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Minutes

of the
**Meeting of the
FAI Microlight Commission (CIMA)**

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Note: the Microlight and Paramotor sub-committees met in the afternoon of 11 November 2010 in the Maison du Sport International, Lausanne. The Minutes of the Paramotor sub-committee meeting are at annex 0a

A presentation was used to coordinate the meeting. This is at annex 0b.

1. Roll Call

The President introduced himself and welcomed delegates.
The list of attendance is attached at annex 0c.

1.1 Apologies and Proxies

Apologies

Dr. Assaad ASSAKER (LEB)
Roy BEISSWENGER (USA)
Louis BERGER (BEL)
Jana BOBKOVA (CZE)
James DAO (TPE)
Antony GIBSON (RSA)
Keith NEGAL (GBR)

Proxies

The following were received in good order:
Estonia to Poland
Mexico to Spain
USA to Germany

The President gave delegates an update regarding the ill health of Mr. Keith NEGAL. Keith was diagnosed with terminal cancer in December 2009 and is seriously ill. Delegates sent their very best wishes to him.

1.2 Conflict of interest declarations

The President is the Director of a company that sells AMOD GNSS loggers which are used in CIMA Championships. Mr. DOMANSKI (POL) is employed by Dudek Paramotors.

2. Minutes of 2009 CIMA Meeting

2.1 Minutes from the 2009 Plenary Meeting

The Minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of the 2009 Plenary meeting.

VOTE: 14 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions. The Minutes were APPROVED

The Secretary thanked the President for his help in collating the annexes of the Minutes.

2.2 Matters arising

The Secretary apologised for the late publication of the Minutes; this was due to the illness of the previous secretary, Mr. NEGAL.

The Secretary raised several issues, all of which were agenda items for this meeting.

3. Report of the FAI Secretary General

The FAI Secretary General gave his report, which is at annex 3a.

There were several questions:

Is the FAI Executive Board able to intervene in the budgets of Sporting Commissions? Yes, in theory. Why did CASI reject CIMA's proposal to rename itself the "FAI Microlight and Paramotor Commission"? There was no evidence in previous Minutes that this was at the request of the Plenary.

Why did CASI reject CIMA's proposal to represent microlight autogyros in FAI championships? There had been no previous discussion with CIG on this matter. The Secretary General accepted that this was a mistake since the previous Secretary General Mr. Max BISHOP had assured us that this would be dealt with.

Could FAI afford the increase in staff numbers? The Secretary General was satisfied that the FAI budget adequately catered for the costs, even if it meant drawing on reserves in the short term.

Could existing 'YouTube' videos be incorporated into 'Sportshub' or would they have to be uploaded separately? FAI Communications Manager Faustine CARRERA would investigate this.

The Secretary General presented a list of those NACs which had yet to include their competitors in the Sporting Licence Database. Would the new Sporting Licence Database remove the need for paper licences and consequently a revenue stream for NACs? Paper licences would be required for 2011 but may not be necessary after that. NACs would still be able to issue paper licences, though the database would be the definitive record.

There followed a discussion regarding the use of the Sporting Licence Database, privacy issues and format. Mr. ESTEBAN suggested a simpler system whereby anyone could check the validity of a licence without access to any private data. The Secretary General agreed to discuss this with Mr. ESTEBAN further. The Secretary General pointed out that the Sporting Licence Database would become mandatory on 1 January 2011 but that the Secretariat would be 'flexible' in its approach. (*Post-meeting note: the Sporting Licence Database was taken offline in December 2010 due to security issues with no indication as to when it would be back online*).

The President asked delegates to ensure their NACs were up to date with the database, in particular for which sport the licence was valid.

The Secretary General sent warm regards from the new FAI President, the Executive Board and the Secretariat staff members. He thanked CIMA for its work.

4. CIMA Bureau Report

This is attached at annex 4a.

The President asked the Secretary General why CIMA was not consulted regarding competition equipment at the World Air Games, some of which was given to ASCs by way of recompense for non-payment of sanction fees. The Secretary General replied that the consultation was not secret and had been discussed at the FAI General Conference in 2009. Mr. VEIBY declared that he attended the 2009 General Conference but did not hear this topic raised. Mr. BADAN stated that several ASCs had declared an interest in equipment during the World Air Games, but that CIMA had not. The President claimed that this was an enormous opportunity missed; the Secretary General replied that he could not re-visit the past but instead wanted to concentrate on a more collaborative future.

The President stated he had sent a letter to the FAI President on 26 October requesting clarifications on the decisions made at the FAI General Conference regarding the taxation of Commissions but had received no reply. The Secretary General apologised on behalf of the FAI President; in mitigation, the President has been travelling the World and is presently competing in a competition in Korea, but he will respond, probably after the first Executive Board meeting in early December.

The President stated that since it appeared the Executive Board had removed ASC's ability to control their own budgets, what were the details of the system under which the Executive Board could 'tax' ASCs for the benefit of the Secretariat or other ASCs? There was still no decision on this matter; an Executive Board working group would be set up to conduct an investigation into 'resource sharing' in collaboration with ASCs. There would be no change for the year 2011.

Mr. GIRARDIN asked what was the purpose of this new system and whom did it benefit? The Secretary General explained that ASCs could benefit from the system in the future if sponsorship were available, but it

was necessary to ensure the FAI brand were attractive in order to entice sponsors. The President asked the Plenary if they were in favour of small (50mm) medals for team prize winners. An informal show of hands indicated broad support. A paper is attached as annex 4b.

The President urged delegates to look to their own NACs to bid for future championships. He hoped that CIMA would be able to fix its calendar 3 years in advance.

The President presented a paper entitled "A vision for the future" which is attached as annex 4c.

5. Delegates' Reports

These are attached in annexes 5a to 5p.

6. Change of the name of the Commission from "FAI Microlight Commission" to "FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission"

CASI had rejected CIMA's application to change its name since this had not appeared in the Minutes of the 2008 Plenary meeting. The President therefore repeated the proposal that CIMA change its name to "The FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission" and retain the acronym CIMA.

VOTE: 17 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstentions - The proposal is APPROVED.

7. Inclusion of Microlight Autogyros within CIMA's remit

CASI had rejected CIMA's proposal to include microlight autogyros in its scope due to the lack of prior negotiation with CIG. This was despite communication with the FAI Secretary General in 2009 and before; it appears this communication was not passed on to the CIG President. The Bureau would therefore have to do as CASI had asked, with a view to re-submitting the proposal to CASI in 2011.

In the meantime, the President asked the Plenary to reconfirm Spain's 2009 proposal to introduce two new microlight autogyro classes within FAI class R.

VOTE: 16 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions - The proposal is APPROVED.

8. World Air Games (brought forward in the agenda)

FAI Sports & Development Director Jean-Marc BADAN gave an account of the current situation. The 2011 Games had been abandoned after attempts to find a host, in particular Odense and then Herning, Denmark. The bidding process for the 2013 Games had already opened and there would be two phases; expressions of interest until 30 November and then the main bidding phase, with the Games being awarded in June 2011.

There will be some changes from the 2009 Games, though these will not affect competitors.

The programme includes microlight and paramotor events and it is possible to make changes to the events until the end of 2010, after which time the event would have to remain similar to the original proposal.

The President urged the World Air Games sub-committees to remain active and to pick their representatives carefully. CIMA would have to demonstrate a qualifying system by November 2011.

The President took note that the UK CAA had written to CIMA regarding its concerns about UK microlights flying outside of their Permit To Fly limitations during the Pylon race. Since this may affect other nations, this point should be considered by the World Air Games sub-committee when establishing future World Air Games tasks.

9. EMC2010 – the 11th FAI European Microlight Championships

The Jury President Mr. ESTEBAN presented his report, which is at annex 9a. He congratulated all involved and underlined the fact that there were no official protests.

The Event Director's report is at annex 9d and two Stewards' reports are at annex 9b and 9c.

The CIMA Secretary (who was also the 2010 Event Director) thanked all involved and dedicated the competition to Mr. NEGAL who had originally submitted the bid in November 2009 but had to step down for health reasons.

10. Future Championships

10.1 WMC 2011 Israel, 9-23 October 2011

Mr. Namaan TAM gave an update on the planning for the event, including a presentation which is at annex 10a. A website had been created at www.wmc2011.co.il. A bespoke 1:200k official map was being prepared for the event in conjunction with the Israeli mapping agency.

There followed several questions regarding the championships, including insurance (standard European cover often included Israel, but check with your broker), accommodation (options are available on the website), camping (this is possible) and safety precautions.

Would French team pilots born in Lebanon be able to access the event? Mr. TAM would check for any potential problems. He could not solve all political problems and suggested competitors used 'clean' passports with no visa stamps from neighbouring countries which may be in conflict with Israel.

The 2011 monitor remains Mr. Antonio MARCHESI.

The following were selected to serve on the Jury:

Mr. Tomas BACKMAN (President)
Mr. Marton ORDODY
Mr. Wolfgang LINTL

10.2 WPC 2011 China (not yet defined)

The President had been in communication with Mr. Zhaofang HAN (CHN) for a possible championship in Datong City, China. The President was unable to secure a firm bid from China and it was therefore unlikely that this would go ahead.

Mr. Wojtek DOMANSKI explained that there must be a competition in 2011 and proposed that CIMA empower the Bureau to accept formal bids for 2011 until 26 November 2010. If the Bureau did select a host, then the officials would be selected by the Bureau in collaboration with the Paramotor Subcommittee chairman.

Proposal: "The CIMA Paramotor Subcommittee empowers the CIMA Bureau to accept formal late bids for either World or European Paramotor Championships 2011, not later than 26th November. The Bureau will raise any questions concerning the organisation before 10th December. The organiser should answer all issues raised by the CIMA Bureau before 24th December."

Vote: Unanimous For. The proposal is APPROVED.

Post-meeting note: A bid was received from Romania and is under discussion at the time of the publication of these Minutes.

10.3 World Championships 2012 - Bids

10.3.1 WMC 2012

There was an expression of interest from RSA in the Johannesburg area for February 2012. There was no representation for the bid at the meeting.

Spain submitted its bid to host the event, which is at annex 10b. The two venues were put to a vote.

VOTE: Unanimous for Spain - The 14th FAI World Microlight Championships are awarded to Spain.

10.3.2 WPC 2012

There were no bids. A discussion followed as to why. Mr. AMIABLE suggested that it was due to a lack of paramotor representation at the Plenary; it was pointed out that the Paramotor sub-committee met immediately before the Plenary had twice as many representatives as the microlight sub-committee.

10.4 3rd Asian Beach Games 2012, Haiyang City, China

The Asian Beach Games are organised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) which comprises 45 Asian NOCs. The President explained that it may be possible to include Chinese paramotors in the event and a meeting on 26 November was due to consider this.

Pilot selection would be through the NOC and there was a need to establish contact between FAI and the NOC and this had to be managed through the Secretariat. Mr. BADAN had not yet followed up this issue but declared that he would do so before the deadline.

Post-meeting note: Mr BADAN did reply before 26 November.

10.5 Continental 2013 - Bids

Estonia submitted an expression of interest for EPC 2013. There were no other bids.

10.6 Championships beyond 2013 - Bids

The President would approach RSA with the intention of hosting the event in 2014.

11. Working Group Reports

11.1 Internal regulations

Mr. GIRARDIN explained that the Internal Regulations were now in version 6 and were a guide rather than a set of obligations. The President asked how many delegates had read the document. A subsequent show of hands indicated that very few had read it and the President was therefore reluctant to vote on the issue.

The President suggested that FAI create a basic model set of internal regulations for all commissions which included some key elements applicable to all. The Secretary General showed his surprise at the proposal; most commissions preferred their own regulations.

Mr. GIRARDIN was thanked for his work. He agreed with the President that some more work was required to put the regulations in an acceptable form and to defer the vote to accept the regulations until 2011.

11.2 Internet Presence

The Working Group report is at annex 11a. Mr. ESTEBAN reminded the Plenary of its approval in 2009 of the use of the Wiki. The software had been made available to FAI on a free licence. Mr. ESTEBAN described the Wiki and encouraged delegates to use all of the Wiki's functions, including the calendar. He emphasised "Don't be scared to break it, you can't. Use it, magic follows".

Once the Wiki had aged a little, Mr. ESTEBAN would make the template available to all commissions. This would require a centralised system administered by FAI rather than the current system as used by CIMA.

Why was this not supported by the Secretariat (it is hosted on a third party server)? The Secretary General stated that FAI's current hardware was unable to host it but that he would want to make it available to all, hopefully as part of the new website currently under development.

The President stated that the FAI hardware was capable of hosting the wiki but that it was not approved by the Secretariat. The Secretary General disagreed, but FAI would need to ensure that all could use the technology, regardless of the level of computer skills.

11.3 Paramotor Precision Working Group

The report is at annex 11b.

Mr. GIRARDIN declared that France would organise a CAT2 world cup in paramotor precision in September 2011 in the hope that this would create a model for future precision championships.

11.4 Ranking System

The President submitted a report (annex 11c). He suggested that the working group be taken over by the Paramotor Working Group if the Polish proposal for a Continental League Cup system were adopted.

12. FRAC Flight Recorder Approval Committee

The President admitted that there were problems with the FRDL Flight Recorder Downloader but that he had been too busy to fix them; it would become a winter project. These were not critical to the operation of FRDL but would need to be fixed before it could be formally approved by FRAC.

Both Spain and Belgium had been working separately on automatic analysis of tracks and scores. Mr. ESTEBAN demonstrated an automatic system, using actual scores from EMC2010, which was received with great applause. This was not a complete system and relied on precise task design to accommodate the limitations of the analysis.

The manufacturer of the blue MLRs had ceased trading and its software developer showed no further interest.

The President suggested that there may be a proposal to phase out the Air Observers in 2012 or 2013. This is connected with the development of automatic analysis, which relies on tracks being sent from the downloader to the analysis system. FRAC may have to amend the GNSS logger specification in line with the requirements of any future automatic system. In any case, modern loggers such as the AMOD present a cheap and reliable replacement which have a larger memory and are far easier to use.

13. Section 10 Sub-Committee

The Section 10 Editor Mr. HUGHES put the current proposals to the Plenary. The results are at annex 13a.

Mr. DOMANSKI asked the Secretary General to help with the League Cup to set precise rules and to coordinate an automatic system for checking the validity of licences. Could the Sporting Licence Database be automated? The Secretary General would check this.

The League Cup would also benefit from an automatic payment system similar to Paypal or other online systems. The Secretary General explained that this was a complicated issue and a lot of small value transactions would attract high fees. Some national associations used their online shop to 'sell' entry fees but the FAI shop was run under licence with commission from all sales going to the licensee.

The President stressed the importance of automatic payments and also automatic checking of licences to the Continental League Cup proposal; these were vital to the successful organisation of the League Cup.

The Secretary General assured the Plenary that this was being investigated, as CIMA was not the only commission asking for this.

14. Honours, Medals & Awards

14.1 Colibri Diploma

There was one nomination for the Colibri Diploma (annex 14a) for Mr. Alojzy DERNBACH (POL). Mr. KIBINSKI explained that he had been a pioneer in hang gliding, later moving to trike wings and then trikes. He was a worthy recipient and Mr. KIBINSKI supported the proposal.

VOTE: Unanimous for. The Colibri Diploma is awarded to Mr. Alojzy DERNBACH

14.2 Ann Welch Diploma

A list of candidates is at annex 14b. There were 6 nominations; *the number in brackets refers to the record claim;*

BEM (15546)
GIBSON (15932)
KOLEZAR (15508)
MORILLAS (15609)
PLAK (15525)
SCHULZ (16082)

VOTE: The Ann Welch Diploma is awarded to Mr. Ramon MORILLAS.

The Secretary General explained that CIMA did not select this award according to the By-Laws. The President replied that it was necessary to vote in this manner and that he would ask CASI to amend the By-Laws to reflect CIMA's procedure.

15. CIMA Financial Report & Budget

15.1 2009/10 accounts and 2010/11 budget

The Treasurer presented the finances for 2009/10. The 2012 budget was presented for guidance.

VOTES: The 2009/10 accounts were approved unanimously. The 2010/11 budget was approved unanimously.

15.2 CIMA Account Currency

Currently CIMA accounts are held in Swiss francs (CHF). The President proposed that CIMA assets are converted to Euros and that CIMA accounts are maintained in Euros.

VOTE: 18 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. The proposal is APPROVED.

15.3 Championship sanction fees review

The President submitted a Bureau report on sanction fees (annex 15a) and an analysis of the impact of the proposed new system (annex 15b). He proposed that CIMA changes its system of sanction fees and instead charges a fixed amount per competitor or team leader.

VOTE: 16 For, 2 Against, 1 Abstention. The proposal is APPROVED.

The President offered a choice of fees:

- a) €40 per competitor or team leader. CIMA would pay for all medals and supply the medals to organisers at no cost.

VOTE: 0 For, 18 Against, 0 Abstention. The proposal is REJECTED.

b) €29 per competitor or team leader. Organisers would pay for all medals at cost.

VOTE: 17 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions. The proposal is APPROVED.

There followed a discussion as to when to implement this new system.

c) Implementation date of 1 Jan 2011

VOTE: 1 For, 15 Against, 3 Abstentions. The proposal is REJECTED

d) Implementation date of 1 Jan 2012.

VOTE: 17 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstention. The proposal is APPROVED.

The President expressed his grave concern about the Executive Board's control over Commission budgets and that they could alter budgets if they so wished. The President proposed to send the following message to the EB "We disapprove of the idea that the Executive Board can amend the CIMA budget without CIMA agreement".

VOTE: Unanimous For. The proposal is APPROVED.

16. AOB - Any other business

Poland submitted a proposal that "CIMA recommends NACs to delegate persons representing microlights and paramotors separately. Both delegates from NAC have equal rights in officials election".

This contradicted the Statutes and would require a change, which would affect every commission. The Plenary argued that the first sentence be adopted and a message sent to NACs to select their delegates such that both disciplines are represented equally. CIMA cannot oblige a NAC to send delegates. The Commission had just voted to change its name to reflect the two disciplines, which in itself was a strong message.

Proposal: to adopt the first sentence "CIMA recommends NACs to delegate persons representing microlights and paramotors separately."

VOTE: 12 For, 2 Against, 4 Abstentions. The proposal is APPROVED.

The President noted that the proposed internal regulations 2.1 CIMA Composition, includes the provision: "It is expected that FAI Members shall appoint one Delegate who is acknowledged as an expert in Microlighting and the other is acknowledged as an expert in Paramotoring."

17. Election of Officers

The following were elected:

CIMA President: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

1st Vice President: Wolfgang LINTL

2nd Vice President: Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Secretary: Rob HUGHES

Treasurer: Patrice GIRARDIN

Paramotor Sub-Committee Chairman: Wojtek DOMANSKI

Microlight Sub-Committee Chairman: Tomas BACKMAN

CIMA Delegates to:

CANS: Roger HOLM

CIACA: Tomas BACKMAN

CIMP: Jacek KIBINSKI

Flight Recorder Approval Committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (*chairman*)

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Patrick VANDENBULCKE

Section 10 Editor & Sub-committee Chairman: Rob HUGHES

S10 Sub-Committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Tomas BACKMAN

Wojtek DOMANSKI

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Paramotor Precision Committee:

Roy BEISSWENGER (*chairman*)

Patrice GIRARDIN

Wojtek DOMANSKI

Internet Presence Working Group

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (*chairman*)

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Faustine CARRERA (FAI Secretariat)

Internal Regulations Working Group

Patrice GIRARDIN (*chairman*)

Tormod VEIBY

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Continental League Cup Working Group

Wojtek DOMANSKI (*chairman*)

Agust GUDMUNDSSON

Andy PHILLIPS

Jos VANDENBROUKE

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

Rodric NERI (FAI Secretariat)

World Air Games Paramotor Liaison Officer: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

World Air Games Paramotor Sub-committee

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (*chairman*)

Rene VERSCHUEREN

Alain BARTHERE (FRA, not present)

Wojtek DOMANSKI

World Air Games Microlight Liaison Officer: Wolfgang LINTL

World Air Games Microlight Sub-Committee

Wolfgang LINTL (*chairman*)

Tormod VEIBY

Paul DEWHURST (GBR, not present)

Jacek KIBINSKI

Vladimir SILHAN

18. Future Calendar

18.1 Date and venue for next CIMA Plenary

The next CIMA Plenary shall take place in the Maison du Sport International (MSI), Lausanne on 11-12 November 2011, starting at 0900.

The Paramotor sub-committee shall meet in the MSI on 10 November 2011 at 1400.
The Microlight sub-committee shall meet in the MSI on 10 November 2011 at 1600.

18.2 Agenda deadline

The deadline for agenda items shall be 26 September 2011.

18.3 S10 amendments deadline

The deadline for S10 amendments shall be 27 October 2011 to accommodate the World Microlight Championships. The proposal system is already live on the CIMA Wiki.

19. Closing

In conclusion, the President thanked all delegates for their work. The Secretary thanked the Secretariat staff for their work and support.

Rob Hughes
CIMA Secretary

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