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|  | **Fédération Aéronautique Internationale**  **Ballooning Commission CIA**  **FAI/CIA Plenary meeting 2025**  **Lausanne, March 12, 2025**  **Meeting Minutes AA/AM Working Group** |

**Committee Members**

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| Chairman: | Marc André (SUI) |
| Members: | Eric Decellières (FRA)  Luc van Geyte (BEL, remote)  Benoit Perlard (FRA)  Troy Bradley (USA)  Sebastian Eimers (GER)  Mark Sullivan (USA) |
| Observer: | David Strasmann (SUI)  Markus Haggeney (SUI)  Benjamin Eimers (GER, remote) |

1. **Report from the 2024 GB held in Münster, Germany**

Budget finished almost even.

Münster was very happy, would be interested to host again.

1. **Report on the 2025 GB to be held in Metz, France and the 2026 GB to be held in Austria**

Detailed presentation by Benoit. Race is on track.

Short presentation about Austria.

1. **GBTV & media work: review and next steps**

We need to get to the next steps. Can we / should we include an agency?

Can we find the value of the race?

Team agrees that going to a bidding process for multi-year event would make it more realistic to find partners. We should make a customer survey. *(Action: Everyone sending details to Marc, Marc to send survey in April)*

CIA has invested so far CHF 16’500 (budget was 25’000). Output is very good for the amount invested. See separate document about the 2024 performance.

Agreement to request another 25k for the next 3 years. The plan is to use it for further media work or potentially to pay advisors.

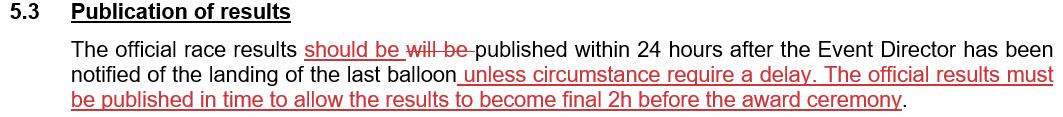
*Motion:  
Request from the AA/AM WG for 25’000 CHF (average 7’500 / year) to be added to the CIA budget. These funds will be used to continue developing the media impact of Gordon Bennett in the years 2025-2027 with the goal of finding a long-term deal or partnership.*

Agreement to put an internal working group in place to work on the concept and to polish the value of the Gordon Bennett throughout the year. Members for now: Sebastian Eimers, David Strasmann, Markus Haggeney, Marc André

*Action: Setup a recurring meeting for the above-mentioned working group. (Marc)*

1. **Discussion on proposed rule changes to the GBMER and OH**

Two rule changes were agreed.

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*Motion: Approve the rule changes to GBMER.*

1. **Discussion on Nation Ranking**Pre-Meeting decided not to do anything. It is a race of nations. Tabled for 2026 to see if we want to update the rules.
2. **Reserving dates for GB 2028**

Proposal 31.8.-9.9.2028

1. **Any other business and new topics from the online meeting**None
2. **2025/2026 WG members and Chairperson**

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1. **Summary of recommendations to the RSC**

None