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FAI Parachuting Commission (IPC)
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MINUTES

In the Chair: Graeme Windsor, IPC President
Representing the FAI – Dr John Grubbström, President, FAI

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

1.1 IPC President Windsor called the 63rd IPC Plenary Meeting to order at 09:00, Saturday, 11 February 2012, at the Hindu Club, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

President Windsor then asked those in attendance to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the skydivers who died in the past year.

1.2 Mr Gustavo Reyes addressed the Plenary, on behalf of both Federación Argentina de Paracaidismo and of the Argentinean Olympic Committee. He welcomed the Delegates to Buenos Aires and wished the meeting success. Ms Alicia Morea of the AOC had earlier, at the Open Meeting on Wednesday 8th February, welcomed IPC to Buenos Aires. President Windsor thanked Gustavo Reyes and stated he had been happy to see COLPAR having such a good meeting on Friday night and praised their efforts to advance parachuting in this region of the world.

1.3 Dr John Grubbström, President, FAI, addressed the meeting, thanked Gustavo Reyes and the personnel of FAP, and commented favourably on the week's activities at which he had been present. He then made a presentation about FAI, pointing out voting procedures. The FAI President conducted the roll call of Delegates, approval of proxies, and verification of Delegates' authority. The roll call showed that **32** Delegates were present and the following seven proxies were recognised:-

Belarus to Russia
Croatia to Bosnia & Herzegovina
India to Spain
Indonesia to Saudi Arabia
Latvia to Sweden
Qatar to Egypt
Serbia to Montenegro

There were 39 votes in total, including the seven valid proxies.
These numbers indicated: - a simple majority - 20 votes; a two-thirds majority - 26 votes.

The Delegates' attendance list was circulated for updating, and will be sent directly to Delegates from the FAI Secretariat. To protect individuals' privacy this list will not be appended to these minutes, nor will it appear on the FAI/IPC web site.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 The minutes of the 62nd IPC Plenary meeting held in Bar, Montenegro, 29-30 January 2011, were published on the FAI/IPC website. There were no subsequent amendments, corrections or clarifications to the published minutes. The minutes, as published, were unanimously approved by the Plenary.

3. FAI ACTIVITIES REPORT & 105th FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

3.1 The FAI Representative, President Dr John Grubbström, spoke of FAI matters in general and also how they impact on the IPC. He reported on the FAI General Conference, held in Belgrade in October 2011. The following points were made:-

- There had been a 2% increase in NAC fees and there was a budget deficit in 2012.
- Finance procedures had been reviewed and are being constantly reviewed and President Grubbström thanked Richard 'Buzz' Bennett for his input in this work.
- Three FAI Regional Vice Presidents had been appointed on a trial basis, one each in South America, South & East Asia and the Middle East.
- Expert groups had been created.
- Sports strategies and branding guidelines had been developed.
- The Air Sports Commission Presidents Group will be more actively involved in FAI.
- There had been staff issues during 2011 and two additional staff had been recruited.
- The FAI web site had crashed in 2011 and there was now a new site, but unfortunately some material was missing. Work is in progress on the building of the new site and on retrieving and posting material which had disappeared.
- World Air Games – Bids had been invited for WAG 2013 in October 2010, but there had not been any firm commitments due largely to the global economic situation. There will not be any WAG in 2013.
- IPC's work on events is very much in line with FAI's strategy of multi-sport events.
- Work was proceeding on full compliance with WADA anti-doping rules including out of competition testing.
- FAI has developed a new policy regarding the cancellation of events in situations of major incidents or other extreme considerations
- All within FAI need to develop air sports, to explore new paths and accept reasonable changes within the FAI and its constituent bodies.

President Grubbström concluded by wishing the IPC Plenary Meeting success.

R. Bennett thanked President Grubbström for his acknowledgement of his (R.B's) work with the newly-adopted FAI financial procedures. On FAI finances generally –R. Bennett noted that while there has been a 2% increase in NAC fees in 2011, there had not been any increase in previous 8 years. R. Bennett noted that the NACs have power within FAI, that they make huge demands, but they don't want to pay for what they require.

FAI President Grubbström responded by stating that currency fluctuations have resulted in more expenses being incurred by FAI, and the Red Bull sponsorship had come to an end, therefore these factors required the 2% increase in the NAC fees.

3.2 President Windsor presented his report on the 105th FAI General Conference. He referred to the following:-

- IPC's Strategic Plan, and the addition last Plenary of the 4th pillar 'Financing', which was a necessary part of achieving the rest of the plan.
- That IPC gets no subvention from FAI and so must raise its own finances through Sanction Fees.
- The Judging & Scoring System contract which was cancelled, as the system did not meet expectations. The objective of a single system was still an admirable goal and would be pursued, but in the meantime, each competition discipline committee was reviewing its requirements.
- The concept of an Events and Tours organization which was explained to the Delegates, having been developed by the Bureau and raised at the Open Meeting on Wednesday 8th February.
- An IPC response to the Asian Olympic Committee at Asiana's request to assist in the recognition of Asiana as the body representing parachuting in the Asian region, for the purpose of consideration as a sport in the Asian Games. Mondial 2012 – The FAI General Conference had been advised about this event.

- Media Liaison – President Windsor thanked Ms Susan Dixon for volunteering to take on this additional work.

There were no comments or questions and the report was therefore accepted unanimously.

4. IPC PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

4.1 President's Report

President Windsor referred to his report on IPC activity in 2011 (agenda *Annex 1*).

Since that report had been written additional items were:-

- A very successful event had been held in Dubai and with 775,000 US\$ in prize money it attracted the best parachutists from around the world. It was a wonderful location, an excellent event, and he hoped it would continue.
- The question of whether IPC should have prize money should be at least considered; there is nothing in our rules to prevent this and it is at the discretion of the Organiser.
- International Parachuting Events & Tours Association (IPETA) – this matter would be raised under General Issues (see 8.2 below).
- FAI Air Sports Commissions Presidents' Meeting. The minutes of this meeting, held in Belgrade in October, during the FAI General Conference, had been delayed due to staffing issues at the FAI office. Pending the full minutes being available, it was noted that the contract with Flying Aces, for media coverage, had been terminated. In the meantime FAI will work with an Organiser on media rights in all instances.
- Multi-sports events – It was noted that there is competition among Air Sports for slots in these events.
- Anti-doping – FAI/IPC has not been used to having a registration pool for out of competition testing. For people using, for medical reasons, a substance on the WADA list of prohibited items, a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) certificate is needed.
- The web site has been and is a problem; many records have been lost; the Technical & Safety Data Collection Tool, which had cost a lot of money to develop and put in place, and been lost; the Judge Training Programme had been lost. President Windsor stated that Susan Dixon had been doing a wonderful job as restoring material and that it will take time to get everything up and running again.

There were no comments on the report, which was unanimously accepted.

4.2 Decisions by the Bureau

President Windsor reported on the IPC Bureau's Interim Decisions during 2010 (agenda *Annex 2*). There were no questions and the report was unanimously accepted.

5. WORLD GAMES 2013, CALI, COLOMBIA

5.1 Ronald Overdijk spoke to this matter, ref. his report (agenda *Annex 3*) and his proposals re WG Competition Rules (agenda *Annex 4*).

There will be a Test Event in 2012, from 4th to 12th August.

Selection criteria – there will be a total of 36 competitors, (26 from 2011 World Cup (overall), 8 male wild cards, 2 female wild cards). Vacancies will be filled on the basis of the remaining highest ranking. Details of location, aircraft to be used, accommodation, food etc. were given.

The competition format, agreed with the Canopy Piloting Committee will be - 4 rounds each of distance and accuracy. The final round, CP Freestyle will have the top 10 competitors. There will not be any CP Speed in the WG.

In response to a question, R. Overdijk advised that the ranking referred to was in the overall category.

5.2 Selection for WG – The Selection Event will be the Mondial 2012 - 36 competitors, 2 top males from 12 top nations = 24; 4 top females, 4 wild cards for Colombia/Latin America; 4 highest ranking competitors vacancies will be filled by the remaining highest ranking, giving 36 in total.

There were some questions regarding this selection system.

On a vote being taken the selection process was accepted, with one vote against.

6. WORLD AIR GAMES

6.1 1st Vice President Gillian Rayner reported verbally to the Plenary and there was nothing to add to the comments of FAI President John Grubbström, in 3.1 above.

7. MONDIAL 2012

7.1 Helmut Schlecht, spoke on behalf of the Organiser and advised that there were no changes to the presentation, made at Plenary 2011 in Bar, Montenegro.

A question was asked regarding team size and H. Schlecht stated that there would be one Team Manager and one Coach per discipline, per country.

J. Smyth stated that it was reasonable to stipulate one head of Delegation and one Team Manager per country, but there would be instances of teams having separate coaches. It was pointed out that there is a proposal from France (agenda *Annex 45*) to harmonise Delegation structure across various disciplines and this would be discussed under the SCWG section of the agenda.

Helmut Schlecht confirmed that the Organising Committee states the Team Leaders/Coaches numbers are 8, and that this is the finally agreed number. There are also 3 slots for medical personnel.

7.2 FAI President John Grubbström and IPC President Graeme Windsor then signed the Organiser Agreement for Mondial 2012. H. Schlecht will bring a signed copy to the Organiser, the UAE, and J. Grubbström will bring a signed copy to FAI.

8. GENERAL ISSUES

8.1 The Open Meeting of 8th February was reported upon by President Windsor. The IPC Strategic Plan and associated matters were referred to.

8.2 IPETA (International Parachuting Events & Tours Association). This matter was raised by President Windsor, who presented a document on the matter. The objectives, structure of group, the setting up of the entity as a commercial body and the set-up of this body were outlined. It was suggested that the entity's Directors should be, for its start-up, G. Windsor and R. Bennett (both as ex-officio IPC President and IPC Finance Secretary) and Alberto Martin Paracuellos, the Delegate representing Spain.

Seeding funding of 50,000 Euros would be set aside to start this entity, and this amount would be included in the IPC's 2012 Budget, which will be presented to the FAI Executive Board.

The holding company, IPETA, would have the freedom to appoint a Manager and settle terms and conditions of employment. It would also need advisors.

IPETA would be able to conclude deals with sponsors and use FAI brands and take advantage of opportunities which might arise or be made.

The aim is to establish IPETA by 15 May 2012.

A model and a business plan will be produced.

There was a question from FAI President Grubbström as to how the entity would be structured and how it would be legally established, to retain it in IPC's control. The response was that the FAI Executive Board is seeking legal advice on these matters, so this proposal is that IPC will work with FAI to ensure that the best model is put in place.

On the matter of setting aside 50,000 Euros for this project, R. Bennett stated that in the Bureau's view the spending of this money from the accumulated IPC funds (100,000 Euros) is an investment of lasting benefit, and designed to bring a return to IPC; it is not merely a spending of funds but an investment to bring money back into the sport.

FAI President John Grubbström asked IPC President Windsor to confirm that it is intended to keep this proposed entity, IPETA, firmly under IPC control. President Windsor confirmed that this was the firm intention, and that two of the Directors will be the IPC President and the IPC Finance Secretary, both ex-officio IPC Officers on IPETA, which gives a majority to IPC Officers. This matter of IPC control, as outlined, is to be stated in the set-up papers - **That the body be under IPC control.**

On a vote being taken to set up IPETA, the majority of Delegates were in favour, with one abstention (Hungary) and no votes against.

The IPC Newsletter will be used to keep Delegates informed as to the progress being made.

**The Delegate & Alternate Delegate from Cuba arrived at this point.
This gave a new count of 33 countries present, plus 7 proxies = 40.
Simple majority – 21; two-thirds majority 27.**

8.3 Webmaster Report. Ms Susan Dixon, IPC Webmaster, referred to her report (agenda *Annex 5*). She commented on the questionnaire re the web site, and the results from respondents. She reported that there has been a mixed response regarding the new site; varying from 'huge improvement'; a good number of replies stating 'too difficult to find stuff'; to 'really like the look, clean and easy to navigate'.

J. Grubbström informed the Plenary that a new IT Manager, Mr Visa-Matti Leinikki, has been appointed and that he will commence work with FAI on 01 May 2012. Also, an IT expert group has been established. FAI had decided to stick with what it has re the web site, but it will be improved.

It was noted that Judges could use the video postings of competitions on the web site to check their scoring against the meet score, and that this was a valuable training facility.

8.4 International Military Sports Council - CISM

Col. Jean Dermine's report, (agenda *Annex 6*) was referred to. J. Dermine sent his apologies as he could not attend due to other commitments. It was expected that CISM would be appointing a new Delegate to IPC, Col Gernot Rittenschober from Austria.

9. TECHNICAL AND SAFETY

9.1 Technical & Safety Committee Deputy Chair, Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, presented the T&S report for 2011 (agenda *Annex 7*).

9.2 IPC Safety Report and AAD Report for 2010. N-C Levin Hansen presented the 2010 Safety Report, noting that there had been 40 respondents, and he commented on various matters which arose in the report, and answered questions. This presentation was distributed to Delegates on CD, for use by the Technical & Safety Officers of their countries. The CD contains:-

- the 2010 Safety Report and Safety Report Presentation
- the 2010 AAD Report and AAD Report Presentation
- the seven Information Notices issued by the T&S Committee in 2011
- the forms and notes for the 2011 Safety and AAD reports
- the Paper, *Learning from the Mistakes of Others, Skydive Arizona Accident Review, 1991 – 2011*, by kind permission of Bryan Burke, S&TA, Skydive Arizona.

An appeal was made for more countries to participate in the annual Safety Survey.

It was noted that, after having being conducted for 17 years (since 1994) the AAD Survey will be discontinued.

9.3 Medical/Emergency Services required at FCEs

There had been debate during 2011 regarding the level of medical/emergency cover required at a First Category Event. The T&S Committee had been asked, earlier in the week, to provide wording for inclusion in the Sporting Code, Section 5, and other relevant documents. The T&S Committee produced wording and what was proposed was unanimously accepted. The wording shall be incorporated in to the 2012 version of SC5 and relevant documents.

The next step will be to provide guidelines, based on the approved document, for the FAI Controller and the Organiser, as to what medical/emergency facilities at a FCE.

Gustavo Reyes thanked the T&S Committee for making a safety presentation at the COLPAR meeting on Friday 10 February. He said that the South American countries will support the work of the T&S Committee, and he hoped that T&S would continue this great work.

9.4 FAI/IPC Certificates of Proficiency

This matter was discussed and Delegates were reminded that the C of P was introduced to facilitate the skydiver while abroad. Countries were encouraged to use this document for the use for which it was established.

It was pointed out that the C of P is **NOT** a National Licence or Certificate, that it is a lifelong document for the holder (not annually renewable) and that the requirements as set down in the C of P must **NOT** be added to or taken from.

9.5 Alberto Notari, 2011 Chair of the T&S Committee

President Windsor explained that Alberto Notari has been the Italian Alternate Delegate, and was 2011 Chair of the T&S Committee. However, even though he was President of the Italian Parachute Federation, the Italian NAC had replaced A. Notari as Italian Alt. Delegate, and could therefore not be a Committee Chair or Deputy Chair.

G. Windsor expressed discomfort with the unsatisfactory position whereby such a key person, elected by the parachutists in his own country, was removed from office by the NAC due to internal NAC politics.

10 WINGSUIT WORKING GROUP

10.1 Ms Jacqui Bruwer, Chair of the Wingsuit WG reported (agenda *Annex 15*) on the WG's activities during 2011. The three objectives in the Terms of Reference of the WG had been:-

- a) To create a clear working definition of a Wingsuit
- b) To investigate ways to define and judge no-contact Wingsuit large formation records.
- c) To make a recommendation to IPC for consideration of a new unlinked World Record performance Category for Wingsuit, Largest Formation.

J. Bruwer reported on the outcomes re these three objectives, in a document circulated to the Delegates –

- a) Had been achieved;
- b) The Working Group had listed the parameters;
- c) This can only be done when there is conclusion and agreement on 2). The Judges Committee will need to be consulted and all relevant judging systems evaluated.

It was proposed to continue with work on objectives b) and c) during 2012 and 2013, as per the plan provided.

10.2 President Windsor thanked J. Bruwer and the Working Group for their work.

11 RANKING SYSTEM WORKING GROUP

11.1 Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, Chair of the Ranking System WG reported on the WG's work during the year. He presented a recommendation to establish a Ranking List based on countries' standings and explained the principles and methods of calculation to be used.

The Working Group decided to take all disciplines into consideration and it was noted that it will take time to set this up and produce the final listing.

Ms Susan Dixon has volunteered to undertake the work of setting up and maintaining the Ranking List and N-C Levin Hansen thanked her for this.

11.2 Ranking List.

Primarily it will be based on WPCs. The question of how to deal with European Championships and World Cups held in the same year was raised, and whether one or both should be taken into account. It was resolved that just one event would be taken into account in this case.

11.3 Future of the Ranking System Working Group.

This WG will cease to exist and the Bureau and Committees will now follow up the matter. R. Overdijk suggested that the Ranking List be worked out but that it should not be published for the time being. He also suggested that regional Ranking Lists be set up, to help in the regions.

11.4 President Windsor thanked the WG for its work in getting this project going, and said that this matter is now IPC work in progress.

The proposal, as presented to Delegates in hard copy, to establish International World Parachuting Ranking Lists, was accepted unanimously. The text will be carried in the 2012 version of Sporting Code, Section 5.

12 MONDIAL 2014

12.1 President Windsor introduced this topic by stating that Mondial 2012 had been dealt with (see 7 above), and that Bosnia & Herzegovina has provided a Letter of Intent to bid for Mondial 2014 (agenda *Annex 17*).

12.2 The Delegate for Bosnia & Herzegovina spoke to this matter and explained that planning and preparations have commenced, with a committee of five people, including Government Ministers, having been established. The event will be held at the Banja Luka, military airfield, which is also the local dropzone.

12.3 President Windsor thanked the Delegate from Bosnia & Herzegovina.

13. FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING

13.1 Committee Deputy Chair Günter Berendt reported on the Committee's activities in 2011 (agenda *Annex 18*) and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee during 2011, in the S&A Open Meeting (agenda *Annex 20*) and in the Committee's closed meetings.

13.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 19*) of Günter Berendt on the 6th European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Parachuting Championships & 3rd FAI Junior European Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Parachuting Championships, held at Kikinda, Serbia, 20 – 28 August 2011, was accepted. There were no questions.

13.3 Competition Rule Changes – Günter Berendt addressed this matter and the following Competition Rules were amended:-

3.1 (also effects SC5 1.1.2 (9))

5.1.8

5.2.8

These changes were unanimously accepted. A hard copy of these changes was distributed. These changes will be incorporated into the 2012 Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rules, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

13.4 Future FCEs in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing

13.4.1 There were two bids for a European Championships event in 2013, one from Russia and one from Slovakia. Both were late bids and each needed 2/3 majority supporting vote to place them on the agenda. The Delegates gave the required 2/3 approval.

Both bids were circulated in hard copy.

Günter Berendt outlined the pros and cons for each bid and stated that the S&A Committee favoured the Slovak bid.

13.4.2 Vladimir Gazetov, the Russian Delegate, complained about the manner in which the Russian bid was put forward to the meeting. The response was that the Committee concerned is mandated to review both bids and provide a recommendation. Concern was expressed as to the security within the region (Grozny, Chechen Republic) in which it was proposed to hold the competition, and it was stated that because of this concern and home Government travel warnings, some teams might not be willing or able to attend.

13.4.3 The matter was then put to the meeting to decide between the two bids. A secret vote was called for by Johann Gritsch, the Austrian Delegate), and a ballot, conducted by J. Grubbström, was taken.

The result was – Russia 21 votes, Slovakia 16 votes. The Russian bid was therefore accepted.

Russia stated its wish to conduct a World Cup, along with the European Championships. A 2/3 majority was required to accept this proposition and this was given by the meeting, with one abstention and the remainder in favour.

14. FORMATION SKYDIVING

14.1 Committee Chair Trude Sviggum reported on the Committee's activities in 2011 (agenda *Annex 22*) and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee during 2011, in the FS Open Meeting and in the Committee's closed meetings.

14.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 23*) of Elisabet Mikaelsson, of the 17th FAI World Cup and 10th FAI European Championships in Formation Skydiving, held at Saarlouis, Germany, 01 – 06 August 2011 was accepted. There were no questions.

14.3 Bids to host future FCEs in Formation Skydiving and VFS

14.3.1 A bid from Bosnia and Herzegovina to host the 19th FAI Formation Skydiving World Cup and 12th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships, August 2013 at Banja Luka, was presented by Dusko Grmusa, Delegate from Bosnia and Herzegovina (agenda *Annex 24*). T. Sviggum stated that this was good bid and the FS Committee had discussed it with the AE Committee.

A date change to 12 – 18 August 2013 was noted. Both the FS and AE Committees are happy with this date change.

This bid was put to a vote and was accepted unanimously.

14.3.2 Czech Republic bid to host European Championships in Prostějov, Czech Republic, 26 August – 02 September 2012. This bid had been accepted at the 2011 IPC Plenary meeting. The question was raised as to what is meant by an 'Open' European Championships. Emil Franek, Delegate from the Czech Republic, asked that the event be changed to incorporate a World Cup. President Windsor stated that the Bureau is of the opinion that a change to World Cup & European Championships should be allowed for this event – 18th FAI Formation Skydiving World Cup and 11th FAI Formation Skydiving European Championships.

There was unanimous approval for this motion to change the title of this competition.

T. Sviggum will e-mail countries and seek to establish numbers of teams who will take part in the competitions at Prostějov and Banja Luka.

14.4 FS & VFS Competition Rules Changes – The FS Committee Chair, Trude Sviggum, presented changes and clarifications to the FS and VFS Competition Rules for 2012 as follows:-

VFS - 2.3.1; 4.4.1; 4.4.2;

FS and VFS – 4.5.2; 4.5.8; 5.4; 5.4.1; 5.5

Clarifying wording in rules 6.3.5 (**VFS and FS**); 6.3.6 (**FS**)

The amended rules were accepted.

These changes will be incorporated into the 2012 Formation Skydiving and VFS Competition Rules, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

14.5 Reduced Speed Judging

Ms Pia Berggren, Judges Committee Chair, spoke about reduced speed judging (see agenda *Annex 39* proposal from US re this matter, and stated that the Judges committee was not against it, but that it needs to be tested and evaluated by the Judges, and the

Competitors at the event at which it is being tested. P. Berggren said it can be a very good tool, but needs to be tested before use at a WPC.

Ms Sara Sacchet, the Italian Delegates suggested using it at WC and EC in Prostejov in 2012, and presenting the findings to the Plenary in 2013.

P. Berggren agreed to testing in 2012 at the WC and regrets that it will not be used at the Mondial, but she would rather that than use it without testing and perhaps have problems. Barry McAuley, the Canadian Alternate Delegate, expressed concern about using this as a training toll at WC 2012 and suggested testing it at the Mondial in 2012. The results could be looked at in 2013.

It was agreed to leave this matter until the following day, Sunday 1 February, when it was stated that:- **Reduced speed Judging will be incorporated into competition rules for 2012 and will be used in both Prostejov and at the Mondial.**

14.6 President Windsor thanked Trude Sviggum for the work she and her Committee had done during the year.

15. ARTISTIC EVENTS

15.1 Committee Chair Ronald Overdijk reported on Committee activities for 2011 (agenda *Annex 28*). There were no questions and the report was accepted unanimously.

15.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 29*) of Alia Ananina, 8th FAI World Cup In Artistic Events and 7th FAI European Artistic Events Championship in 2011, held at Saarlouis, Germany, 01 – 07 August 2011 was accepted. There were no questions.

15.3 Future FCEs in Artistic Events

15.3.1 The 9th FAI World Cup and the 8th European Championships in Artistic Events shall be held in Prostejov, Czech Republic, 26 August – 02 September 2012. (see 14.3.2 above for further details).

15.3.2 Bosnia and Herzegovina presented a bid to host the 10th FAI World Cup and 9th European Championships in AE in August 2013, at Banja Luka, (agenda *Annex 24*) was accepted. (See 14.3.1 above).

R. Overdijk will e-mail countries and seek to establish numbers of teams who will take part in the competitions at Prostejov and Banja Luka.

15.4 Proposed changes to the AE Competition Rules

Committee Chair R. Overdijk proposed and discussed amendments to the Competition Rules.

The following AE Competition Rules and Addenda were amended:-

Competition Rules	4.2; 4.4.3; 4.4.8; 4.4.9; 6.3; 6.3.1
Addendum A-1 Freestyle	FR-3; FF-7
Addendum A-2 Freeflying	FF-4
Addendum B Orientations	B-1

The Plenary voted unanimously to accept these rule changes.

The changes will be incorporated into the AE Competition Rules for 2012, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

15.5 President Windsor thanked R. Overdijk and the Committee members for their work during the past year.

16. CANOPY FORMATION

16.1 Ms Lindy Rochow-Williams Committee Deputy Chair reported on the Committee's activities in 2011, (agenda *Annex 26*).

16.2 Proposed changes to the Canopy Formation Competition Rules

L. Rochow-Williams presented changes to the CF Competition Rules for 2012 in the following rules:- 4.9.2; 4.9.3

These changes were approved unanimously. These changes will be incorporated into the 2012 CF Competition Rules, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

16.3 CF Web Cup 2011

The CF web competition is being discontinued for 2012, but may be revived in the future.

16.4 Future events in Canopy Formation.

16.4.1 Mondial 2012. Canopy Formation will feature in Mondial 2012, to be held at Dubai, UAE, with the following events:- 4-way Sequential, 4-way Rotation and 2-way Sequential.

16.4.2 Mondial 2014. It is hoped that CF will feature in the 2014 Mondial.

16.4.3 There has been an expression of interest from China to host a World Cup in CF, in the days preceding a major event there. This matter will be pursued in 2012.

16.5 President Windsor thanked L. Rochow-Williams and the CF Committee members for their work in 2011 and for carrying on when the Committee Chair, Marylou Laughlin, was no longer Committee Chair.

17. PARA SKI

17.1 Henny Wiggers, Committee Deputy Chair, reported on the Committee's activity and on events in 2011 (agenda *Annex 31*). He thanked Austria for hosting the 2011 event which he stated was an excellent one.

17.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 32*) of Daniel Sieber, 13th FAI World Parachuting Championships in Para Ski, held at Gosau, Austria, 28 Feb – 05 March 2011 was accepted. There were no questions.

17.3 Proposed changes to the Para-Ski Competition Rules

The changes in the Para Ski Competition Rules for Mondial 2012, due to the circumstances at the Para Ski event to be held at the 2012 Mondial in Dubai, UAE, were accepted unanimously.

There were no changes proposed to the 'regular' Para Ski Competition Rules.

The CRs specific to the Mondial will be posted on the web site.

17.4 Future events in Para Ski

17.4.1 Para Ski as a demonstration event at Dubai 2012.

H. Wiggers advised that Para Ski will participate in the Mondial 2012 as a demonstration event and explained the rules specific to this event. The Organiser is trying to provide a

special accuracy area with a 30° slope, but this cannot be guaranteed. Details of the ski run/s which will be in Dubai were given.

17.4.2 Russian bid for 14th WPC in Para Ski.

As this was a late bid a 2/3 majority in favour of discussing the bid was required. This was achieved.

The Para Ski Committee had looked at the bid and noted that the use of fixed-wing aircraft instead of helicopters would make it difficult for the competitors to see the landing areas prior to boarding. There are doubts as to the steepness of the ski slope, and therefore the Para Ski Committee felt the course was not adequate.

The Russian Delegate, Vladimir Gazetov pointed out that all Para Ski course dimensions rules use the word 'approximately'.

R. Bennett commented that a site visit, as requested by Russia, would not change the physical characteristics of the site.

On a secret vote being taken, requested by the Austrian Delegate, Johann Gritsch, the result was: - 14 for, 20 against, 4 abstentions

The bid was therefore rejected.

17.4.3 There is a possibility to have a Para Ski event in Russia in 2014, beside the Winter Olympics.

17.5 H. Wiggers thanked the Committee members and its Chair, Michael Egger, and President Windsor thanked H. Wiggers for standing in for M. Egger.

18. CANOPY PILOTING

18.1 Ms Jacqui Bruwer, Committee Chair, presented the Canopy Piloting report for 2011 (agenda *Annex 34*).

18.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 35*) of Ettienne Bosch, 6th FAI World Cup and 2nd European Championships in Canopy Piloting, held at Klatovy, Czech Republic, 22 - 27 August 2011 was accepted unanimously. There were no questions.

18.3 Future events in Canopy Piloting

18.3.1 Mondial 2012, Dubai, UAE. Canopy Piloting will be a discipline in this event.

18.3.2 Russia stated that it might put forward a bid for to host a CP event in 2013. The CP Committee needs to consider the bid, therefore Russia will meet with CP Committee to discuss this, before seeking to put it on the Plenary agenda. See 18.7 below.

18.4 Proposed changes to the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules

J. Bruwer presented proposed changes to the CP Competition Rules for 2012, in the following:-

Distance:- 6.2; 6.3; 6.5

Freestyle:- 4.1;; 4.5

Performance Records and Competition Records :-

SC5 3.2.7 Distance, Speed. 3.3.4 (1); 3.3.4 (2); 3.3.4 (3).

The proposed changes were approved by a large majority, with 5 voting against the CR changes. The changes will be incorporated into the CP Competition Rules and SC5 for 2012, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

18.5 President Windsor thanked J. Bruwer and the CP Committee for their great work in 2011.

18.6 Late bid from Russia (see 18.3.2 above). This late bid received a 2/3 majority supporting vote, to allow it be discussed.

Vladimir Gazetov, the Delegate for Russia, presented the bid to host the 7th FAI Canopy Piloting World Cup 2013 and 3rd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships 2013 in Cheboksary, Russia, from 24 – 30 August 2013. President Windsor will visit the proposed site, with FAI President John Grubbström, to see this and other sites and University Games involvement.

The bid was accepted unanimously.

Russia thanked the Plenary for accepting the bid.

19. FAI JUDGING

19.1 Committee Chair Pia Berggren reported on the Committee's activities in 2011 (agenda *Annex 37*) and she outlined that the Judges Committee would concentrate on having a better image from which to judge.

19.2 Single Scoring system – This was still being pursued with more input from Competition Committees and the Judges Committee looks forward to testing and evaluating new scoring systems and equipment.

19.3 The Judge Training Course on the FAI web site did not work due to the FAI web site crash. The aim now is to have it restored, updated and working in 2012.

19.4 Chief Judges in 2012 –

The following Chief Judges were proposed:-

<i>Event</i>	<i>Chief Judge</i>
18th FAI Formation Skydiving World Cup and 11th Formation Skydiving European Championships Prostejov, Czech Republic, 26 August – 02 September 2012	Karla Cole
9th FAI World Cup and 8th FAI European Championships in Artistic Events Prostejov, Czech Republic, 26 August – 02 September 2012	Johanna Huber
Mondial 2012, Dubai, UAE S&A Para Ski CF AE FS Canopy Piloting	Günter Berendt Günter Berendt Barry McAuley Alia Ananina Pia Berggren Dr Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle

The above list was approved unanimously.

There are no Judge Training courses scheduled to be held at 2012 events.

19.5 FAI Judges List

The list of FAI Judges for 2012 was verified, per updates sent to Judges Committee Chair P. Berggren, was accepted and is attached to these minutes as **Annex C**.

19.6 Proposed changes to Reimbursement schedule for Judges

It was proposed to change the travel reimbursement rates, SC5 4.1.4 (3) iv), as follows:-

- a) Within host country – 300 Euros (*unchanged*)
- b) Within Continental region – 500 Euros (*proposed increase from 400*)
- c) Between Continental regions – 1,600 Euros (*proposed increase from 1,500*)

For this purpose the 4 Asian regions shall be considered to be one Continental Region.

R. Bennett stated that in the case of a) it has never happened that the claim exceeds 300 Euros and he suggested that if it is felt that change is needed then b) and c) might be looked at.

B. McAuley asked would it be likely that the 1,600 Euros limit would be exceeded by some claimants. R. Bennett stated that he believed that in most cases it will not be, but that in some cases that new proposed limit would be exceeded.

Vice President John Smyth suggested the new proposed rates of 300, 500, 1,600 Euros be adopted. The new limits were accepted unanimously.

19.7 Changes to Rules

P. Berggren proposed change to the rules of the Judges Committee, as follows:-

SC5, 6.2 List of FAI Judges

- (1) The IPC will maintain a list of FAI Parachuting Judges ~~who satisfy the current requirements.~~ This list will be updated on an annual basis at the time of the IPC Plenary Meeting and must be approved by the IPC Plenary.
- (2) **The updated list will comprise of new FAI Parachuting Judges, who have met the requirements for Initial Qualification in 6.3 and 6.4, Annual Renewal FAI Parachuting Judges and Reinstated FAI Parachuting Judges.**
- (3) Each NAC must provide a list of new FAI Parachuting Judges, **Annual Renewal Judges** and/or FAI Parachuting Judges ~~who are renewing the FAI Parachuting Judge Rating and Reinstated Judges.~~ This list must be provided to the Chair of the IPC Judges' Committee no later than December 31 of the calendar year preceding the annual IPC meeting.
- (4) The NAC will certify to the IPC Judges' Committee that the Judges from its country have met the ~~initial F.A.I. Parachuting Judge Rating~~ **Initial Qualification** requirements, ~~or the annual renewal Annual Renewal requirements or the Reinstatement requirements, as detailed in 6.3, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6.~~

6.5.1 Annual Renewal Judge

In order to ~~meet the annual renewal requirements,~~ **qualify as an Annual Renewal Judge**, an FAI Parachuting Judge must, in the two preceding calendar years, have either:

- (1) judged at least one National Championship, First Category or Second Category Event or
- (2) obtained a satisfactory evaluation at an IPC Judges' Training Course or an IPC Evaluation Seminar.

Any Judge who does not meet the Annual Renewal requirements will be removed from the list of FAI Parachuting Judges

6.5.2 Reinstated Judge

Any Judge that has been removed from the list of FAI Parachuting Judges by reason of not meeting the Annual Renewal requirements may qualify as a Reinstated Judge by, in the three calendar years following removal from the list;

- a) judging at one National Championships and
- b) obtaining a satisfactory evaluation at an IPC Judges' Training Course or an IPC Evaluation Seminar.

6.5.3 Requalification

Any Judge not returning to the list by reason of not meeting the requirements for a Reinstated Judge (i.e. being off the list for more than three years) must meet the Initial Qualification requirements in 6.3 and 6.4 in order to be replaced on the list.

6.6 Qualifications to Judge at First Category Events

No change to 6.6

See 14.5 above for the Judges Committee response to the US proposal (agenda Annex 39) to adopt a new judging method that allows partial (selective) playback, slow motion, and multiple views to increase the accuracy and speed of judging events (other than freefall style) evaluated by video playback, specifically CF, FS, and VFS.

The Plenary unanimously accepted these change which will be incorporated into the 2012 Judges Rules and will be posted on the FAI web site

19.8 P. Berggren thanked the Judges Committee for its work during 2011, and R. Bennett for his help with the reimbursement issue. President Windsor thanked P. Berggren and the Judges Committee for their excellent work in 2011.

20. INDOOR EVENTS – WIND TUNNEL

20.1 The delegate for USA presented a paper proposing an alternative to the French proposal to include indoor body flight as an IPC event. This paper is appended to the minutes as **Annex F**. Ms Gillian Rayner, Delegate for France withdrew the French proposal (agenda *Annex 40 and Annex 41*) and requested that a Working Group be established to look at this issue. This suggestion had been discussed at a meeting of the Extended Bureau, and President Windsor was asked to comment.

G. Windsor said that he believed Indoor Events could be used in the Tours Events concept and therefore it should be considered by IPC.

20.2 France proposed the establishment of a Working Group to look at the matter. Terms of Reference for such a WG had been drawn up. The Terms of Reference are attached to the minutes, as **Annex G**.

The proposed members of this WG are:-

Gillian Rayner (Chair), Vincent Howard, Mubarak Al Swailim, Kirk Verner.

The proposal to establish this WG was unanimously accepted.

21 SPORTING CODE, SECTION 5, FCEAD, JURY HANDBOOK, FAI CONTROLLER HANDBOOK

Note – all changes to the above documents shall be incorporated into the 2012 versions of these documents and shall be posted on the FAI web site.

21.1 Ms Gillian Rayner, Chair of the Sporting Code Working Group, presented additions and amendments to the Sporting Code, Section 5 (agenda *Annex 42 and Annex 43* SCWG open meeting)

SC5 Changes, Amendments, Additions (strikethrough = deleted text; bold = new text)

SC5 1.1.2 (9) (see agenda *Annex 21*); *JUNIOR: For the purpose of all disciplines, ~~other than Para-Ski~~, a junior competitor is a person under the age of 24 or whose 24th birthday occurs during the calendar year in which the relevant competition takes place. ~~In the case of Para-Ski, the definition of a junior competitor is included in the Competition Rules.~~*

SC5 1.3 GENERAL SAFETY CONDITIONS

(1) Parachutists must practise safe parachuting and obey national or local regulations. For general sport parachuting activities, parachute deployment should be initiated by 600 m above ground level or, in special circumstances as specified by an NAC, by **an a higher** altitude set by that NAC. Failure to practice safe parachuting may lead to a warning or grounding or, at a competition, to the disqualification of a competitor or team in one or more events.

SC5 1.4 (2) and 1.5 (1), 1.5 (2), 1.5 (3), 1.5 (4) taken out of SC5 and put into the new IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy Document, so that all references to finance are in that one document. SC5 1.5 (1) now states - *The reimbursement of expenses will be in accordance with the current edition of the IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy Document.*

SC5 3.1.1 Sub Classes of Records

(1) Competition Records – delete 'Freeflying Records' from list

SC5 3.1.2(4) All team records, other than the Largest Formation records, **may only be certified by FAI for** jumpers representing the same NAC. A Largest Formation record may be **certified by FAI** for jumpers who represent more than one NAC.

SC5 3.1.2 (8) In accordance with the Sporting Code, General Section, Paragraph 7.2, except as provided in 3.3.2(1) **and 3.3.8(1)**, a new record will be established by a better performance, without regard to the margin of improvement.

SC5 3.4 (2) In order to qualify as a Continental Regional record, **other than a Largest Formation Record**, all participants in the record performance must, at the time of the performance, be current holders of an FAI Sporting License **issued by the same NAC, whose territory lies within the Continental Region. All participants in a Continental Region Largest Formation record must, at the time of the performance, be current holders of an FAI Sporting License issued by any NAC, whose territory lies within that Continental Region.** The performance must take place after March 1, 2007.

SC5 3.3.7 Joint Record Holders in Altitude, **Speed**, Largest Formation and Canopy Piloting

If two or more individuals or teams achieve an identical record performance on the same calendar day and thereby break an existing record, the new record shall be registered in the name of all the individuals or teams involved.

SC 5 4.1.1 2) The organisation of the ~~FCE competition~~ shall be controlled by a person appointed by the IPC (FAI Controller) ~~upon recommendation from the relevant IPC Committee~~. This person may not be from the Organiser's country. **After consultation with the relevant IPC Competition Committee(s), the IPC Bureau will nominate an FAI Controller for approval by the IPC Plenary.** ~~The appointment of the FAI Controller shall be approved by the IPC at the same time~~ **This approval will be given at the same time** as the FCE receives approval. The FAI Controller's duties, which commence upon appointment, are:

a) To read and follow the IPC FAI Controller Handbook

To ensure that the Organiser follows the terms of the Organiser Agreement, the Sporting Code, the Approved Bid and the Competition Rules as they pertain to the organisation of the competition, **including timely payment of the required Deposit (FCEAD 2.2.3) and the Sanction Fees.**

SC5 4.1.1 3) add:

The organiser will provide an Assistant to the IPC Controller (J&S) who will normally be from the country of the organiser unless the IPC decides otherwise.

~~The IPC Controller (J&S) must submit a report to the IPC Secretary within 30 days of the completion of the competition.~~

The IPC Controller (J&S) will not report to the IPC, unless issues have arisen that require consideration or a decision by the IPC at its next Plenary Meeting. If no report is required, the IPC Controller (J&S) need only report in writing to the Chair of the Judges' Committee.

Modify SC5 4.1.3.

A Sanction fee will be paid to the IPC by the Organiser of each FCE in respect of all competitors, team videographers, Heads of Delegation, and Team Managers and Team Coaches listed on an Official Entry Form.

SC5 4.1.4 Travel and Living Expenses

(1) The Organiser of a First Category Event will be required to pay travel, food, living costs and expenses connected with their duties for the following officials: FAI Controller, Chief Judge, Chief of Judge Training and the Assistant to the Chief Judge, the IPC Controller(J&S) and the CP Course Technical Director.

- (2) The Organiser of a First Category Event will also pay food and living costs for the members of the panel of International Judges, who are FAI Parachuting Judges (not covered by 4.1.4.(1)) included in the selected list (see 4.6).
- (3) The IPC will reimburse any Visa cost and the travel expenses of each member of the panel of International Judges at a FCE, who are FAI Parachuting Judges (not covered by 4.1.4 (1)) included in the selected list **in accordance with the current edition of the IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy Document.**

All of the text which in the 2011 version of SC5 followed here has been removed and appears instead in the IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy Document.

SC5 4.2.5 Official Bulletins

The NAC organising an FCE will issue two Official Information Bulletins (see IPC FCE Application Document 3.1) in electronic format to be posted on the FAI/IPC website.

The information in these Bulletins may not be at variance with anything in the Organiser's accepted bid and the Organiser Agreement, unless Bureau approval for such change has been given. They must first be submitted, at least 30 days before the issue date, for review by the IPC Bureau, the FAI Controller, the Chief Judge, **the Chief of Judge Training** and the relevant Committee Chairs, who will clarify and correct any wrong or misleading information and ensure that any missing information is included. When this process is complete and the Bureau has given its final approval, the Bulletins may then be issued and be posted on the FAI/IPC and Organiser's websites.

SC5 4.3.1 Judging Equipment and Identification

~~1. In accordance with the Organiser Agreement, the Organiser must utilise and pay for the judging equipment, scoring system(s) and personnel as specified by the IPC and FAI, in accordance with the terms of the contract entered into by the IPC and FAI with a chosen supplier. In the event that equipment, scoring system(s) and personnel are required in addition to that specified by the IPC and FAI, the Organiser will provide and pay for such equipment, scoring system(s) and personnel and the equipment and scoring system(s) to be so provided must receive prior approval from the IPC Judges' Committee. The Organiser must also provide sufficient personnel to put in place and remove all equipment and scoring system(s) and the necessary number of secretaries and scorers for the Panel of Judges.—~~

1. In accordance with the Organiser Agreement, the Organiser must provide and pay for the judging equipment and scoring system(s) necessary to properly evaluate and score all jumps made during the FCE and to properly conduct any course for Judges in Training. The judging equipment and scoring system(s) to be used must receive prior approval from the IPC Judges' Committee. The Organiser must also provide sufficient personnel to put in place and remove all equipment and scoring system(s) and the necessary number of secretaries and scorers for the Panel of Judges.

3. The video recording, playback and all auxiliary equipment must allow for full HD (1080i) input and full HD for output and viewing for the judges and the public.

4. Each aircraft shall be equipped with a slate on which must be written information as required by the competition rules.

5. Previous 4.

SC5 4.3.2 Replace "Trainee Judges" with "Judges in Training"

Modify SC5 4.4.2(2) as follows:

A National Delegation will be composed of:

- **Competitors as prescribed in the Competition Rules applicable to the event (i.e. the number of teams or individual competitors and their gender),**
- **A Head of Delegation,**
- **Team Managers (one per discipline)**
- **Team Coaches (limited to three)**

All delegation members will be subject to payment of a sanction fee.

Qualified accompanying Medical staff and Media representatives will be accredited at the discretion of the Organiser.

SC5 4.4.3 Multiple FCEs

A competitor or team videographer may enter more than one FCE taking place at the same time in the same location, but such participation will not be grounds for any protest against the application of any of the provisions of 5.2.5(2) nor will the minimum time limits prescribed in 5.2.5(3) have any application in respect of jumps made in different FCEs.

SC5 4.5.3 Organiser's Responsibility

3) The Organiser shall be responsible for providing adequate medical services during the event including the official training days.

The required medical services may vary according to the following factors: the size and nature of the competition, the category and number of competitors participating, the medical emergency facilities of the area where the competition takes place.

The Organiser will conduct a risk assessment and recommend the level of medical services required. The FAI controller will receive The Risk Assessment Report and in conjunction with the Organiser agree to the required level of cover. In the event of a dispute between the FAI Controller and the Organiser the IPC Bureau will make the final decision.

SC5 4.7.1 Amend as follows:

4.7.1.1 The Jury at a First Category Event is a Nominated Jury consisting of a Jury President and two Jury members. All Jury members must have the ability to communicate in English, so as to properly understand and fully participate in Jury meetings and discussions.

Unless exceptional circumstances prevail, each Jury member must have been present as a registered Delegate, Alternate Delegate or NAC appointed Observer at the previous IPC Plenary meeting and must represent and/or be resident in a different country than the other two Jury members. The exceptional circumstances will be approved by the IPC Plenary upon recommendation from the **IPC Bureau** ~~Sporting Code Working Group~~.

4.7.1.6 a) The President of the Jury and the two Jury members will be appointed for each First Category Event **by the IPC Plenary Meeting**, from the list of approved and qualified IPC Jurors ~~by the IPC Plenary Meeting, upon recommendation by the IPC Bureau and the relevant Competition Committee Chairs~~. This appointment will be made no later than the IPC Plenary Meeting held in the year of the FCE. For the purposes of appointment, a Mondial or multiple FCEs in the same location shall be regarded as one FCE.

4.7.1.6 b) Where a Jury Member, appointed in accordance with (a), is unable to serve, the Bureau will appoint a replacement from the list of approved and qualified IPC Jurors to serve as a Jury Member at that FCE.

4.7.1.6 c) Where the Jury President, appointed in accordance with (a), is unable to serve, the Bureau will appoint a replacement from the list of approved and qualified IPC Jurors to serve as Jury President at that FCE.

4.7.1.6 d) The requirement in (1) above to have been present at the previous IPC Plenary meeting will apply to appointments made in accordance with 6b and 6c.

4.7.1.7 a) Where an appointed Jury Member is unable to serve at an FCE and no replacement has been appointed by the Bureau in accordance with 6b or where a Jury Member becomes unable to serve for part of an FCE, the Jury President may, in consultation with the IPC President or the FAI Controller, if the IPC President is not available, appoint a replacement Jury Member(s) as required. The replacement, who must be present at the FCE, will be selected from the list of approved IPC Jurors but, if none are available, the replacement may be selected from amongst any other persons present at the FCE.

4.7.1.7 b) Where an appointed Jury President is unable to serve at an FCE and no replacement has been made by the Bureau or where the Jury President becomes unable to serve for part of an FCE, the two other Jury Members, in consultation with the IPC President or the FAI Controller, if the IPC President is not available, shall select one of themselves as Jury President and then shall apply clause (a) above for selection of the required third Jury Member.

4.7.1.7 c) The requirement in (1) above to have been present at the previous IPC Plenary meeting will not apply to appointments made in accordance with 7a) and 7b).

SC5 4.7.1

10) All travel (to and from the Jury Member's normal place of residence), accommodation, meal and other appropriate expenses connected with the duties of a Jury Member will be paid for by the IPC **in accordance with the current edition of the IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy Document**. *All of the text which in the 2011 version of SC5 followed here has been removed and appears instead in the IPC Expense Reimbursement Policy Document.*

11) The list of approved and qualified IPC Jurors, who may be no less than twelve in number, will be maintained by the **IPC First Vice President** ~~Sporting Code Working Group~~, which has the authority to ~~propose qualified individuals for addition to the list by majority decision of the IPC Plenary~~. Any individual wishing to be proposed for addition to the list must **submit** ~~make~~ an application to the **IPC**

First Vice President ~~Sporting Code Working Group~~. The application must contain details of the individual's experience and suitability (for example; Competition Management, Judging Experience etc.) and must also have the approval of the individual's NAC and/or IPC Delegate. **The IPC Bureau, having reviewed all such applications, has the authority to propose qualified individuals for addition to the list by majority decision of the IPC Plenary**

12) Individuals on the approved list may be removed from the list

- i) by written request from the particular individual or
- ii) by decision of the IPC **Bureau** ~~Sporting Code Working Group~~.
- iii) by written request from the individual's NAC

The decision in (ii) must be approved by a majority decision of the IPC Plenary.

13) Individuals on the approved list will be automatically removed if they do not attend the IPC Plenary meeting as a registered Delegate, Alternate Delegate or Observer for three consecutive years **or if they have not served as a Jury Member for three consecutive calendar years.**

~~This provision is valid as of January 2008.~~

A 2/3 majority vote was required and obtained for the following change to

SC5 5.2.5 2) replace all text with

If they do not arrive in time to board the assigned aircraft, the competitor or team will receive a score for that jump equal to the maximum or minimum score (as appropriate).

SC5 5.2.7 Ground to Air Communication

- (1) Communication between the Meet Director or the Judges on the ground and the aircraft is by two-way radio.
- ~~(2) Except as provided in 5.2.8. (3), disregard of instructions passed to the team in the aircraft may result in a disqualification for that jump. The Judges' decision is no grounds for a protest.~~

SC5 5.2.10 Scoring

- (1) Once any competitor, team member or team videographer has left the aircraft, the jump will be evaluated, unless the Competition Rules provide otherwise, in which case the Competition Rules will take precedence.
- ~~(2) If a competitor or team is disqualified for a jump, the maximum/minimum score (as appropriate) is awarded for that jump. Two disqualifications in one competition of a team or an individual result in immediate disqualification for the whole competition. A penalty score awarded following a disqualification in completed rounds must be included in any total score.~~
- (3) The scoring of performances and the unofficial results of each round must be posted on a scoreboard as soon as they are collated. The official results of each event will be posted, as soon as possible, on the scoreboard, designated by the Chief Judge and approved by the Jury and must be published within 12 hours of the completion of that event. The Chief Judge will ensure that the official results are available in time for the award ceremonies.

SC5 5.4 PENALTIES

Except as specifically provided in 5.2.5 and 5.2.8, a competitor or team may be penalised by the Meet Director, with the consent of the Jury, in accordance with the principles set out in the Sporting Code, General Section, 5.2. (see below). The procedure and penalties are as follows:

- (1) The Meet Director will determine ~~or, in the case of safety matters, be advised by the FAI Controller~~ whether the infringement is Technical (SC GS 5.2.2.1), Serious (SC GS 5.2.2.2) or Unsporting Behaviour (SC GS 5.2.2.3).
- (2)

SC5 6.3.2 Change "Trainee Judge" to "Judge in Training"

6.6.1. For Accuracy Landing and Canopy Piloting

OR

(1) have served as Chief Judge, Event Judge, Chief of Judge Training, **IPC Controller of J&S**, FAI Controller or Jury Member at a FCE for the specific category in the two calendar years preceding the calendar year in which the event is being held or as Chief of Judge Training at an IPC Judges' Training Course or an IPC Evaluation Seminar for the specific category held in the previous two calendar years.

SC5 6.9.1.7 The CJ will be present ~~at the drawing of the ballots~~ **when the draw of sequences and/or jump order, required by the Competition Rules, is made.**

SC5 6.9.1.12 so that, ~~if possible, it can be included in the agenda material....it can be distributed to all Delegates and posted on the FAI/IPC web site...~~

21.2 First Category Event Application Document

The proposed 2012 version, (agenda *Annex 49*) was accepted without any changes.

21.3 Jury Handbook

The proposed 2012 version (agenda *Annex 51*) was accepted without any changes.

21.4 FAI Controller Handbook

The proposed 2012 version (agenda *Annex 47*) was accepted without any changes.

22 IPC INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Note – all changes to IPC Internal Regulations shall be incorporated into the 2012 versions of this document and shall be posted on the FAI web site.

22.1 IR Changes

Ms Gillian Rayner, Chair of the Sporting Code Working Group, presented proposed changes to the IPC Internal Regulations (agenda *Annex 46*).

All were in favour of these proposed changes.

22.2 List of Jurors for 2011. The Chair of the SCWG, G. Rayner, presented the list of Jurors for 2012 and advised the Delegates of changes to the list. There were two deletions and three additions – James Hayhurst, Maurice Hoex and Kirk Verner. The revised list was unanimously accepted by the meeting. The 2012 Jury list is appended to these minutes as **Annex D**.

23 FCE MEDAL POLICY

23.1 Ms Gillian Rayner, Chair of the SCWG, presented the proposed Medal Policy document (agenda *Annex 52* and *Annex 53*), *as discussed and amended by the SCWG Open Meeting and by the Extended Bureau*.

There was some discussion on this matter and it was pointed out that responsibility for quality lies with the FAI Controller, who shall be contacted, allowing sufficient time, by the Organiser.

On a vote being taken there was one abstention and the remainder of the Delegates were in favour of its adoption.

This Medal Policy document shall appear as a separate document and shall be posted on the FAI web site.

24 AWARDS

24.1 FAI Gold Parachuting Medal

There were two nominations for this award (agenda *Annex 54* and *Annex 55*).

Sweden withdrew the nomination of Dr Anton Westman for 2012 and will re-submit for 2013.

A simple majority was needed to make this award, with proxy votes not being allowed. The Delegates voted unanimously to make this award to the nominee Tim Mace.

South Africa thanked Sweden for the generous gesture of withdrawing its nominee for 2012.

24.2 Other Awards

There were no other nominations for awards.

President Windsor asked Delegates to nominate people for the awards, which were available as there was prestige attached to these, for the individual and for the country involved, and presentation of awards brings valuable recognition not only to the recipient but also to the sport of parachuting.

25 ATMONAUTI

25.1 The Atmonauti Presentation (agenda *Annex 57*) had been made at the Open Meeting on Wednesday 7th February. Ms Jacqui Bruwer, the Delegate for South Africa, proposed that a Working Group be established. A 2/3 majority supporting vote was required to consider this proposal.

On a vote being taken the result was:- 16 for the proposal to establish a WG, 11 against, 7 abstentions. The proposal did not get the required 2/3 majority to discuss the setting up of a WG.

The Plenary Meeting adjourned, to meet at 09:00 Sunday 12th February.

09:00 Sunday 12th February 2012

26. ASIANIA

26.1 ASIANIA Report for 2011. ASIANIA President, Mubarak Al Swailim presented his report covering ASIANIA's activities in 2011. The comprehensive report listed the large number of events conducted, the events in which ASIANIA would be involved in 2011, including the Mondial in UAE in late 2012, and the aim of holding a Safety Symposium in Jeddah in April 2012 were noted, as was the membership status and aims for the coming year.

Mubarak Al Swailim stated that ASIANIA works towards increasing participation in international parachuting events and that since its foundation its membership has increased greatly. He thanked ASIANIA Secretary Faye Cox and President Windsor for their work and support.

26.2 ASIANIA Secretary Ms Faye Cox noted the increase in the organization's membership, from 6 in 1994 to 29 in 2012. She also noted that recognition by the Olympic Council of Asia had been gained, and this was important. The number of competitions which ASIANIA organized was referred to.

26.3 President Windsor thanked Mubarak Al Swailim for the great work of the organization, stating that he had seen its steady growth over the years and its increased activity. Such regional development was welcomed and encouraged by IPC.

27. FINANCE WORKING GROUP

27.1 Treasurer's report & Financial Statements. Richard 'Buzz' Bennett, IPC Treasurer and Finance Working Group Chair, presented the Treasurer's Report for 2011 (agenda *Annex 9*) and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2011, as per **Annex A** to these minutes, and he explained the details of the accounts.

The meeting voted unanimously to accept these reports.

27.2 Travel Expenses for International Officials

R. Bennett explained that the proposal to set the travel allowances came from the Judges Committee, and not from the FWG. This item had been dealt with, see 19.6 above.

27.3 Budgets for 2012 & 2013 –

27.3.1 R. Bennett presented budgets for 2012 and 2013, as budgets for two years are now required by FAI. Some expenses have risen in line with increasing travel costs.

The allocation for World Games costs was explained. While World Games are on a 4 year cycle, IPC makes provision each year for its estimated costs. FAI provides a similar amount so that WG costs are shared on a 50/50 basis.

No figure was included in the draft budget for Media Liaison Officer activity in 2012. President Windsor explained the need for the Media Liaison Officer to work in Dubai at Mondial 2012, to assist the organiser to achieve the coverage IPC desires. This was accepted unanimously by the Delegates. A figure of 2,000 Euros was allocated to cover out of pocket expenses for a Media Liaison Officer.

With this adjustment, the 2012 budget presented showed an estimated operating net income of 1,400 Euros.

R. Bennett drew attention to the 50,000 Euros allocated for IPETA set-up. This was not in the current operating budget as it is capital expenditure from IPC's accumulated fund, rather than current expenditure. The allocation of 50,000 Euros for IPETA costs will entail submission of an Expenditure Approval Form to the FAI Executive Board.

It was proposed by R. Bennett that the Sanction Fee remain at 90 Euros for 2012 and this was the figure on which income was calculated in the 2012 and 2013 Budgets.

The 2012 Budget was approved, with no objections or abstentions

27.3.2 Budget for 2013 – R. Bennett presented the projected 2013 Budget, but stated that as the Plenary had just approved a WPC in Canopy Piloting in Russia, the figures would need to be changed to reflect this. The 2013 Budget was based on prior years' experiences. As foreseen at the moment, there is a projected 2013 deficit of 16,000 Euros, due to a reduced number of competitions, and a possible reduced number of competitors. This may be modified in time, and will be reviewed at the next Plenary in 2013.

The 2013 Budget was approved, with no objections or abstentions

R. Bennett thanked his colleagues on the FWG for their diligent work during the year.

27.4 Proposal from Germany re Expense Reimbursement (agenda *Annex 12*). This item had been taken care of under the Expenses Reimbursement Policy.

27.5 Proposal from Germany re Application Fee paid for 2012 FCEs (agenda *Annex 13*). The full amount of the Application Fee, 1,600 Euros, had not been refunded, an amount of 84 Euros, for postage of medals, having been deducted from the 1,600. It was claimed that this was an FAI matter, not one for IPC, and IPC should have returned the full 1,600 Euros to Germany. R. Bennett explained how the matter arose and that the Organiser is responsible for all the costs relating to the medals. A vote was taken and it was agreed to pay the amount of 84 Euros to the German Parachuting Federation.

Budget 2012 and Budget 2013 are appended to these minutes as **Annex B**. President Windsor thanked R. Bennett. He also thanked the members of the Finance Working Group for their diligence and what is a continuously increasing workload.

28. RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

28.1 It was proposed to establish a Rules & Regulations Committee, to replace the Sporting Code Working Group, as it was believed such a Committee would prove to be a more effective way of dealing with this area of work.

The R&R Committee Terms of Reference would be included in the 2012 version of the IPC's Internal Regulations. These Terms of Reference would be similar to those of the SCWG.

R. Bennett was unanimously elected Chair of the R&R Committee and some members were named. Volunteers were called for and the final list appears in **Annex E** to these minutes.

29. ADDITION TO JURY LIST 2012

29.1 A late nomination was received to include Ms Rina Gallo on the list of Jurors for 2102. Following a 2/3rd majority agreeing to consider this nomination, the nomination was accepted.

30. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

30.1 The list of Committee and Working Group Chairs, Deputy Chairs and Members was shown to Delegates, was confirmed and was accepted unanimously.

Note – there was one change to the list – Barry McAuley was appointed Deputy Chair of the Canopy Formation Committee, and this was covered by a Bureau Interim Decision, BID 2012/01/02, taken immediately after the Plenary meeting.

The list, with the above change, is appended to these minutes as **Annex E**.

31. NOMINATION OF 2012 JURIES & FAI CONTROLLERS 2013

31.1 The nomination of Juries for 2012 events, and FAI Controllers for FCEs in 2013 and some was presented to the Plenary and the motion to approve the list was passed unanimously.

JURIES & FAI CONTROLLERS 2012

World Cup and European Championships in FS and AE Prostějov, Czech Republic, 26 August – 02 September 2012	
Jury	FAI Controller
Liam McNulty – Jury President	Niels-Christian Levin Hansen
Gunter Berendt	
Barry McAuley	
Reserve – Lindy Rochow-Williams	

Mondial 2012 Dubai, United Arab Emirates 27 November – 05 December 2012	
Jury	FAI Controller (appointed 2011 Plenary)
Richard 'Buzz' Bennett– Jury President	Alberto Martin Paracuellos
Niels-Christian Levin Hansen	IPC Controller – J&S (Appointed 2011 Plenary)
John Smyth	Gillian Rayner
Reserve – Emil Franek	

13th FAI World Cup & 1st FAI Junior World Cup in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing and 7th FAI European Championships & 4th FAI Junior Championships in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing, Grozny, Russia 20 - 27 August 2013	
Jury	FAI Controller
	Günter Berendt
Reserve -	

7th FAI Canopy Piloting World Cup & 3rd FAI Canopy Piloting European Championships, Cheboksary, Russia 24 - 30 August 2013	
Jury	FAI Controller
	Henny Wiggers
Reserve :	

These nominations were accepted unanimously.

32. ELECTIONS (for two-year terms of office)

32.1 World Air Games Liaison Officer

Ms Gillian Rayner was nominated by President Windsor, on behalf of the Bureau. There being no other nominations Ms Rayner was appointed, by acclamation.

32.2 World Games Liaison Officer

Ronald Overdijk was nominated by President Windsor, on behalf of the Bureau. There being no other nominations Ms Rayner was appointed, by acclamation.

32.3 IPC President

The election process was conducted by FAI President John Grubbström.

Written nominations were taken.

Nominated were: - Alberto Martin Paracuellos (declined); Gillian Rayner (declined); Graeme Windsor (accepted).

As Graeme Windsor was the only candidate who accepted nomination he was elected IPC President, by acclamation.

32.4 First Vice President

The election process was as outlined in 32.3 above. Written nominations were taken.

Nominated were: – Niels-Christian Levin Hansen (declined), Liam McNulty (invalid - not a Delegate), Mubarak Al Swailim (declined), Ronald Overdijk (declined), Alberto Martin Paracuellos (declined), Gillian Rayner (accepted), Gustavo Reyes (declined), John Smyth (declined), Graeme Windsor (invalid – already elected President).

As Gillian Rayner was the only valid candidate who accepted nomination she was elected IPC First Vice President, by acclamation.

32.5 Two Vice Presidents

The election process was as outlined in 32.3 above. Written nominations were taken.

Nominated were: - Niels-Christian Levin Hansen (accepted), L. McNulty (invalid - not a Delegate) Mubarak Al Swailim (accepted), Alberto Martin Paracuellos (declined), Gustavo Reyes (declined), John Smyth (accepted) Alexandre Casaca Ferreira (declined), Trude Sviggum (declined), Vladimir Gazetov (declined), Jorge Derviche (declined), Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle (not present and no indication of willingness to accept nomination), Jacqui Bruwer (declined).

Three people accepted nomination:– Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, Mubarak Al Swailim, John Smyth. A ballot was then conducted.

The result of the vote was that Niels-Christian Levin Hansen and John Smyth were elected to the positions of IPC Vice Presidents.

32.6 Finance Secretary

The election process was as outlined in 32.3 above. Written nominations were taken. Nominated were: – Jacqui Bruwer (declined) R. Bennett (accepted), L. McNulty (declined), V. Gazetov (declined), J. Gritsch (declined).

In accepting nomination R. Bennett wished it to be known that he was doing so for what was for him, one final two-year term.

As Richard 'Buzz' Bennett was the only candidate who accepted nomination he was elected Finance Secretary, by acclamation.

32.7 Recording Secretary

The election process was as outlined in 32.3 above. Written nominations were taken. Nominated were: – Liam McNulty (accepted), Rainer 'Exi' Hoenle (not present and no indication of willingness to accept nomination), Silvia Wagner(declined).

As Liam McNulty was the only candidate who accepted nomination he was elected Recording Secretary, by acclamation.

33. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

33.1 President Windsor thanked FAI President John Grubbström for attending this IPC Plenary meeting and for being at meetings during the week, and he felt it was a valuable experience for the Delegates and a mutually beneficial learning experience.

33.2 Fee for late bids

Johann Gritsch, the Delegate for Austria, wished to make a proposal re this matter. As the item was not on the agenda it required a supporting 2/3 majority vote to be heard. This was given and R. Bennett presented wording for the FCE Application Document – *'If the application is not submitted in accordance with the time deadlines in 2.1.1 above (of the FCEAD Application document), the required application fee will be retained by the IPC and will not be treated as a part payment of the sanction fee to be paid in respect of the FCE.'*

H. Wiggers proposed that half of the Application Fee be retained.

P. Bergan suggested deferring the matter until the 2013 Plenary and J. Smyth supported that suggestion.

A vote was taken on the deferment of the matter until the 2013 Plenary meeting, and that vote was carried. The matter will appear on the agenda of the 2013 Plenary meeting.

34. FUTURE IPC PLENARY MEETINGS

34.1 Bid from Bosnia & Herzegovina to host the 64TH IPC Plenary Meeting 2013.

The proposal to accept this late bid was accepted, with one vote against, thus giving the required two-thirds majority to place the matter on the agenda.

Dusko Grmusa, the Delegate for Bosnia & Herzegovina, presented the bid, which was distributed in hard copy.

There were some minor questions, one being that the late entry fee amount was not specified in the bid. This was then stated to be 50 Euros.

On a vote, the meeting accepted the bid. D. Grmusa thanked the Delegates for their support by accepting this hosting proposal and for their general support during this meeting. The 2013 IPC Plenary meeting will take place in Banja Luka, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 22th – 27th January 2013.

34.2 Letter of Intent from Austria to host 65TH IPC Plenary Meeting 2014

The Delegate from Austria, Johann Gritsch, stated that the Austrian Aero Club will organise the IPC Plenary Meeting in 2014.

It was noted that this may be a 4-day meeting (rather than a 5-day meeting, as has been the norm).

There were no questions.

35. ADJOURNMENT

President Windsor thanked Federación Argentina de Paracaidismo and its staff for their great work in organizing the 63rd Plenary Meeting in Buenos Aires. He thanked the Delegates for their dedication, hard work and attention during the Plenary and he thought that a great deal had been achieved. President Windsor noted that the Bureau had agreed to refund the 500 Euro deposit to Argentina.

The IPC Plenary Meeting 2012 concluded.

Annexes to minutes

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LIST OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND OTHER ATTENDEES.

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