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# Minutes

Of the  
**Annual Meeting**  
Of the  
**FAI Air Sport Commission (CASI)**

Held in (Rotterdam), (Netherlands)  
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## 1. Roll-Call

Present: NACS: Australia, Canada, Germany, France, Italy, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and USA

ASCs: CIA, CIACA, CIAM, CIG, CIMA, CIVA, CIVL, GAC, IGC, IPC

Absent: ICARE

Apologies: apologies for absence received from IGC Representative, Mr. Tor Johannessen, ICARE Representative Mr Anu Ojah, and from Czech Republic, Mr. Jiří Dodal.

Proxies: no proxies recorded

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest: declarations of conflict of interest were called for and none were recorded.

## 2. President's addresses

The CASI President Graeme Windsor opened the Annual Meeting and welcomed all the Representatives and observers, thanked the FAI President, Dr, John Grubbstrom and the General Secretary, Miss Susanne Schödel for their presence. Mr. Graeme Windsor gave the floor to the FAI President.

Dr. John Grubbstrom welcomed those present and thanked the CASI President for allowing the presence of a large number of observers. He explained to those present the great organizational effort in relation to WAG Dubai, highlighting the huge interest for the WAG that for the number of athletes, officials and attendance will become one of the most interesting FAI events.

The Secretary General gave a presentation of the new FAI multisport event, which is intended to be an event organised by a third party, i.e. a party in contractual agreement with the FAI that is neither a NAC nor an ASC, with the contractual agreement of the FAI and including one or more air sports.

It shall be based, as far as possible, on the general regulations and competition rules for First Category Events but these may be adapted by ASC(s) concerned to fit the circumstances.

Entry to the event is open by invitation from the Organizer to national delegations or individual participants. A selection process may be put in place under the control of the ASC(s) concerned.

Miss Schödel informed the audience that discussions are ongoing with regards to requesting a FAI Sporting License for the officials. Increased training for officials was seen vital to enhance the quality of the championships and assist in avoiding mistakes due to not using the rules and regulations of FAI correctly. A discussion on the definition of participant starts. J-C Weber asserted that it is an absolute necessity for officials to have Sporting Licenses. Richard Bennet said that FAI officers should not be considered participants and made the example of a judge for skydiving, who needs not be a jumper. He also confirmed that the General Section requires the Sporting License only to be for competitors or for record attempts.

Mr. Stéphane Malbos worried about the difficulty to find FAI Officials and if we put too many barriers, it would be even more difficult.

Miss Alicia Hirzel proposed that input from the FAI Office could be included in the Agenda prior to the CASI meeting together with an annex explaining the topic. This would allow CASI Members to prepare accordingly.

The Secretary General asked CASI to address the question related to FAI Sporting Licenses for Officials.

The Secretary General asked the Representatives their opinion about the possibility to have a second meeting during the year. The timing of the present CASI meetings makes difficult the rapid implementation of the decisions taken, therefore the aim is to call a second meeting concurrently with the Active Members President meeting, which is usually in May.

The audience was not in disagreement on the principle, but there are some concerns about the costs.

Mr. Mike Close commented that the cost for coming from Australia for a one-day meeting would be not reasonable and difficult to justify with his NAC.

Mr. A-P Herbert commented that CASI has many Working Groups that run the job during the year, so we do not need to meet twice, also for the high costs involved.

Mr. Stéphane Malbos said that CASI could take advantage of the interconnection with the other FAI bodies

Mr. Udo Beran commented that the Representative could meet only in case of urgent topics, but not for the ordinary matters.

Mr. Bengt Lindgren said that a second meeting would be a good opportunity also for NACs that could participate to the meeting.

Mr. Malbos said that CASI could also use applications for meetings over internet.

Mr. Close said that one meeting per year is not ideal and it would be acceptable in conjunction with the Active members Presidents meeting, or via electronic meeting.

Mr. Sergey Ananov commented that CASI could call a second meeting depending on the urgency.

Mr. J.C Weber said that he wonders if the initiative of the Secretary General is for the interconnection between CASI and NACs.

Mr. Bennet commented that a second meeting is very expensive and that the representative had already empowered the Bureau to take care of important matters. Then there are the Working Groups, so it would be appropriate to call a second meeting only in case of urgency.

Mr. Herbert said that the Bureau was very efficient and calling a second meeting would put a lot of pressure on NAC under a financial aspect.

Mr. Windsor concluded the discussion saying that there is flexibility to call a second meeting only in case of urgent topics.

### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 October 2014 in Pattaya, Thailand**

The minutes were unanimously approved

### **4. Proposals**

#### **4.1 GC Amendments cancellation of events**

Mr. J-C Weber reported that FAI can cancel the Organiser Agreement, but cannot cancel the event.

Miss Schödel replied that the rules how to cancel are clearly described in the GS The President asked for approval in principle and then the CASI Bureau can work on the proposal in consultation with the Secretary General.

Put on the floor, item 4.8.2 « Admission into a country. The bid must provide details of any conditions of admission of participants to the country or location of the event. If any restrictions are proposed or found, the FAI Executive Board shall decide whether they are acceptable, having taken advice on sporting aspects from the ASC concerned and the CASI Bureau. » was approved.

#### **4.2 Removing reference to CAS from the GS**

The proposal was withdrawn, as there is a requirement by IOC to include CAS. Subject was discussed with the FAI Lawyer after putting the subject on the agenda.

#### **4.3 Proposal to CASI re the International Appeals Tribunal Manual**

The opportunity to make public the reports from IAT was discussed.

The Secretary General confirmed that there is a register of all the IAT reports.

Mr. J-C Weber reported that one of the issues for the IAT Working Group about the publication of the reports was that they were never really managed in the proper way.

Mr. Günter Bertram commented that all appeals should go directly to the CAS.

The FAI President replied that CAS is the last level of appeal and it is extremely expensive. Then, there are many sensitive questions that cannot be published and it is an available a summary of the decision.

Mr. J-C Weber asked how CAS publishes the procedures.

FAI Presidents replied that they give the report to the parts involved.

Mr. Graeme Windsor confirmed that the Working Group would continue the work about the publication of the reports. Mr. Antonis Papadopoulos recommended discussing not only the decision, but also the use of past appeals findings for future references.

#### **4.4 Multi-Sport Event**

Miss Gillian Rayner gave a presentation on the EB Proposal for the Multi Sport Event.

Mr. Bennett asked if the EB had already discussed the proposal and if it need to be approved.  
Miss Rayner confirmed that the proposal has already been approved by the EB and need no further approval.  
Mr. Stéphane Malbos noted that the criteria for the selection of the pilots must be very clear.  
Mr. Antonis Papadopoulos asked why in the proposal there is a reference to the third party organizers only. NACs and ASCs are not included.  
Miss Rayner replied that it could be organised by NACs or FAI and the existing draft document will be amended taking into account this option too.  
Mr. Bengt Lindgren commented that the EB could take decision without NACs approval; we cannot say that it is good or bad, but remains the problem to understand who the owner of the event is.  
The CASI President asked if there is any urgency and Miss Gillian Rayner said that there is not any rush.  
Since the GS already cover the circumstances with the existing rules, Mr. Graeme Windsor proposed to establish a Working Group to evaluate the proposal in consultation with the EB representative.  
The Multi Sport Event Working Group has been formed as follows:

Chairman Mike Close  
EB Representative Gillian Rayner  
Alicia Hirzel  
Günter Bertram  
Stéphane Malbos  
Alfons Hubmann  
Marina Vigorito

## 5. UAV

Mr. Papadopoulos gave a presentation about drones and confirmed that the market is actually huge. According to EASA documentation, in the recent few years 2.000.000 drones were produced and sold. FAI cannot lose this opportunity to bring in new members. CIAM is ready to take over this activity and the CIAM President thanked all the Working Group members for their devotion.  
Furthermore, Mr. Lindgren gave a presentation about the UAV record and new classes of records.  
Mr. Herbert pointed out that CIAM needs to clarify and integrate records and commercial activity.  
Mr. Windsor replied that despite a comment that FAI has no product, the FAI records are a product that create more recognition of FAI in the World and produce revenue for FAI.  
Mr. Bertram emphasised that from September 25<sup>th</sup> EASA will publish new requirements because drone and model aircrafts cannot be in the same community.  
Mr. Windsor put in evidence that CASI look after Air Sports and that it is necessary to move on.  
Mr. Papadopoulos commented that FAI, EASA and Europe Air Sport should sit around a table and coordinate the discussion.  
Mr. Bernald Smith said that he beg to seriously consider how FAI can deal with this issue.  
Mr. de Orleans commented that FAI needs to regulate it, because this is an FAI central problem. We need to consider the political implications.  
FAI President thanked Mr. Bertram for having informed the audience about the urgency on the regulatory issues, which needs to be coordinated.  
The UAV papers were adopted, so it was agreed that all UAV/UAS/RPAS is moved to CIAM which will be the sole Airsport Commission to take care of Drones activities within FAI.

## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1 CIG Proposal

Mr. David Hamilton raised a question about the representation at Rotorcraft events. Now, for the Sporting License the interval on the GS is 24 months, but the Rotorcraft championships are organised every three years, since the research for financial and human resources is particularly difficult. People can change representation every two years and it might cause some trouble, since CIG needs to maintain the three years cycle.  
The FAI President was in agreement with the CIG request and proposed a dispensation for the World Championships.  
Mr. Herbert confirmed that they need to maintain the three years rule because pilots could change NAC or sponsorships and the costs grown.  
The FAI President proposed to change to months instead of years.  
Mr. Bennett confirmed that there is no objection, but this requires a change in the 2016 GC.  
Mr. Windsor suggested taking the topic in the Bureau

Miss Rayner said that it is not only a matter of representation, because people can always change NAC.  
Mr. Lindgren confirmed that it is necessary a verification  
The CASI President agreed to empower the CASI Bureau and nobody opposed.

## 6.2 CIAM Proposal 1

Mr. Papadopoulos raised the question about the validity period of the Sporting Licences and the current wording of GS 8.1.3 which is reflecting more the situation which used to be before, with the FAI stamps, rather than the current content of the database.

Mr. Art Greenfield asked about the expiry of the Sporting License

Mr. J-C Weber said that there is no requirement for the expiry in the GS and the database reports no expiry date.

Mr. Herbert commented that the audience cannot discuss this item and he suggested empowering the CASI Bureau to clarify the matter.

The CASI President said that it is superfluous to make any change.

Mr. J-C Weber asked if there is the time and if CASI can take a decision.

Mr. Close confirmed that there has to be a validity period on the Sporting Licence and a NAC should decide the terms for the validity.

Mr. J-P Delmas commented that NACs delegate individuals to act as judges and they should act on behalf of FAI and not to NACs.

Mr. Weber replied that judges and jurors could not be of the same nationality of the Country hosting the event.

Mr. Papadopoulos presented the new wording which was unanimously adopted and will be included on the GS.

Mr. Weber said again that if a person is appointed as representative juror he represent his NAC.

Mr. Bennett replied that that this person still represents FAI.

The meeting also agreed limiting the two years period also for judges. The meeting also agreed to make a change in the General Section as to the nationality representing:

"24 month or longer if specified by the relevant ASC". This needs to be added, that rotorcraft can expend there time up to 3 years

### 8.1.3 ISSUE OF SPORTING LICENCES.

Each NAC has the power to issue FAI sporting licences on proof of identity to those of its individual members who are either citizens or residents of that NAC's country

A Sporting Licence shall be considered **to have been** issued, if the holder is listed on the FAI Sporting Licence database by the NAC that is issuing the particular Sporting License **together with all the required information and the period of validity of that particular Sporting License.**

The **required** information in the database must include, but is not limited to, the name of the issuing NAC, the name and contact details of the holder **and** a number given by the NAC.

A Sporting License may be issued for one airport discipline (see 1.2 above) or for multiple airport disciplines. This information must be indicated in the Sporting License database.

An FAI Sporting Licence shall be recognised by all NACs

## 6.3 CIAM Proposal 3

Mr. Papadopoulos raised the question for article included on the Sporting Code General Section 8.1.3.6.4 which is referring to Right of Representation in FAI Sporting events. Currently all the references in the General Section are for the competitors where only in this article there is a more general meaning with the use of word "person".

Mr. Bertram said that Germany supports the proposal and has problem with the wording "competitor".

Mr. Bennett said that it makes no difference

Mr. Weber replied that the wording Air Sport Person would be better than Competitor.

Mr. Weber commented that a person could be qualified as competitor too.

Mr. Windsor explained that the purpose is to avoid that a competitor jumps from a NAC to another.

The meeting agreed, that "person" shall be changed to "competitors" so that the article will look like

8.1.3.6.4 Change of Representation - First Category Events. If a **competitor** has represented a country in a First Category event, that **competitor** must not represent another country in any First Category Event during the twenty four months following the month in which the First Category Event, in which the **competitor** represented the first country, takes place.

Mr. Windsor commented that in case General Section requires new rules, it makes sense to refer this to the already appointed working group, which was established for the revision of the General Section and is formed as below:

Chairman Richard Bennett  
Antonis Papadopoulos  
Bengt Lindgren  
Jean Claude Weber  
Alfons Hubmann

## **7. CASI Bureau Election**

Five Active Members Representatives of the FAI Air Sport General Commission CASI were elected (France, Germany, Hong Kong, Switzerland and United Kingdom).

### **President**

Were nominated:

Jean-Claude Weber- declined

Art Greenfield - declined

Graeme Windsor – accepted and was duly elected by acclamation.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Were nominated:

Art Greenfield - declined

Jean-Claude Weber- declined

Antonis Papadopoulos- declined

Buzz Bennett -- not present due to illness. The representatives were informed that he had indicated that he was considering not standing for election. His valuable contribution to CASI affairs was warmly recognised.

Alicia Hirzel- accepted and was duly elected by acclamation.

### **Vice Presidents**

Were nominated for the three Vice President positions:

Jean-Claude Weber- declined

Alfons Hubmann – accepted

Udo Beran – accepted

Stéphane Malbos - accepted

Bengt Lindgren- accepted

Antonis Papadopoulos- accepted

Art Greenfield- accepted

Elected:

Art Greenfield

Bengt Lindgren

Antonis Papadopoulos

### **Secretary**

Marina Vigorito nominated and elected