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Minutes

Bureau Meeting no. 2/2011 of the
FAI Gliding Commission (IGC)

Version 1.1

Held in Paris, France (FFVV offices)
on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October 2011

Minutes of the IGC Bureau Meeting no 2/2011

Version 1.0

Meeting was held in the FFVV Offices in Paris Saturday 8th October and Sunday 9th October 2011.

Participants:

IGC President Bob Henderson (BH)
1st Vice-president Eric Mozer (EM)
Vice-president Göran Ax (GA)
Vice-president Visa-Matti Leinikki (VML)
Vice-president Brian Spreckley (BS)
Vice-president Roland Stuck (RS)
Vice-president René Vidal (RV)
Secretary Peter Eriksen (PE)

1 Welcome and opening

IGC President Bob Henderson opened the meeting and welcomed the Bureau members to Paris, and thanked the FFVV for their hospitality.

2 General Update from the IGC president

The president updated the Bureau on the latest developments in FAI, including the preparations for the FAI General Conference in Belgrade.

One important task for the FAI was to complete the new FAI web site before the General Conference. The Bureau members had a number of questions related to the new web service, and its ability to fulfill IGC's requirements. VML was asked to clarify this in Belgrade.

Action VML: Clarify the status and capabilities of the new FAI web service by the 20th Oct.

3 Update on IGC Finances

A status report was received from the Treasurer Dick Bradley. The status showed that, unless something unexpected would happen, IGC should come out of 2011 with a surplus just above 5000€.

4 Mid-year reports from Committees and Specialists

4.1 Safety Pays

The Working Group (WG) had looked at the OSTIV proposal provided after last Plenary, but has had difficulties defining a concrete action plan. RV expected to have a clearer view by December.

It was agreed that, although safety is very important, we have to manage our ambitions. It is e.g. not the intention to end up with expensive requirements for retrofitting of Club Class gliders.

Action RV: Provide draft table of safety application by 20th December.

4.2 Continental Records

The proposed minimum performance limits per continent had been received from Hanno Obermayer. These requirements will now be published on the web to allow for a general review by all interested parties.

Action BH/PE: Publish minimum record requirements 31st October.

Action RS: Establish list with Gliding Federation e-mails.

4.3 Scoring Software

The need to set accurate QNH, and why it is necessary to use the QNH provided on the Task Sheet, is not always fully understood by the pilots. It was agreed to develop briefing material that could be used at competition briefings, and to agree on a standard text in local procedures.

Action VML: Develop briefing material for explanation of QNH setting by 31st December.

5 Feed-back from 2011 competitions

5.1 WGCs and EGCs

The reports from the 4 competitions held in 2011 were reviewed.

It is necessary to update the Bid Application document to add additional information, e.g. related to rotation of classes

Action: EM and BS: Review Bid Form by 31st December.

We need to teach stewards how they can quickly transform IGC files into short videos that can be used to present e.g. dangerous situations at briefings.

Action BS: Development of guide for Stewards on the use of SeeYou by 28 February 2012.

5.2 2011 Sailplane Grand Prix

One of the positive experiences from the SGP Final at Wasserkuppe was that there were more spectators than ever before at a gliding competition. We have the product but need to get it marketed.

We now need to decide on the future of the Sailplane Grand Prix (SGP). The negotiations with Planetaire have not lead to any solution, so we now have to find other means of funding. The vision is to create an executive body controlled by IGC which is ready to invest in the next SGP round. This first GP managed by this body should be the 2013 SGP Final.

See also item 11, Tracker Proposal.

Action BS: Draft a proposal for how to have a more dynamic management of the Grand Prix product, closely linked to the tracking proposal, 30 November.

6 Scope of Local Procedures versus Annex A

There has been a tendency to use the Local Procedures to implement local changes to Annex A. The Chief Steward should make sure that this is not the case.

A procedure will be introduced requiring the applicants to sign a letter stating that they will respect Annex A and other important issues before the application is presented to the Plenary.

Action BH & EM: Draft letter for applicants to sign before bid presentation at Plenary, 31st December.

7 Review of Jury and Steward list

The list was reviewed and updated.

We need to identify new Chief Stewards, in particular with organisational talents. We will initiate a training program where Senior CSs will accompany the new CSs during the training week and the first competition days, and then leave when most problems have been sorted out.

We need to look at the skills of the stewards and try to mix the teams correctly, e.g. to have expertise on scoring software present at all competitions.

In light of the available technology, like e.g. Skype, the way we use remote jurors and organize jury meetings has to be clarified in the Sporting Code.

Action GA: Update Annex A with regard to remote jurors.

8 Sailplane Grand Prix

8.1 2012-2013 QSGP

We have had no news from Planetaire since the SGP Final at Wasserkuppe, but will keep the door open for future discussions and sharing of ideas.

Applications to host the 2012/2013 Qualifying SGP have been received from South Africa/Pilanesberg, Slovakia/Prievidza, Italy/Varese (proposed as a woman only event), Australia/Lake Keepit, France/site to be decided, Chile/Santiago and Romania/Brasov. All applications will be accepted.

Action RS: Inform applicants that their bids have been accepted by 31st October.

8.2 2013 SGP Final

No applications were received to host the 2013 Final.

The Bureau agreed to approach Varese to host the 2013 SGP Final, possibly in the spring of 2014.

Action BS: Contact Italy concerning SGP Final.

8.3 Approval of rules

The proposed adjustments to the SGP rules were approved with minor modifications.

Action RS: Update and publish revised SGP rules by 30 November.

9 Status on 2012 WGCs

Dick Bradley had sent a report from his visit to Uvalde in August. EM will contact Dick about the most important points, and how the organizers will address these.

Action EM: Contact Dick Bradley concerning Uvalde action plan by 15th October

The Bureau had received a request from Uvalde to deviate from Annex A on 3 specific points. The Bureau is not in favor of these deviations.

Action BH: Inform Uvalde organizers about Bureau decisions by 15th October.

For Argentina, the temporary importation of gliders still seems to be a problem. The bureau wants to see a firm confirmation from the authorities that this has been solved by 9th December. If no guarantee is provided by then, the Bureau will start looking for alternative solutions for organizing the WGC.

Action BS: Ask Argentina for proof concerning the solution of the importation problem by 15th October.

The Bureau had received a request for reduced Sanction Fees for the South American Continental Championships 2012.

The Bureau considered that the competition was important for the further development of gliding on the South American continent, and agreed to lower the Sanction Fee to 1.500€ plus 20€ per participating pilot.

Action BH: Inform the organizers about the reduced Sanction Fee by 31st October.

10 World Air Games

The 2013 WAG has been cancelled. No organizers have been found.

Next possibility is 2015.

11 Tracker proposal

BS presented a proposal to deliver a tracker system with display software that could be made available to organizers of SGPs for not more than 3.000 € per competition.

We have used YellowBrick until now, but they are not interested in continuing the cooperation on the same conditions. We have a contact with another company, and there is a third possibility as well.

It was agreed that BS supported by RS and VML should go ahead and find out what was possible. The solution should not only be for the tracking system, but also include a web portal, which should be the single entry point for the SGP providing a consolidated lay-out where SGP organisers could, through a content management system, create and maintain their own web site including e.g. links and logos of sponsors.

IGC will use the new FAI website if possible, with the same look and feel. If this is not available early enough, we will as an initial solution base it on an external server. It was noted that any external solution needed to be able to integrate with the FAI website and databases in the future

Action BS: Provide a plan and a budget for the development of the tracker solution and web by 30th November.

Action VM: Coordinate website and database implementation with the FAI HQ.

12 Sporting Code updates

12.1 Section 3, Main body

Ross McIntyre is working on the possible changes to the main body of SC Part 3.

12.2 Annex A

GA presented a number of editorial changes to Annex A. A number of small changes were agreed. The Bureau will table the new version of Annex A at the Plenary for approval.

Action GA: Update Annex A following discussion at Bureau meeting by 30th November.

Action BS: Provide an updated text related to the engine test procedure requiring a test by the first competition day, by 30th November.

13 ANDS/GFAC paper on security of IGC-approved Flight Recorders

The Bureau agreed to the proposed changes related to old Flight recorders.

Action PE: Notify GFAC to publish the proposed changes at the IGC web by 31 October.

14 Doping/WADA

The new procedures for “Out of competition” testing were discussed. There are a number of issues to be solved. FAI air sports are recognized as Olympic sports and have to respect the WADA code. FAI has decided that for the time being out of competition testing is on hold. This issue is on the agenda for the FAI General Conference and IGC will wait and see what proposals arise from this discussion e.g. the medical committee of FAI may have a solution.

15 Received proposals for 2012 Plenary

A number of proposals have been received. The Bureau has discussed them all, and will contact the proposers where clarification or review is required.

Action BH & PE: To provide feedback to all proposers by 30th October

RS will work out proposal for a simplification of the light end.

Action RS: Develop simplified Light-end proposal.

16 Applications for future championships

It was noted that the Plenary decided, in 2010, that the JWGC should be allocated to non-European organizer every 10 years, starting from 2015, provided a suitable bid is received.

The following valid applications were, therefore, received:

Junior WGC 2015: Australia.

Woman’s WGC 2015: Czech Republic and Denmark

EGC 2015: Hungary.

It should be noted that following the revised Competition Calendar adopted by the Plenary in March 2011, bids for Continental Championships are presented 3 years before the event.

Bids for vacant Championships can be submitted for subsequent meetings or be considered as late bids, requiring 2/3 majority to be tabled.

17 Year 2 proposals for 2012 Plenary

The following year 2 proposals are required:

Future World Gliding Championships structure (Bureau)

20m Multi-seat class – Class definition (Bureau)

Removal of Reference Weight from Handicap List. (Bureau)

Proposal for mandatory use of Flight Recorders for altitude records above 50.000 feet (ANDS)

Remove the requirement that the identity of the pilot and glider be included in the Flight Log from the Sporting Code (USA)

Establish medals in Team Cup at World and Continental Gliding Championships (Poland)

Allow for use of GPS height for Silver or Gold badge claims (Canada)

Action PE: Remind proposers that they are to prepare Year 2 proposal before the end of the year by 31st October.

18 Confirmation of IGC Committees and Committee membership

The list was review and a couple of changes proposed.

Action BH: Contact committee members concerning proposed changes by 30th October.

19 Preparation of 2012 Plenary

We are waiting for the organisers to provide more information about the event, accommodation, transport to/from airport, etc.

Action BS: Contact the South African organizers by 15th October.

19.1 Practical issues, Bureau meeting, accommodation

The Bureau will meet Wednesday and Thursday.

There will be no formal Stewards Meeting, but an information package will be developed and mailed to Jurors and Stewards.

Action BS: Prepare a presentation about new flight analysis methods and other feedback to Stewards from the 2011 competition season.

19.2 Guest speakers

Two guest speakers have been contacted.

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