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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the

FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission

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Meeting of Paramotor Committee

Thursday 5 November 13h00 - 22h00 in MSI verte & bleue room - max capacity 40.

Meeting of Microlight Committee

Thursday 5 November 15h00 - 19h00 in MSI Capitale Olympique room - max capacity 18

Plenary meeting of the FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission

Friday 6th & Saturday 7th November 09h00-18h00 in MSI verte & bleue room - max capacity 40. AV facilities and free internet access were both provided.

The CIMA President opened the meeting and called for silence in memory of Rolandas SAKALAUSKAS who had died during the 2nd FAI World Paramotor Championships.

1. Apologies and proxies

ALG to FRA, BEL to SUI, CHN to MAS, DEN to NOR, HKG to TPE, ISR to POL, KOR to THA, ESP to ITA, USA to GER.

2. Conflict of interest declarations

Wojtek DOMANSKI was involved in the manufacture of paramotors.

3. Minutes from the 2014 CIMA meeting

a. CIMA Secretary Rob HUGHES

The Minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting

4. Matters arising

a. Nomination form for CIMA elections would be distributed on Saturday morning.
b. A bid had been received by TPE to host the 2016 plenary meeting
c. A nomination had been received for the Colibri diploma

5. Report of FAI

a. FAI Secretary General Susanne SCHOEDEL

The Executive Board had proposed a bold plan to create an 'air games series', using the most public & sponsor friendly air sports in combination to produce spectacular and attractive events. An outline plan had been presented at the FAI General Conference and details would become available in 2016.

There followed a discussion on branding, return on investment, learning from championships and CIMA's image to external audiences, including potential partners. The CIMA brand needed to be strengthened alongside the FAI brand in general. Resources had been allocated to strengthen the FAI brand.

There was a need to promote FAI news, in particular from the upcoming FAI World Air Games. This included biographies of competitors, background information, media output and commentary.

The revised Organiser Agreement was work in progress. The organisers of WMPC 2016 offered to be among the first to sign the new agreement as part of the test and introduction phase. Any bidding documents must be included in the contract which would be signed by 4 parties; NAC, Local Organiser, ASC and FAI Secretary General.

6. CIMA Bureau report on its activity since the last plenary.

a. Wolfgang LINTL, Ist Vice President.

Various report documents included as **annex 6.**

b. Breitling 2016 and the future

Breitling had cancelled the existing contract and would renegotiate in early 2016. The emphasis would probably be on indvidiual events instead of the federation as a whole.

c. Anti-doping

No adverse findings in 2015. There had been tests carried out at 2nd FAI WPSC in Poland. There would be no whereabouts pool for 2016 and in-competition testing would continue. The message remains: if you take prescribed medicines, check to see if you need a TUE. More information is available on the FAI website.

7. Delegate reports

Reports received are included as **annex 7**.

8. 2015 FAI European Paramotor Slalom Championships, Legnica, Poland.

a) Reports from the Organizer, Jury and stewards

The Jury President Wolfgang LINTL declared it the best organised CIMA event he had ever attended. Close to a city and a funfair, a professional video team, large screens, professional ceremonies.

It was agreed that the format of the competition was not of an acceptable safety standard and the rules would be amended.

9. 2015 FAI European Microlight Championships, Wloclawek, Poland

a) Reports from the Organizer and Jury

Generally a successful championship but the need to follow model rules, tasks and scoring systems was underlined. The monitor's role was to ensure that CIMA procedures were followed during the preparation phase and CIMA systems used during the championship. The monitor, CIMA President of Honour Tormod VEIBY, stated that it was difficult to get responses in the preparation phase but that preparations looked good one month before the start of the championship.

10. 2015 FAI European Paramotor Championships, Romania

a) Report from ROM Delegate

The proposed organiser, Adi BUZAN, quit only a few weeks before the scheduled start of the championship. The NAC did not have the necessary funds and would not give full commercial rights to a partner. All requests for information from the monitor Jana BOBKOVA were ignored. Faced with insufficient information and no confidence in the organising team, CIMA asked FAI to remove the sanction for the championship.

11. 2nd FAI Asian-Oceanic Paramotor Championships, Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia

a) Reports from the Technical Delegate and Jury

Only slalom tasks were flown. The collaboration between MAS and THA was very successful.

Tasks were flown for the first time over water. Lessons learned included:
- no shallow water (due to rocks)
- auto activation of cage life jackets
- scuba divers with a spare demand valve in case of submerged pilots
- training sessions for pilots in swimming pools to help them understand how to react to a water landing
- allow time to inflate and deflate pylons (approximately 2 hours)
- rafts must have padded edges
- kicking sticks with an anchor point and very small base would be easier and present less danger

12. Championships 2016 - Bids to be granted final approval

a) 2016 FAI World Microlight and Paramotor Championships, United Kingdom.
b) Planning update
c) Organiser Agreement
d) Local Regulations and Task Catalogue

e) Monitor, Jury, Stewards.

The organisers had suffered a setback when the original site (Damyns Hall) had withdrawn its support. The organisers had found an alternative site (Nottingham) a short time before the CIMA Plenary and were working with the owners to confirm arrangements.

A deadline of 31 January was set for the Local Regulations and Task Catalogue. CIMA Bureau were tasked with approval.

Jury President: Wolfgang LINTL (GER)
Jury: Rohaizi HUSSIN (MAS) and Agust GUDMUNDSSON (ISL)
Stewards: Natasha PASCA (POL) and Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (ESP)
Monitor: Natasha PASCA (POL)

13. FAI World Air Games, 1-12 Dec 2015, Dubai

a. General update from Markus HAGGENEY

Preparations were ongoing and difficult though confidence in the event was growing.

CIMA should consider formally including team leaders within teams so that they can be registered for multi-sport events as athletes.

Some NACs were not included in the information circle; this was no real surprise since FAI issued competitor invites directly so that NACs were often unaware of the invites.

FAI and the Dubai LOC were relying heavily on the hard work and goodwill of commission volunteers and this should be recognised.

b. Microlight & Autogyro competition; report from WAG Microlight competition director Rob GRIMWOOD

Microlights and microlight autogyros would perform the same tasks. The first week would be spent in a remote desert location to train marshals and also competitors. The first two races would take place there before moving to the Palm for the remaining 3 or 4 races. The best time from the desert plus the two best times from the Palm would be scored.

Format: Short take-off over a 1m take, timed slalom course around 8 pylons, engine off precision landing.

Plans included instant scoring, smoke canisters and a commentator to highlight the spectacular action.

14. Creation of Paramotor Endurance Championship

a. Proposal by EST

This was discussed by the Paramotor SC. A new format based on a turnpoint hunt with a large flying area of 3000km2. Pilots fly up to 7 hours per day during a 15 hour window for several days. The format had been flown in Estonia since 2010 and once submitted to the Paramotor World League Cup but did not attract enough international competitors to be registered.

The ideas and format were welcomed by the SC; however there were not enough details for it to win confidence at this stage. It should be run as a CAT2 event (for instance, a Paramotor World Cup) and include a number of international competitors before it can be considered for elevation to CAT1 status.

The event format was therefore supported as a CAT2 CIMA championship.
The related documents are found at **annex 14**.

15. Championships 2016 – Bids to be confirmed.

a. FAI European Paramotor Slalom Championships

a) Spain

10 to 19 June 2016 at Lijar Sur. The presentation is attached as **annex 15**. There was no evidence of NAC approval at the time of the presentation.

The bid was unanimously approved. Deadlines were set: 01 December for proof of NAC approval. 01 January for Local Regulations and Task Catalogue. 01 February for Organiser Agreement. Request for volunteers (including Jury) of 10 January with bureau selection by 01 February.

b. FAI World Paramotor Endurance Championship 2016 (see item 14)

c. Other FAI Continental Paramotor Slalom Championships; Americas, Asia, Oceania.

No bids. THA would bid in 2017. MAS would run a CAT2 event in 2016.

16. FAI Championships 2017 - Provisional Bids

a. FAI World Paramotor Slalom Championships.

FRA expressed an interest.

b. FAI European Microlight Championships.

CZE bid to host at Havlickuv Brod, a town 100km from Prague with a population of 25,000, near motorway and train links. Ex-military helicopter airfield, now in private ownership.12-19 August with practice 7 -11 August. Competition Director: Michal SEIFERT. Event Director: Ondrej PACLIK.

The bid was unanimously APPROVED.

c. FAI European Paramotor Championships. No bids received thus far.

d. FAI Asian-Oceanic Paramotor Championships.

THA bid **(annex 16)** to host at Pasak Jolasid Dam, Lopburi, THA. 28 April to 7 May 2017.

The bid was unanimously APPROVED. Rohaizi HUSSIN was appointed monitor.

e. Other FAI Continental championships; Americas. No bids received thus far.

17. Other Championships 2016 - 2018

a. 2017 IWGA World Games, Wroclaw, Poland About, cost, planning.
   a) Liaison Officer Rob HUGHES

IWGA World Games 2017, Wroclaw (POL). Air Sports were included in 'Trend Sports'. 66 athletes plus 32 officials in total for 3 air sports (gliding, paramotors, canopy piloting). 20th to 24th July 2017 with a test event in June 2016. CIMA needed to decide its event format and athlete selection procedure; this needed to be transparent and published. In-country costs would be paid by the LOC in 2017 however CIMA may have to allocate resources to support the test event in 2016.

CIMA should consider using electric paramotors. This would require a sponsor to meet costs but the attraction of an all-electric event may be enough to encourage partners to participate. At least one demonstration electric paramotor should be considered if a sponsor for the whole event could not be found.

The next IWGA World Games would be in Birmingham, Alabama in 2021.

b. 2017 1st SportAccord World Urban Games About, cost, planning.

This concept has disappeared following the problems within SportAccord.

c. 2016 5th Asian Beach Games, Danang VIE

No air sports will be involved.

d. 2018 18th Asian Games, Jakarta INA

No news.

e. 6th Asian Beach Games, Goa, IND

No decision regarding air sports.

f. Other international events

ANOC (Association of National Olympic Committees) will organise the 1st World Beach Games in San Diego, 29 September to 09 October 2012 with 22 sports. No decision regarding air sports yet.

18. FAI Championships beyond 2017 - Bids?

a. Classic World Championships 2018 & 2020

THA bid for FAI World Paramotor Championships 2018 **(annex 16)**. Friday 27 April to Sunday 6 May 2018.

The bid was unanimously APPROVED.

b. Slalom World Championships 2019 & 2021
c. Classic Continental Championships 2019 & 2021
d. Slalom Continental Championships2018 & 2020

19. Autogyros in CIMA championships

a. Increase weight limit to 560kg

CIMA would wait for expected regulation change at EASA level before taking action.

20. Selection of CIMA officials for championships

a. Procedure for selecting Jury, Monitor, Steward.

The list of CIMA Jury members, monitors and stewards would be published on the CIMA WIKI. Future appointments of CIMA officials would be subject to a selection procedure based on experience and suitability. CIMA would aim to include at least one inexperienced jury member per event.

21. Revised and updated General Section

a. Feedback and impact on CIMA.

Delegates were asked to familiarise themselves with the updated General Section, to be introduced in 2016. The new S10 Editor was tasked with ensuring that CIMA rules remained compliant with the General Section.

22. Updated Organiser Agreement

a. Feedback and impact on CIMA.

The new Organiser Agreement would be introduced in 2016. Potential CIMA organisers were asked to take note and to familiarise themselves with the new document when it became available.

23. Working group reports

a. IT - José Luis Esteban

The GNSS tracker (AMOD) was still not approved since Richard MEREDITH-HARDY had not completed the work. The new Bureau was tasked with either ensuring the necessary work was carried out or else to find a new GNSS system for approval.

b. World League Cup - Wojtek Domanski

The presentation is at **annex 23**

24. Committee reports

a. S10 Committee; FAI Sporting Code - Section 10 Proposals - Rob HUGHES

a) All current proposals were maintained online at S10 Current Proposals: http://wiki.fai.org/x/DQCLAQ. The Section 10 proposals deadline was set to midnight UTC on 21 September 2015.
The S10 Editor then had 4 further weeks to re-work proposals for publication on 19 October.

The proposals and votes are in **annex 24.**

b) S10 “Editorial Panel’ - proposal by GBR

The new S10 Editor was tasked with ensuring he was well advised and this could include a panel if necessary.

25. Reports from delegates in expert groups and commissions

a. CIMP - Wolfgang Lintl – **Annex 23**

26. Honours, medals and awards

a. Colibri Diploma

A nomination was received in late 2014 for Per T HOYLAND and Hakon FOSSO (NOR) for their flight from Peterhead (Scotland) to Stavanger (Norway), recreating a flight in a Bleriot monoplane from 1914. It was at the time the longest flight over water. The flight involved a significant amount of preparation (including ditching) and attracted a lot of media interest. The Nomination is at **annex 26.**

The nomination was unanimously APPROVED.

b. No nominations have been received.
c. Ann Welch Diplomas

Microlight – record ID 17267 Francois DENIS and Elaine REDUREAU

Paramotor – record 17377

Candidate nominations are in **Annex 26.**

d. World League Cup

Results are in **annex 23.**

e. Other Award Business

Breitling invited nominations for their Youngsters and Milestone awards. The CIMA Bureau were tasked with dealing with any nominations.

27. CIMA Financial Report and Budget

a. Approval of 2015 accounts.

Approved unanimously

b. Approval of 2016 Budget (as submitted to EB in July 2015)

Approved unanimously

c. 2017 Budget - discussion.

A large sum of money had been set aside for developing instant scoring with no activity but there was no proposal to withdraw the provision.

The CIMA invoicing system needed overhauling and the Treasurer was tasked with creating a satisfactory system.

28. Any other business

a. CIMA History – Tom GUNNARSON

Tom gave a presentation on the history of CIMA which was very well received. Attached as **annex 28.**

b. 50mm team medals.

An ongoing issue. The new bureau was tasked with resolving the procedure and system for ordering 50mm team medals post-event.

29. Election of Officers

a. CIMA President of Honour: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR)
b. CIMA President: Wolfgang LINTL (GER)
c. 1st Vice-President: Rob HUGHES (GBR)
d. 2nd Vice-President: Nayot KURUTKITKOSON (THA)
e. Treasurer: Rohaizi MD HUSSIN (MAS)
f. Secretary: Barney TOWNSEND (GBR)
g. Paramotor committee: Wojtek DOMANSKI (POL)
h. Microlight committee: Erzsebet VIZAKNAI (HUN)
i. S10 Editor and committee: Barney TOWNSEND (GBR), Rob HUGHES (GBR), Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (ESP), Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR)
j. Flight Recorder Approval Committee (FRAC): Nayot KURUTKITKOSON (THA), Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (ESP), Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR)
k. IT Working group: Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (ESP), Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR), Colin "Boris" BAKER (GBR)
l. World League Cup Working group: Wojtek DOMANSKI (POL)
m. Hybrid Working Group
n. CIMA delegate to the FAI Medical Commission (CIMP): Wolfgang LINTL (GER)
o. CIMA delegate to the FAI Environmental Commission (ENV): Tom GUNNARSON (USA)
p. CIMA Historian: Tom GUNNARSON (USA)

30. Calendar

a. a) Date and venue for the next CIMA plenary meeting.

Kaohsiung, TPE. Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 November 2016.
Grand Hi Lai Hotel (5 star) with optional 3 star nearby. Conference costs (FAI employee, welcome dinner, coffees, sightseeing after the meeting) paid by TPE. Optional tours. Visa assistance. Details from presentation in **Annex 30.**

b. b) Agenda deadline

45 days before: 21 September 2016

c. c) S10 amendments deadline

45 days before: Midnight GMT 21 September 2016.

S10 Editor has 28 days for editing and consultation. Publication by 19 October 2016.

The Plenary thanked the FAI staff members for their support and dedication. The meeting was closed by the new CIMA President who wished everyone a safe journey home.

Rob HUGHES
CIMA Secretary