



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

**MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETING HELD IN LAUSANNE
STARTING AT 0900 HOURS ON 25 JANUARY 2004**

Chairman: Robert Carlson (Canada), CASI President
Present: List of attenders, Annex A
Secretary: Ian Strachan (UK), CASI Secretary

1. **Roll Call.** 7 Airsports out of 10 were represented and 10 Nation members out of 10. Detail is in annex A.
2. **Departed friends.** The meeting stood as a mark of respect for those friends of FAI who had died since the last meeting.
3. **Minutes of the last Plenary meeting.** The minutes of the CASI Plenary meeting held in Dubrovnik, Croatia on 9 October 2002 were approved without change. No matters arising from the minutes were raised.
4. **Minutes of the last Bureau meeting.** The minutes of the CASI Bureau meeting held in Krakow, Poland on 9 October 2003 were approved without change. Because there was to be no Plenary at Krakow, the President had invited plenary delegates and other observers to be present and 18 people attended. No matters arising from the minutes were raised.
5. **Report on activities since the last Plenary.** President Carlson stated that it had been a quiet year for appeals on world record claims. However, three appeals failed because of a lack of "due diligence" on the part of the Official Observer(s) and/or the failure to notify FAI within the 7 day limit (GS 6.8.4, email or fax allowed) and/or submit the final dossier within 120 days (GS 6.8.2).
 - 5.1 **Discussion.** Jean-Claude Weber asked whether, despite the denial of the world record claim, had a National record been established for these flights, and the answer was affirmative. He suggested that this was an anomaly and that more flexibility should be shown in dealing with late notifications, particularly if the claimant was not at fault. Discussion followed. Sandy Pimenoff reminded the meeting that at Dubrovnik it had been proposed (by Ian Strachan) that the 7 day notification period should be extended to 14 days, but CASI had rejected this extension of time. The FAI Secretary General pointed out that in several cases, no initial notification had been received at all and the first that the Secretariat knew of the record claim was when the final dossier arrived at FAI. There had been cases of major failings in the processing of some claims by some NACs. This denied other potential record breakers the knowledge of what performance they had to exceed.

5.2 Summary. There was a general feeling that, although this was a difficult area, flexibility should be shown over deadline dates particularly where the fault was not that of the claimant but of others such as Official Observers or NACs. The Secretary read out the GS wording which made it clear that the claimant could also make the initial notification, as could an OO or the competition organisers if the performance was made in a competition. President Carlson asked NACs and ASCs to remind OOs of the time limits in the GS, and invited suggestions for amendments to the General Section on the subject of deadline dates.

Action: NACs, ASCs, CASI Delegates

6. **Report on meetings of Commission Presidents Group (CPG)**. Since the last CASI Plenary, CPG meetings had been held at Friedrichshafen (April 2003), Krakow (October 2003) and Lausanne (January 2004). President Carlson stated that these had been mainly about World Air Games matters and that a summary of decisions would be made available by the Secretary General for the Lausanne meeting and for future CPG meetings.

7. **Dates of future CASI Plenary meetings**. The issue was whether future CASI Plenaries should return to the General Conference period rather than being held in January in Lausanne.

7.1 Discussion. Henk Meertens spoke of the time and cost implications, particularly for nations that were long distances from Lausanne, and the need to make the General Conference period the prime FAI event of the year and to include other activities such as the CASI Plenary so that only one journey would be needed by some delegates instead of two. The Secretary said that a Bureau meeting during the General Conference period in October followed by a Plenary in January caused extra work and the Christmas and New Year periods were awkward in terms of agenda circulation and obtaining responses from CASI delegates and others. Counter-arguments included that it would shorten the General Conference schedule and that it would be possible to combine the January meeting with others such as the CPG, Executive Board and Environmental Commission.

7.2 Decision. A proposal from Henk Meertens and Olivier Burghelle to revert to the General Conference period was defeated by 8 votes to 6.

7.3 Follow-up actions. The Secretary stated that some small modifications would be needed to By-laws to cover the election of the CASI Bureau in January instead of at the end of the General Conference. (*Note, after the meeting: these would be drafted by the Secretary, approved by the Bureau and forwarded to the Executive board for consideration*).

Action: Secretary, Bureau

8. **Possible new types of air sport activities**.

8.1 Kite Surfing. Olivier Burghelle had produced a handout which was distributed and he made a report to the meeting. It was said that in many countries Kite Surfing was already organised with bodies separate to FAI and at this time no FAI action was recommended. (*For pictures of this activity, see the annex to the minutes of the Krakow CASI meeting*).

8.2 Para-wings. As IPC was not represented there was nothing report. (*For more information, see the picture and diagram in the annex to the minutes of the Krakow CASI meeting*).

9. **Sporting Code General Section.** Dr Hanspeter Hirzel (Chairman of the CASI GS Review Group) reported. He understood that the President considered that there was too much detail in Annex A to the agenda to be dealt with by the Plenary and had asked that only the time-critical items should be recommended for incorporation in GS 2004. Other items in Annex A to the agenda would be looked at again by the Review Group together with any new items raised, with a view to making recommendations to the Bureau and the next Plenary. The items discussed at the January 2004 plenary and any associated points, are at Annex B.

10. **Statutes and By-Laws, aspects relevant to CASI and Sporting matters.** Dr Hirzel said that by a ruling of the CASI President, the detail in Annex B to the agenda would not be discussed at this meeting. However, the GS working group would continue to look at it together with any new items raised with a view to making proposals in the future. The FAI President stated that the possibility of creating an group to look after FAI Statutes and By-laws was being studied (annex B, 1.3.1). If this happened, this new group would be contacted about these CASI matters.

11. **Jury matters.** These include the Jury Member's handbook, edited by Jean-Claude Weber on behalf of CASI. He had nothing to report, but asked for any suggestions for improvements to be sent to him.

Action: NACs, ASCs, CASI Delegates

12. **CASI web pages.** These had been produced in 2002 by Thierry Montigneaux and Ian Strachan. The latter said that a small amendment would be needed to take the January Plenary date into account. Meanwhile, comments and updates were invited, to be sent to the Secretary. (*The CASI web pages are on <http://www.fai.org>. CASI is listed on page one as one of the ASCs and the web pages then follow on clicking CASI in the list*).

13. **Any other business (AOB).**

13.1 Transatlantic flight by model aircraft. Sandy Pimenoff reported that a model aircraft had flown the Atlantic, guidance being by autopilot. However, the use of an autopilot was not strictly in accordance with the Sporting Code Section 4 (Model Aircraft). Definitions would be looked at by CIAM, either to add autopilot guidance to Section 4 or to recommend that such models should be classified as small UAVs (Code Section 12).

13.2 World record rejections. Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon suggested that in the case of the rejection of a world record, after the present procedures had been followed the Executive Board should have an opportunity to look at the case. Jean-Claude Weber supported but Alfred Herbert was strongly against inventing special procedures when we had procedures already. No consensus was achieved on this point. However, President Carlson would send Alvaro a précis of the three instances of appeal denial.

13.3 GPS for turn point verification. Olivier Burghelle said that CIVL was starting to use GPS for turn point certification. The Observation Zone (OZ) that they intended to use was circular. It was therefore possible to legitimately turn short of the point itself, by the distance of the circle radius. Official distance would therefore only be counted up to the edge of the circle and not to the turn point itself. A proposal would be made for the next Plenary for this to be added to the diagrams in A13.1 of the GS. Meanwhile the Secretary pointed out that the clauses in Annex A to the GS were preferred but not mandatory. Commissions could differ from them if there was good reason. CIVL could therefore go ahead with their circular OZ (when used in gliding competitions, called a "beer-

barrel") without waiting for the addition to the GS.

13.4 Date of effect of GS 2004. This would be 1 April 2004 to give time for the minutes to be produced, checked and circulated first. The target date for distribution of the minutes was before 1 March 2004.

14. **Date and place of next meetings.** There would be a CASI Bureau meeting during the General Conference period at Madrid, probably on the day before the Conference itself (as at Krakow), the provisional date being 30 September. The next CASI Plenary would be in January 2005 in Lausanne, probably on the third Sunday of the month after a CPG meeting on the Saturday (as in 2004), the provisional date being 23 January 2005. Both of these dates need confirmation.

15. **Election of the CASI Bureau for the next year.**

15.1 President. Sandy Pimenoff (President CIAM, Finland) was elected by majority vote.

15.2 Vice Presidents. Bob Carlson (Canada), Art Greenfield (USA) and Adam Ustynowicz (Poland) were elected without a vote being necessary.

15.3 Secretary. Ian Strachan (UK) was re-elected without a vote being necessary.

- Annexes:** A. CASI delegates and attenders at the meeting
B. Sporting Code General Section amendments

Post Script from Bob Carlson: The USA magazine, Aviation Week & Space Technology, in their 2004-02-02 issue, lists "those individuals and teams who made significant contributions to the international field of aerospace during 2003". There will be an awards banquet at which "Laurels" will be presented. In the aeronautics section the following appears: "Maynard Hill, for designing and being the first to fly an 11 lb model aircraft across the Atlantic Ocean, re-creating the flight of Alcock & Brown. Hill displayed remarkable tenacity in achieving this goal, making such a small craft have both the range and reliability required while on a shoestring budget, and overcoming poor weather and other hazards. Hill's lifelong efforts in support of model aviation have inspired generations of people attracted to aerospace."

LIST OF DELEGATES AND ATTENDERS

BUREAU:

President: Bob Carlson (Canada)
VPs: Olivier Burghelle, also President CIVL
Sandy Pimenoff, also President CIAM
Apologies: Henryk Kucharski (Poland)
Secretary: Ian Strachan, also UK delegate

DELEGATES (including Bureau members):

Air Sport Commissions - in order of Sporting Code number (GS para 1.4):

CIA, Ballooning, Jean-Claude Weber (Luxembourg), President
GAC, General Aviation, Pierre Portmann (France), President
IGC, Gliding, Tor Johannessen (Norway), President
CIAM, Aeromodelling, Sandy Pimenoff (Finland), President
IPC, Parachuting, apologies from Patrice Girardin, France, President
CIVA, Aerobatics, apologies from Michael R Heuer, USA, President
CIVL, Hang Gliding, Olivier Burghelle (France), President
ICARE, Astronautic, apologies from Segismundo Sanz Fernandez de Cordoba (Spain), President
CIG, Rotorcraft, Alfred-Pierre Herbert (Switzerland), President
CIMA, Microlight, Tormod Vieby (Norway), President

Nations:

Australia, Henk Meertens
Canada, Bob Carlson
Czech Republic, Jiri Dodal
France, Jean-François Schwartz
Germany, Daniel Dornheim
Poland, Adam Ustynowicz
Sweden, Bengt-Eric Fonsell
Switzerland, Hanspeter Hirzel
UK, Ian Strachan
USA, Donald Koranda

OTHERS PRESENT: FAI President, Wolfgang Weinreich

FAI Secretary General, Max Bishop
Observers: Bob Clipsham (Canada)
Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon (Executive Board member)
Bernald Smith (USA, Chairman IGC GNSS Committee)
Tamas Sreker (Hungary)

Proxies: None

Apologies: ASCs: three, see above
National delegates: no absences

CASI votes - By-Law 5.2. This states that the CASI Delegates, each with one vote, are ten Active Members (NACs) to be elected by the General Conference, and the ten Presidents of the FAI Air Sport Commissions (or their duly appointed representatives). Once elected, the CASI President may no longer represent his Commission or NAC of origin. The CASI Secretary need not necessarily be a CASI delegate.

Contact details. Email addresses of delegates are through the CASI web site under "CASI Delegates", others through the FAI Secretariat.

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL SECTION OF THE SPORTING CODE

Para 9 of the main minutes, refers. Also Annex A to the agenda.

GS Para Remarks

1.3.1 NAC responsibilities. The intention was to make the list of NAC activities more comprehensive, to reflect more closely what NACs were involved in (wording, Annex A to the agenda). *(Note: This was raised by the Antonis Papadopoulos, Secretary General of the Hellenic Aeronautical and Airsports Federation).* Hanspeter stated that although 1.3.1 was a GS para, he thought that the principle of extending its terms should first be reviewed in Statutes and By-laws. The FAI President stated that the Executive Board was considering re-establishing a body to look after the wording of Statutes and By-laws. No further CASI action was recommended at this time pending examination of NAC responsibilities in FAI Statutes and By-laws. *(The Secretary will forward the Greek proposal to the Executive Board for consideration for Statutes and/or By-law action).*

3.11.2 Doping. The Secretary General pointed out that the last FAI General Conference had confirmed that FAI would conform to the anti-doping rules and procedures of the relatively new World Anti Doping Agency (WADA). WADA had replaced the International Olympic Committee (IOC) anti-doping body. Small amendments were required to the GS and referred to a new stand-alone FAI document entitled FAI Anti-doping Rules and Procedures (abbreviated ADRP). This includes exact copies of WADA rules where they might apply to air sports. It also contains FAI explanatory material and a key to WADA terminology where it differs from that of FAI (for instance, WADA uses "National Federation", FAI uses "NAC"). ADRP had been drafted by the Secretary General and had previously been circulated to the bureaus of CASI and CIMP (FAI Medical Commission) for comment. A second draft (version 1.1) was now available for comment from ASCs, NACs and CASI Delegates.

Discussion and decisions. During discussion, the policy statement drafted by the CIMP Secretary for 3.11.2.1 was shortened to "The FAI is committed to prevent the misuse of drugs, malpractice and cheating". Other than this, the other proposals for 3.11.2 and the inclusion of WADA in the GS Glossary was agreed. Much discussion ensued on the ADRP document, which was accepted in principle. This acceptance was reluctant by some delegates, but it was recognised that there was little alternative. The Secretary General asked for comments and revised wording (of the FAI-authored sections) to be sent to him so that the final version could be published in time for ASC championships for which WADA compliance would be needed. Don Koranda pointed out that under the current draft ADRP, there was no requirement for NACs to initiate their own testing program if they did not want to.

Action. ASCs and NACs please comment on the draft ADRP to the Secretary General

3.15.1.1 Force Majeure. Hanspeter stated that as a result of the proposal to have an FAI definition of Force Majeure in the GS Glossary, he had looked at the existing wording in 3.15.1.1. He considered that the existing para was not comprehensive and in view of different interpretations of the term in different countries, the best solution would be to withdraw 3.15.1.1 in toto and not to have a definition in the Glossary. This was agreed.

6.12 World record preceded by National record. The Secretary General confirmed that a change was needed because of a new type of multi-national record introduced by the parachuting commission. Two alternatives for the wording were on the table. Hanspeter suggested that Alternative 2 was more comprehensive. However, after discussion, alternative 1 was accepted for GS 2004.

6.4.1. Records by multi-national teams. Because of 6.12 above, a small change was needed to 6.4.1. Two alternatives for the wording were on the table. Hanspeter suggested that Alternative 2 was easier to understand because it had shorter sentences. The Secretary General did not mind which version was used. However, after discussion, alternative 1 was accepted for GS 2004.

7.2 Performance increase for records. The Secretary stated that this was left over from the last Plenary where the wording of 7.2 had been changed but there had not been time to discuss the list of recommended record margins in detail. It was emphasised that these margins did not affect existing air sports or Commissions, because their own record margins were set in their specialist Sporting Codes. The list in GS 7.2 was intended as an example, and to apply to any new sport or activity that might come up in the future before it acquired a Sporting Code or a Commission of its own. A draft was on the table in Annex A to the agenda and took into account the use of GPS and similar systems for measurement of distance and time. Delegates and NACs were asked to comment on the draft with a view to putting forward a modified list to the next Bureau and Plenary meetings. (*Comments and revised wording to the Secretary, please*).

Action: CASI Delegates, NACs and ASCs

General. Hanspeter said that in Annex A to the agenda there were several minor editorial changes and some corrections to small factual errors. Where these were "editorial" and had no policy implications, he recommended that changes should be made in the next GS edition. There was no opposition to this view.
