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Minutes

of the
Annual Meeting
of the
FAI Air Sport General Commission (CASI)

held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
on Thursday 3rd October 2013
at 9:00 LT

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1-3 Welcome, Roll Call of Representatives , Apologies and Proxy votes

CASI President Graeme Windsor opened the meeting at 09h00 by welcoming the FAI Executive Board member, Alvaro de Orleans Borbon who was in attendance. After a roll call, he welcomed all representatives, particularly those attending for the first time, and observers to the meeting. The attendance list was circulated.

Present:

NACs: Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA,

ASCs:

CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, GAC, IPC

A number of non-voting alternate NAC representatives, Technical Commission representatives and observers were also present at various times. FAI Spots Director Rob Hughes also attended the meeting.

Absent: ICARE

An apology for absence was received from Tor Johannessen.

No proxy votes were recorded.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Declarations of conflict of interest were called for.
None were made.

5 President's Report

The President asked if there were any questions concerning his Report and clarified a few points. He then thanked those who had contributed during the year. He highlighted the fact that two appeals were presented in the course of the year. One had been withdrawn and it was expected that the second one would also be. (N.B. Advice was received subsequent to the meeting that the second appeal had also been withdrawn following a mediated settlement).

6 Approval of the Minutes of Air Sport General Commission Meeting 2012 held in Antalya, Turkey

There was a question regarding the Organiser Agreement - see Minutes point 8d.

Moved by CIAM to accept the minutes, seconded by Canada. The minutes were approved unanimously.

7 Approval of Bureau Interim Decisions

The Bureau Interim decisions were ratified by unanimous approval.

8 Business arriving from last minutes

a. Deletion of 6.8.2 following update regarding National Records

Approved unanimously

b. CASI Internal Regulations Working Group

Mike Close, Chair of WG, presented a Handbook for use by CASI describing internal operations. The proposed document included the possibility for the CASI Bureau to make decisions in the course of the year. The Handbook will be applicable immediately following the General Conference (October 6th).

Accepted unanimously.

c. International Appeals Tribunal Manual

Jean-Claude Weber, Chair of the WG, thanked the members of the WG and highlighted that the Manual was designed to ensure fair treatment of appellants. Rob Hughes confirmed that it has been submitted to the FAI lawyer who suggested some minor modifications. A motion was passed to accept the Manual as presented, subject to final agreement by the Bureau following consideration of the legal advice.

The motion was approved unanimously.

d. FAI Organiser Agreement (2012 minutes item 8) – report by FAI Secretary-General following referral to FAI lawyers.

Rob Hughes reported on the limited progress on this matter partly due to the fact that other priorities were given to the lawyer that delayed his work on the OA, including work on an Organiser Agreement for a possible WAG in 2015.

It was unanimously resolved that the EB be advised as follows:-

“CASI expresses its deep concern over the delay in producing a new Organiser Agreement and requests that the Executive Board make this the highest priority project for the FAI Secretariat to complete and ensure that adequate resources are made available to do this”.

A question was raised concerning FAI expectations in terms of insurance. Rob Hughes explained that the current OA is deliberately vague because of the differences between countries. He will investigate what other Sport Organisations are doing. He indicated that each commission has the possibility to add specific conditions to their bid requirements, which allows each commission to clarify this question. It was highlighted that NACs are also contractually involved and should be allowed to contribute to the development of the new OA.

9 Modification to GS proposed by CIG (1.4 and 2.2.1.5.)
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David Hamilton explained the reason for this modification, which provided for a new category of “compound helicopter”. This was approved unanimously for immediate application (October 6th).

10 Modification to GS proposed by Sweden (3.5.3.1.)
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The Swedish representative, Bengt Lindgren, commented on his proposal. The following discussion highlighted the fact that it was sometimes necessary to accept a small number of competitors to start new events, and the fact that the proposed 4-tier system could impact the proposal. It was also necessary to consider the planned review of the General Section. Sweden accepted to defer the proposal to be considered during the overall review.

11 4- tier Sport Structure Working Group report
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The Chair of the WG, Mike Close, apologised for the late distribution of the document and explained that initially there was a misunderstanding as to the task. The proposal was simply to make minor changes and to retain the notion of Category 1 and 2 events that are very well known and understood. A discussion followed that made it clear that the proposal was not acceptable in the current format. A motion was passed to hand the project back to the Working Group for

review, with further consultation with the Executive Board. It was also decided to increase membership of the Working Group, which will now comprise Mike Close (chair), Patrice Girardin, Bengt Lindgren and Richard Meredith-Hardy.

A proposal made by the WG to amend Chapter One was in fact found to be outside of the remit and is to be considered in a general review of the General Section.

12 WGS 84 Rule Consequences Working Group

The President moved that the Mathematical model WG proposal **Annex 10** as presented be accepted. This was approved unanimously.

The modification to GS proposed by Sweden (7.3.1.1.) at **Annex 11** was withdrawn.

The WG highlighted problems noted in the GS and the President referred to Agenda point 17 that suggests a general review of the General Section.

13 UAV/UAS

The EB tasked the FAI office to ask CASI to consider UAVs and their sporting potential and check the definition of UAVs vs. Model Aircraft. Mike Close produced a Discussion Paper for which the President congratulated him. Many questions were raised:

Should UAVs be regarded as sport or as a technological competition?

If it is technology based, should the FAI embrace it?

If adopted, how do you restrict them to something manageable?

If it is not a sport then all that remains is records. Does the FAI want to embrace records?

It was highlighted that many versions including fairly cheap toy UAVs are in use today and these escape most regulation.

The FAI created Section 12 of the Sporting Code in 2001 to enable UAV records although very few have been recorded. A proposal to set up a Working Group to review Section 12 was approved unanimously. EB member Alvaro de Orleans Borbon urged CASI to be as broad minded as possible to increase the gamut of possibilities for UAVs within the FAI.

Members: Bengt Lindgren (Chair), Art Greenfield and Buzz Bennett. They will call upon necessary experts as required.

14 International Jury Handbook

Jean-Claude Weber presented the proposed changes to this document issued initially in 1996 and updated once in 2000. He highlighted that it only served as a guide to Jury members. The updated Handbook was approved unanimously for immediate application (October 6th, 2013).

15 Proposal by Canada to set up a General Section Review Working Group

The Canadian delegate explained that he would like to organise an overall review of the General Section over a six-month period. An initial draft would then be sent to CASI members and the Statutes WG for response early enough to establish a final draft to be presented to CASI in 2014. It was suggested that the draft would have to go to the Executive Board so that they could task the Statutes WG to carry out a review. The proposal was accepted unanimously. WG: Richard "Buzz" Bennett (Chair), Antonis Papadopolous and Bengt Lindgren. They are encouraged to either co-opt or consult others including the members of the Mathematics WG who also volunteered to review the GS.

16 Proposal to CASI re By-Law 3.2.2. Annex 14

This item was withdrawn by Canada as the matter was covered under item 8b above.

17 General Section update items. Annex 16

Richard “Buzz” Bennett presented certain “housekeeping” changes that could be adopted pending the complete review of the General Section as follows:

- 2.2.1 Approved as per agenda document
- 3.4. Rob Hughes drew attention to the fact that the modification was inexact and the modification was approved as follows: The FAI maintains and publishes an International Sporting Calendar. In order to be recognised, an International Sporting Event must be registered in the FAI Sporting Calendar by the NAC(s) authorising or organizing it. Such registration must be received by the FAI Secretariat a minimum of thirty days before the starting date of the event.
- 3.5.3.1. approved as per agenda document
- 3.12.3. approved as per agenda document
- 3.15.1.1. approved as per agenda document
- 4.3.1.2. withdrawn
- 4.3.4.1.3. approved as per agenda document
- 9.4 approved as per agenda document
- 10.2 approved as per agenda document

18 Any Other Business

1) A request by CIACA to take ownership of Section 13 was received too late to be included in the Agenda although it was subsequently distributed. A 2/3 majority authorised the subject to be placed on the agenda and the request from CIACA was unanimously approved.

2) Richard Meredith-Hardy requested that the subject of Human Powered Aircraft be put on the Agenda, which was approved by a 2/3 majority. He highlighted that Section 11 needed updating to adapt it to the current situation. His motion to set up a WG to make a proposal to be submitted in 2014 for implementation in 2015 was approved unanimously. Members: Richard Meredith-Hardy (Chair), Graeme Windsor and Rob Hughes.

3) The representative of CIG stated his indignation that the FAI President has not attended the CASI Meeting, even partly. He proposed a motion to make a statement to this effect, which was seconded by France and Canada.

4) Records Certification. Proposal to have a competition record from a record performance set at a First Category Event accepted with confirmation only from the Jury. It was highlighted that some records had been missed due to the absence of the necessary paperwork even though the result had been published on the FAI website.

A 2/3 majority approved discussing the proposal to modify 6.8.4. which was agreed to in principle.

However a certain number of details remained to be clarified:

- How would a NAC learn of the record, and are their situations where it would need to be recognised as a National record first?
- How would the FAI fee for records be paid?
- Who would check that the right margin in performance was respected?

This subject will be integrated into the overall review of the General Section and a more developed proposal will be made for 2014.

After a break for lunch, the President of the FAI joined the CASI meeting. He apologised that he had not been able to attend the first part of the meeting. He gave an update on the recruitment process for the post of Secretary General and indicated that during the transition period between the departure of Jean-Marc Badan and the arrival of the new recruit, Rob Hughes will serve as interim Secretary General.

5) Record Claims units of measurement rounding.

IGC representative Eric Mozer raised the question of a proposal received from Tor Johannesson, which would provide that the units of measurement for records would be limited to the accuracy of the equipment being used. The CASI President pointed out that the proposal had already been incorporated in a revised Annex 10 and had therefore already been adopted. A similar point was also made, before the meeting, by a member of the Mathematical WG that GS 7.3.2 should also be amended to reflect the same principle in competition performance measurement so that results are not stated in figures beyond the accuracy capability of the scoring equipment used.

19 Bureau Election

President

Were nominated:

Art Greenfield – declined

Alicia Hirzel - declined

Graeme Windsor – accepted and was duly elected by acclamation.

1st Vice President

Were nominated:

Buzz Bennett - accepted

Mike Close - accepted

Tomas Diener- accepted

Alicia Hirzel- declined

Following a vote, Richard Buzz Bennett was duly elected 1st Vice President

Vice Presidents

Were nominated for the three Vice President positions:

LG Arvidsson - declined

Mike Close - accepted

Jean-Pierre Delmas - accepted

Tomas Diener – accepted

Jiri Dodal – declined

Art Greenfield – declined

Agust Gudmundsson - declined

David Hamilton – declined

Alicia Hirzel – accepted

Bengt Lindgren – accepted

Eric Mozer – declined

Antonis Papadopoulos – declined

Following a vote, Mike Close, Jean-Pierre Delmas and Alicia Hirzel were duly elected.

Secretary

Gillian Rayner was nominated. She accepted the nomination, which was approved by France, and was duly elected by acclamation.

Following the elections the President resumed the Chair. He thanked everyone for their attendance and input and closed the meeting.

Next CASI Meeting :

Thursday, October 16th 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand.