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Minutes

of the
Annual Meeting
of the
FAI Rotorcraft Commission (CIG)

held in Lausanne, Switzerland
on 8th and 9th March 2012
at the Maison du Sport International (MSI)

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1. Roll Call

President

David HAMILTON	CIG President
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CIG Bureau Members

Konrad GEISSLER	1st Vice President
Irina GRUSHINA	2nd Vice President
Wolfgang PERPLIES	Secretary
David MONKS	Secretary

The Roll Call was formally called by Rob Hughes with the following present:

Austria (AUT)	Wolf-Dietrich TESAR
Belgium (BEL)	Jacques BERLO
France (FRA)	Jacques ESCAFFRE
Germany (GER)	Konrad GEISSLER
	Wolfgang PERPLIES (Alternate delegate)
Italy (ITA)	Fulvia QUAGLIOTTI
New Zealand (NZL)	David HAMILTON
Russia (RUS)	Irina GRUSHINA
Switzerland (SUI)	Bernhard LUGSTENMANN
UK (GBR)	David MONKS
	Roy HOLFORD (Alternate delegate).

FAI (in attendance)

Secretary General	Jean- Marc BADAN
Senior Sports Manager	Rob HUGHES
Communication Manager	Faustine CARRERA
Members & Services Manager	Ségolène ROUILLON

2. Apologies

A P Herbert
Roger Gault

President of Honour
New Zealand (Alternate delegate)

3. In Memoriam

A moment's silence was observed for Jean Louis DURRANT of France and Tony EVERARD of the United Kingdom; both of whom had greatly contributed to our sport and had passed away during 2011.

4. Proxy votes and votes

2 proxy votes were received. New Zealand gave its vote to Germany; Belarus gave its vote to Russia.

There were 11 votes present at the meeting, overall majority 6, and absolute majority 8.

French delegate left the meeting prior to the elections at the end.

5. Conflicts of interest

In accordance with FAI Regulations and the FAI Code of Ethics, Delegates were asked to declare any Conflict of Interest. No Conflicts of Interest were declared.

6. Minutes of CIG meeting in Lausanne 25th and 26th February 2010

The minutes were circulated in March 2011 and published on the CIG Website. These were unanimously recorded as a true record.

7. Action by CIG Bureau since last meeting

The President informed the Commission there had been a meeting of the Bureau in Bamberg (GER). Items discussed included approaching USA and Belgium for delegates, and CIMA wanting to include within its commission Microlight Autogyros.

It was agreed USA and Belgium to be approached and asked for a representative delegate.

Sadness was expressed in respect of the CASI decision on transference of lightest Autogyros and the way it had been orchestrated. The Commission decided, unanimously, that it did not want to challenge the decision. It had better things to concentrate on.

The Commission agreed to provide competitions for micro-helicopters including single seat machines. The Rules Chairman will draft and the Bureau is empowered to approve.

8. FAI General Conference Report – General Report.

Jean Marc Badan welcomed all new FAI delegates on behalf of the new FAI president; he introduced Mr Rob Hughes who returns to FAI Head Office as the new Senior Sports manager.

General Conference Oct 2011

The President's Annual Report to the FAI General Conference is on the CIG webpage having previously been circulated to CIG delegates.

The President gave an overview of items discussed at the Conference; the following proposals had been discussed:

- Introduction of Continental Vice Presidents to oversee regional development of air sports reporting back to FAI. Regions would include South America, South East Asia, and the Middle East.
- Formation of expert groups consisting of 5-9 people, the first groups covering technical, airspace & safety.
- Formation of a marketing agency to market air sports
- Development of a Sports Strategy.

World Anti Doping Agency (WADA); The FAI is registered with the IOC and as a result has adopted the WADA policy. A risk assessment is being carried out to identify at-risk competitors.

The President in his summary told the Plenary he did not see it as a problem to the CIG as the risk of substance abuse was unlikely within the competitors. It was suggested by JMB to advise any competitor on a regular medication should register this prior to an event as a measure of protection using a "TUE" form (Therapeutical Use Exemption.)

9. FAI Sports Strategy - Proposals

Is ongoing and to be reviewed in May at the Air Sports Presidents Meeting.

Proposals discussed:

Introduction of a 4-Tier structure for FAI championships in the future.

- Tier 1: World Air Games and other international multi sport events.
- Tier 2: The "classical" CAT 1 FAI Championships
- Tier 3: "World Series" to develop specialist air sports to be used as marketing events
- Tier 4: Festival type air sports events forming the existing CAT 2 events and include "Air Sports challenges and could be provided with a status from the FAI by badging them as FAI Gold, Silver or Bronze events.

10. 14th FAI World Helicopter Championships

Irina Grushina reported upon the 2011 test event noting three CIG members attended, The President attended the venue in November and took advice from the CIG attendees.

Bulletin 1 has been issued, 5 preliminary entry forms have been returned.

A website is up and running WWW.14whc2012.org. The Logo for the event has been approved and registered with FAI Sponsorship agreement has been signed with "Helicopters of Russia". Flying Competition maps have been prepared in English and distributed to Bureau members.

Equipment has been prepared. 45 crews and 9 to 11 countries are expected to participate.

Transport is to be arranged from the airport to Drakino. Entry fee discussed and and it is planned to be less than at previous events. Mrs Grushina discussed the event running order as listed in Bulletin No 1. The

President spoke of his thoughts on extra events during the competition, World record attempts and display flights from sponsors. He thanked Mrs Grushina for her hospitality and congratulated on her preparedness.

The President commented on his visit to Drakino and thought the organisation and the venue would be more than suitable.

Eligibility of FAI teams was discussed, particularly with mixed nationality crews. Eligibility, requirements and qualifications for an International team. Wolfgang Perplies checked the rules and advised facilities in the rules exist to authorise this.

Jean Marc Badan was consulted on eligibility, requirements and qualifications for an International team, Rob Hughes advised that international teams could be formed and compete only for individual awards. Information was available within the General Section chapter 3 paragraph 3.9.1 of The Sporting Code.

The Commission agreed that International Teams were permitted and would be encouraged

11. Bids for 15th FAI World Helicopter Championship

The President requested registration of interest in the bidding for the 15th World Helicopter championship.

12. Future Expansion of CIG and Web Competition Update

The President advised he had contacted USA; there is currently no CIG representative in USA.

The President and Irina Grushina had discussions with China which has resulted in three crews entering the 14th WHC.

Konrad Geißler has established contact with Poland and explained they intend to enter one crew in the 2012WHC.

The President is to contact Turkey and make a request for a delegate.

David Monks advised the Internet Competition was posted on the FAI website and ready for the first challenges. He advised it was up to the delegates to encourage crews to enter.

The website had been updated with information on the current Section 9 disciplines.

It was suggested by David Monks that the media events be included in the WHC competition in the future, Wolfgang Perplies advised he had intended to look at this in the future after the 14th WHC and work on a revision of Chapters 5 & 6 of WHC Rules.

Certificates of proficiency are nearly finalized now only requiring the Certificates to be produced, finance allocated the scheme and advertised.

Jean Marc Badan advised that FAI would produce Certificates and artwork and administer their distribution. David Monks to progress and finalise.

The Commission if required would contribute. Bureau to conclude.

13. Future Events

Jean Marc Badan advised the 2013 WAG has been cancelled despite there being three expressions of interest; he had not launched the bidding process for 2015 due to the economic climate.

Konrad Geißler asked what the frequency of the WAG is and JMB stated it was every four years. The President raised concerns of the WHC and WAG clashing again to the detriment of the Commission and its Sporting activities.

14. FAI Rotorcraft Gold Medal – 2012 Nominations invited

The President stated the official nominations for 2012 must be delivered in writing from the NAC not later than 30 November 2012 to the FAI Secretary-General with a copy to the CIG President.

15. CIG Webpage

Faustine Carrera from FAI joined the meeting.

Jean Marc Badan spoke of the website development and that the system was improving and there had been a server crash which did cause problems. There is to be a new IT Manager joining FAI and this addition should greatly help the development of the web site.

Faustine Carrera advised the website had been updated with information on the current Section 9 disciplines.

Access was now available to update limited content on the site.

The online competition is posted on the site ready for use.

16. Finance

Current Financial Situation:

Funds held by FAI	11,877 CHF
Expenditure anticipated for 2012	3,000 CHF
Income	2012 sanction fees

17. Approval of International Judges (see NB1 below)

Wolfgang Perplies has produced an updated list of international judges. (See attached). The list was approved by the Commission.

18. Any other business

Jean Marc Badan advised the FAI had produced a cancellation policy for use in the event of a cancelled organiser agreement.

It is proposed to change the class of Tilt rotor from Class C to E. The Plenary agreed to this change and to keep all records.

A request was made to change the dimensions and maximum height of the freestyle box on grounds of safety.

Action: It was agreed to immediately change the display box height to read 1000 metres by 1000 metres square and the height from 150 metres to 300 metres (500ft to 1000ft).

Irina Grushina reminded the Commission that there was no nomination for Deputy Chief Judge for the 14th WHC. The Commission decided unanimously to have Valery Bolvachev from Russia as Deputy Chief Judge.

19. Elections – CIG Elections are every 2 years

The biennial elections were overseen by Ségolène Rouillon.

a. Election of President

There were 2 nominations, only 1 candidate stood. David Hamilton was elected as President.

b. Election of 1st Vice President

There was 1 nomination. Konrad Geißler was elected.

c. Election of 2nd Vice President

There was 1 nomination. Irina Gruschina was elected.

d. Election of Secretaries

There were two nominations. David Monks and Wolfgang Perplies were both elected.

e. Election of Chairman of Rules Committee

There was 1 nomination. Wolfgang Perplies was elected.

f. Nomination of a Doping advisor (New position)

There was 1 nomination/proposal. Jacques Berlo was nominated.

20. Date of next meeting

The Plenary Meeting will take place on 7th and 8th March 2013 in Lausanne starting at 14.30 on 7th March 2013.

The Bureau will meet in Lausanne at 09.30 on 7th March 2013.

An informal dinner will be held on the evening of 7th March.

N.B.1 Delegates are requested to submit their revised List of International Judges and Assistant Judges for 2013/2014 to the Chairman of the Rules Committee not later than 1st February 2013.

N.B.2 The Plenary Dinner with Guests will take place on Thursday evening. Would you please advise the President and Secretary by mid-January the members in your party including any guests. If anybody has a special food requirement i.e. vegetarian would they please let the President know as quickly as possible.

These minutes prepared by David Monks were approved by the President of CIG on March 19th 2012.