend CIMA internal regulations from a 2/3 majority to a simple majority provided the proposed change is included in the Agenda. **This was approved with immediate effect.**
- 2) Increase the quorum from 20% of Delegates to 30%. **This was rejected unanimously.**
- 3) The proposal regarding the meeting location was already included in FAI By-Laws
- 4) Inter-plenary postal votes. It was the CIMA Bureau's job to carry out CIMA business between plenary meetings. **This was rejected.**

S10:

Decisions on proposals to change the CIMA Sporting Code were as per annex 9.

19. Honours, medals and awards

According to FAI By-Laws, Commissions were also able to submit nominations for FAI awards. The Bureau proposed that it was given the mandate to submit nominations on behalf of the Commission. **This was approved.**

There were no nominations for the Colibri Diploma.

The President apologised for the fact that he had not acted upon the instruction to ask to amend the FAI By-Laws to include a second Ann Welch Diploma for Paramotoring and to change the nomination period.

The Ann Welch Diploma 2012 was awarded to Peter SCHULTZ (GER).

20. CIMA financial report and budget

The financial reports are at annex 10.

The report was not up to date as there were still some items not yet received, including payment for FAI medals for the 2012 championships; the organisers gave their assurance that this would be settled very soon.

The treasurer questioned why income from medals was shown in the CIMA account since they were purchased from the FAI. The management of the medals was a commission responsibility and sales of medals were recorded in the commission's name.

It was difficult to produce a budget in advance without knowing the details regarding future championships. The President's travel would be higher in 2013 due to the location of the FAI General Conference as well as the CIMA Plenary.

The Treasurer pointed to the CIMA reserves and encouraged Delegates to propose ways in which these reserves could be invested for the benefit of the commission.

The budget was approved by the commission.

The President proposed a fund of up to €5,000 to create a project for real-time data collection. This would be an open project based initially on the Android operating software, though the President would encourage other commissions to contribute. **The proposal was approved.**

21. Any other business

On invitation, one other FAI and two non-FAI events were presented:

1) Air Navigation Race. This GAC event was open to all aircraft and in practice microlights competed against GA aircraft, providing they could attain the minimum speed requirement of 80-90kt. The President was instructed to ask the GAC to consider a special class for microlights.

2) Fly Games (presentation at annex 11). This had generated a lot of interest, including from sponsors

3) Paramotor Sky Racers. The organiser Pascal CAMPBELL-JONES had recognised the need for an event to demonstrate the capabilities of paramotors. This was an invitational event with 14 pilots, many of whom with FAI event experience but all with display flying experience. The intention was to hold 5-6 events as part of a World Series tour.

Mr. Girardin indicated he would submit a proposal in 2013 to increase the number of teams a NAC may enter to more than 1.

Marshal categories: Some regions operated several categories of marshals, in particular national and international. Mr. KURUKITKOSEN would submit a paper to the Bureau to explain the system.

Organisers were obliged to order FAI medals in advance to fit in with procurement procedures. It was preferable to be able to order blank medals and then engrave them 6 weeks before a championship when entry levels were known. The Bureau was instructed to discuss this further with the Executive Board. *(Note; this is acceptable practice if the validity of a championship class is in doubt)*

The Hungarian Delegate suggested increasing sanction fees and then transferring the responsibility of paying CIMA Officials' travel expenses to the CIMA Treasurer. This was in line with many other FAI Commissions. The Delegate would write a proposal for 2013.

22. Election of Officers

The following were elected:

CIMA President: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

1st Vice President: Wolfgang LINTL

2nd Vice President: Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Secretary: Erzsebet VIZAKNAI

Treasurer: Patrice GIRARDIN

Paramotor Sub-Committee Chairman: Wojtek DOMANSKI

Microlight Sub-Committee Chairman: Tomas BACKMAN

CIMA Delegates to:

ENV: None

CIEA: None

CIMP: Wolfgang LINTL

Flight Recorder Approval Committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (chairman)

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Section 10 Editor & Sub-committee Chairman: Tomas BACKMAN

S10 Sub-Committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Rob HUGHES

IT Working Group

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (chairman)

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Faustine CARRERA (FAI Secretariat)

Internal Regulations Sub-Committee

Patrice GIRARDIN (chairman)

Tormod VEIBY

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Jacek KIBINSKI

Erzsebet VIZAKNAI

World League Cup Working Group

Wojtek DOMANSKI (chairman)

Agust GUDMUNDSSON

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Nayot KURUKITKOSEN

World Air Games Paramotor Liaison Officer: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

World Air Games Paramotor Sub-committee

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (chairman)

Rene VERSCHUEREN

Patrice GIRARDIN

Wojtek DOMANSKI

Microlight Autogyros Working Group: Wolfgang LINTL (Coordinator)

World Air Games Microlight Liaison Officer: Wolfgang LINTL

World Air Games Microlight Sub-Committee

Wolfgang LINTL (chairman)

Tormod VEIBY

Paul DEWHURST (GBR, not present)

Antonio MARCHESI

Vladimir SILHAN

23. Calendar

a) Date of next CIMA Plenary:

21 to 23 November 2012 at the Peace Laguna Resort & Spa, Krabi (THA)

b) Agenda deadline

45 days before – 07 October 2013 at 23:59 CET

c) S10 amendments deadline

45 days before – 07 October 2013 at 23:59 CET

24. Closing

In conclusion, the President thanked all Delegates for their work and their attendance at the meeting. The Secretary thanked the FAI Head Office staff for their work and support.