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Minutes

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AIR SPORT GENERAL COMMISSION (COMMISSION AÉRONAUTIQUE SPORTIVE INTERNATIONALE (CASI))

MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETING HELD IN RHODES, Greece AND FROM THE ELECTION OF BUREAU MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 13 AFTER THE END OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Chairman: Tor Johannessen (NOR), CASI Vice President
Present: List of attendees, Annex A

The meeting was called to order at 9h23 by first Vice President, Tor Johannessen. The chairman noted that President Henry Lindholm has sent his apologies for his absence at this meeting and commented on the difficulties encountered by the CASI Bureau during the year. He further noted that it had been necessary to usurp the powers of the President due to his absence throughout the year.

1. Roll Call

Eight NACs out of ten and eight Air Sport Commissions out of ten were present for a total of 16 votes. It was noted that nine votes were needed to reach the absolute majority. Vice President Robert Carlson (Canada) sent apologies for absence and gave a proxy to Tor Johannessen but this was declared invalid due to the fact that he was chairing the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes - the Minutes of the CASI meeting held in Santiago de Chile in October 2006 were approved.

3. No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Date Limit for Registration of a Category Two Sporting Event. The following amendment to § 3.4 was approved as follows.

REGISTRATION OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS

The FAI maintains and publishes an International Sporting Calendar. In order to be recognised, an International Sporting Event must be registered in the FAI Sporting Calendar by the NAC organising it. Such registration must be received by the FAI Office a minimum of thirty days before the starting date of the event

5. Transfer from one country to another following geopolitical change. In order to handle such an exceptional situation, the following addition to §8.1.3.6.4 was approved.

In the exceptional circumstance where, due to geopolitical change and not personal choice, a person, becomes resident of another country and is no longer eligible to hold a sporting licence in the prior country, this time period can be reduced on the condition NACs concerned give their written approval and the case is reviewed and approved by the CASI Bureau.

6. Time Limit for transfer of official results to FAI Secretariat following Category 1 Sporting Events. The following changes to the sporting code were approved.

3.16.2.1

The officially accepted entry list and results of a First Category Event shall be sent electronically to the FAI Secretariat if possible before the prize-giving and in any case within (24) hours of the end of the event.

3.16.2.2

The results of any FAI air sport event shall be given in writing to the organising NAC, all competitors and the NACs they represent and for First Category Events to the FAI Secretariat without delay. (AL4)

3.16.2.3

For First Category Events, the FAI Secretariat shall be advised by the President of the Jury, within a maximum of eight days of the end of the event, of the number of protests made, together with the numbers of protests withdrawn, upheld or failed, and the respective Jury decisions.

In order to give the responsibility for the transmission to the FAI Secretariat to the Jury, the following change 4.3.2.1 was approved.

4.3.2.1

An FAI First Category event shall have an International Jury to deal with protests and monitor the conduct of the event and ensures that the officially accepted entry list and results are sent to the FAI Office in accordance with 3.16.2.1. . The composition of the International Jury may be either representative or nominated. The relevant Sections of the Sporting Code shall state which Jury system is to be used.

It was also decided to harmonise the General Section by indicating “FAI Secretariat” where currently appears either: “FAI Office” or “FAI Secretary General”.

7. UK Proposals.

The UK proposals were presented in a format that enabled the delegates to see the current and proposed versions of the concerned paragraphs. In some instances, the CASI bureau proposed slightly different wording or proposed a different position within the Sporting Code without taking away from the initial intent.

Proposal to add a paragraph after § 4.3.2.6.2 was rejected

Proposal to reword § 6.1.2 was rejected

Proposal to reword § 8.1.2 was rejected

Of the changes proposed to the Glossary and Terms of Reference the following were adopted

Under Other Documents Available

FAI Distance Calculations for *Spherical Earth Model* (Ex GS Annex B)

FAI Sphere This is an approximation, the WGS84 Ellipsoid is a more accurate earth model (GS 7.3.1.1.)

A short paper titled « FAI Distance Calculations *for a Spherical Earth Model* » giving the appropriate formulas and methodology, *is available on the FAI Web site.* In addition, a small PC-based distance calculation program is available *on the FAI web site.*

The proposed addition of reference to the future European Galileo System was rejected.

Proposed Editorial items were rejected as not being necessary.

The CASI proposal to set up a working group to deal with the other changes proposed by the UK concerning paragraphs 7.1, 7.3.1.1, 7.3.1.1.1, 7.3.1.1.2, 7.3.1.2 of the General Section and paragraphs A7.3, A8.4.1, A12.4, A13.1 of Annex A was adopted and the working group will be set up after the election of the bureau following the General Conference Plenary meeting on October 13th.

8. CIVL Proposal to change § 3.16.3.2 to reduce the number of FAI Diplomas awarded at championships was rejected.

9. A proposal from the CIACA. The proposal to change the word Aerodyne to Aeroplane in 2.2.1 Class C and the Table of Contents was adopted. A mention that CIACA looked after Section 13 for CASI will also be indicated in § 1.4 - the Air Sport Commissions Table.

10. World Air Games

A proposal rewording § 5 of the WAG General Rules was submitted. After discussion, it was decided to continue work on the paragraph and a Working Group comprising Graeme Windsor, Mike Heuer, Jean-Claude Weber and Pierluigi Duranti was set up to provide a text for approval at the CASI meeting of October 13th.

The CASI Working Group on the World Air Games General Rules proposed that throughout the General Section it must be stated that in addition to NACs, FAI Sporting Events may be organised on behalf of the FAI and corrections will be made accordingly following approval. The Group also suggested changing § 3.5.6.1. to organise WAG at 2 year intervals. This suggestion was rejected and it was approved to delete §3.5.6.1 completely.

As it was not completely apparent exactly where there is conflict between the WAG General Rules and the FAI Sporting Code General Section, the CASI Working Group recommended a general waiver for the 2009 WAG. The following change to § 3.1.7 was adopted:

WORLD AIR GAMES. An international sporting event involving several FAI air sports at the same time and open to participants from NACs. Rules for the WAG are available from FAI.

CASI will approve General Rules for WAG. For the 2009 WAG, where these General Rules are in conflict with the Sporting Code, the General Rules will prevail.

11. Any Other Business

A -Dr Hans-Peter Hirzel raised the question of responsibility and liability for the World Air Games. Max Bishop explained that the Contract between the Organiser and the FAI clearly indicated that the responsibility lay with the Organiser. A “back-stop” insurance is also held by the FAI which offers additional protection.

B – CIVA queried § 2.1.1 of the WAG General Rules concerning the selection process. He wanted to ensure that there would be no objection to CIVA selection process as given below. It was clearly indicated that the Air Sport Commissions were expected to enter their very best athletes but the selection process was their responsibility.

CIVA Pilot Selection

- 1. The pilots who compete in WAG (power and glider) will be determined by NACs. All countries which participated in the 2007 World Championships in power and glider will be permitted to enter one (1) pilot. Those countries which provided full women’s teams (Unlimited power only) will be permitted two pilots (1 male and 1 female).*

2. *The bureau will review all pilot entries before submission of the names to the FAI and WAG organizers. This is to be sure we are providing the “best” pilots.*

12. Next CASI Meeting. To be held on Saturday October 13th immediately following the FAI General Conference. The agenda to include election of the Bureau and the nomination of the Working Group (point 7).

The meeting was adjourned at 13h24.

The second CASI meeting was called to order at 17h02.

The proposed change to paragraph 5 of the WAF General Rules (listed below) was reviewed and discussion ensued.

5. *INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS*

5.1 *International Air Sports Board*

5.1.1 The co-ordination of the Jury function will be by an IASB consisting of a President appointed by the CASI and two members elected by a panel comprising all ASC Presidents. These members are International Officials acting on behalf of FAI.

5.1.2 The function of the IASB will be to oversee Jury activities for each air sport, and to review Jury decisions to ensure they meet with the overall objectives of the WAG. The IASB may reject or change a Jury decision if the outcome will interfere with the successful presentation of the WAG. The IASB has no appeal function.

5.2 *Jury President and Members*

5.2.1 Each participating Air Sport Commission will appoint its own Jury in accordance with the Sporting Code

As the proposed change was not accepted, the motion to approve World Air Games General Rules with the exception of paragraph 5 was passed unanimously.

Paragraph 5 was returned to the Working Group for further review. The existing working group including Jean-Claude Weber, Mike Heuer and Graeme Windsor accepted to continue to work on this point and Han-Peter Hirzel agreed to join them. Pierluigi Duranti, absent from the second meeting, will be asked if he wishes to continue with this work.

Candidates for the working group on the proposed changes (point 7) were requested. John Aldridge, Sandy Pimenoff and John Grubbström from Sweden were approved.

Election of the CASI Bureau

Number of Votes = 17, absolute majority = 9

A President, a First Vice-President, two Vice-Presidents and a Secretary. Max Bishop asked if there was a need for more Vice Presidents. The Chair, Tor Johannessen strongly recommended more Vice Presidents (to achieve a total of 6 Board Members) and his proposal was approved.

Three candidates: Tor Johannessen, Sandy Pimenoff and Henk Meertens.

Henk Meertens was elected as President.

The only candidate for the position of First Vice President, Sandy Pimenoff, was elected

The only three candidates, John Aldridge, Graeme Windsor and Jean-François Schwarz were approved in the roles of Vice President.

The CASI proposed Gillian Winter as Secretary and this was approved by acclamation.