



## Notes from IGC Bureau meeting Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Participants

- Peter Eriksen (PE)
- Frouwke Kuijpers (FK)
- Angel Casado (AC)
- Rick Sheppe (RS)
- Brian Spreckley (BS)
- Patrick Pauwels (PP)
- Christof Geissler (CG)
- René Vidal (RV)
- Vladimir Foltin (VF) (15-Oct only)

### Guests

- Marina Vigorito (MV) - for item 13
- Mandy Temple (MT) – bid manager joined remotely for item 3

### Agenda

1. Welcome  
PE welcomed the participants and thanked the president of the Aero Club Pavullo, Mr. Roberto Gamma for hosting the meeting
2. The role of IGC Commissions, Experts and Working Groups versus the Bureau – how do we make best use of these groups and avoid repeating discussions in the Bureau.
  - a. The Bureau has to be careful not to repeat discussion that already have taken place in a committee or Working Group (WG), only assure that decisions and proposals are in line with the IGC policy.
  - b. The Bureau will establish Terms of Reference (ToRs) for all Committees and Working Groups. **(action PE)**
  - c. The IGC Internal Procedures need to be reviewed **(action VF)**
  - d. Clear communication lines must be identified and used between Committees, WGs, Experts and the Bureau
3. Bid manager session  
The Bid manager Mandy Temple joined this session via Zoom
  - a. The meeting went through the list of bids received for the 2023 Plenary and possible actions. Mandy will send a mail to delegates, asking for supplementary bids.
  - b. Future organisation of bids. It was agreed only to accept future bids for championships that are in the calendar. Unsolicited bids will not be accepted.
  - c. Championships where no bids are received and approved at the plenary according to the calendar, will be cancelled.



- d. We need to review the post-allocation process. How do we capture changes after allocation of the bid. Action FK and PE with the Bid Manager.

#### 4. IGC Tracking project

##### Feedback 2022

- IGC trackers used at 4 Championships in 2022.
- The way they were used was modified for Szedeg, to support access to airspace. This resulted in an inconclusive test of the trackers.
- At the WWGC real time scoring using the trackers was successfully tested
- A poll of Team Captains at WWGC has showed us that most Team Captains preferred to have the pilot's FLARM in tracking mode to keep an overview of the situation, even if this was open to all.
- We believe that many pilots and Team Captains are unaware of the possibilities they have with the new software versions in FLARM. Something we need to communicate to the community e.g., through magazines. **(action AC)**

##### Plans for 2023

- Requests are being received
- Development of online scoring continues; we hope to be able to go public in 2024. Main suppliers have been contacted.

#### 5. Virtual gliding

- a. The MoU that will lead to a contract with SkyRace Ltd. Has been signed by FAI
- b. Terms of Reference Virtual Gliding Working Group (VGWG) have been completed
- c. Members of the VGWG will be AC, BS, PE, Antoine Havet from SkyRace Ltd, plus a couple of pilots that still need to be identified. **(action to find (virtual) pilots: all)**

#### 6. E-glide

- a. Current season  
Successful event in St-Auban  
We have at least one candidate for 2023, but the new WG will decide
- b. Scope and Terms of Reference Electric Gliding Working Group (E-Glide WG)  
Scope will include development, where we would like to follow the development, but also facilitate events
- c. Review of Members for the VGWG  
PE to contact potential members and organise a meeting of the new WG. WG participants: AC, BS, PE and Morten Bennick (DK) **(action PE)**
- d. Visions, ideas, future development  
We should invite OSTIV to participate and establish links to other e-sports.

#### 7. Sailplane Grand Prix

- a. Current season



All planned events were conducted, some with limited participation though. The Final will be in Pavullo. (A planning meeting took place the evening before the Bureau meeting and a site inspection was carried out)

b. Plans for next years

We would like to run annual series, but we may not have the resources to do so, in which case we will continue to have biennial finals.

c. Review of SGP WG membership

No changes

8. Sporting Code

a. General section

Nothing to report

b. Annex A – planned proposals for 2023

The planned changes were listed together with the proposals received for the 2023 Plenary. Some of the received proposals are editorial or procedural and can be implemented by the Bureau. The proposers will be informed (**action VF**)

The Bureau agreed with the Annex A Committee request for a slightly delayed publication of Annex A version 2022 mainly due to the workload of committee members. The committee is going to initiate a review of Annex A, mostly focusing on reorganisation similarly to what had been done for SC3 a few years ago.

9. Safety

a. OSTIV/IGC Safety Seminar.

PE briefed about the OSTIV/IGC Safety Seminar planned for Sunday 5th March 2023 in Copenhagen (the day after the Plenary). Participants will be invited. We plan on about 15 participants, OSTIV Safety Experts, IGC Bureau members, CDs, Chief Stewards and active competition pilots.

The outcome is expected to be an updated and better understanding of safety risks in competitions and several actions/projects related to the most severe and/or frequent risks.

Strobe lights

Strobe lights are becoming popular. They can be fitted in the vertical fin or retrofitted in the canopy frame in most gliders at a reasonable cost. The IGC recommends the use of strobe lights and are considering to make the mandatory in the future. (2024 at the earliest)



## 10. Trophy Management

### a. Current and future process

Many of our trophies need renovation or have not been engraved. We also have seen examples where trophies did not arrive at the competition in time for the prizegiving, which is very disappointing.

We will ask the Trophy Manager to list the problems. (**action CG**)

We may need to reserve budget for the maintenance

## 11. Finance

### a. 2022 status

We expect to close 2022 with a result very close to the budget. There have not been significant extraordinary expenses.

### b. Financial principles – sanction fees, other income streams, expenses, projects

We need to continuously raise fees to follow the general development in cost. This will be reflected in a proposal for 2023 fees at the Plenary.

### c. 2023 and 2024 budget

The budgets were reviewed. The Bureau managed to reduce the budgeted cost through a careful analysis of all budget lines. Currently there is only a very limited budget available for projects, also due to the general financial situation in FAI.

## 12. Air Sport Commissions Presidents Group

PE briefed about the main topics discussed in the Air Sports Commission Presidents Group

## 13. IGC future developments (Marina Vigorito invited)

### a. IGC and FAI

MV conveyed the greetings from the FAI president David Monks. All FAI meetings over the last 3 years were organised remotely. That resulted in substantial savings and helped to stabilise FAI's financial situation. FAI in person meeting should reconvene soon to foster the networking after the period of remote meetings and to meet in person some newly appointed representatives.

The recent changes of memberships category by some members poses an additional challenge for FAI finances.

Some changes of the FAI statutes proposed for consideration by GC.

The Bureau members gave positive feedback on the recently announced WADA webinars/trainings.

### b. Projects for the future



The FAI plans to fill the gap after expiration of the contract with Red Bull.

The feasibility and a possible format of WAG is being discussed with ASCs.

#### 14. 2023 IGC Plenary, Copenhagen

##### a. Pre-meeting Bureau meeting – Thursday 13:00 – 18:00

The Bureau agreed to organise in-person technical meeting (to be included in the agenda) for affected committees (ANDS as facilitator, SC3, Annex A, GFAC, DEN, FRA and interested delegates.) to discuss the pressure altitude proposal. The meeting to take place on Wednesday in the afternoon at 14:00 (**action VF**).

The Safety workshop will be organised on Sunday after the Plenary.

Questions to reports on Day 1 (no verbal reports).

Specific topics to be selected for a deeper discussion on Day 2.

##### b. Bureau proposals

The Bureau will draft a Year-1 proposal on the anticollision light requirement for the IGC competitions (**action RV**).

##### c. New Proposals received

The Bureau reviewed the indicative proposals received from Germany (2), Spain (2), Poland (1), Netherlands (2), USA (1) and France (2).

##### d. Preparation of Year-2 proposals

Countries may consider organising a preparatory virtual sessions for IGC delegates and experts to discuss the new proposals.

##### e. Subjects for discussion

Half-day should be reserved for an interactive workshop with objective to brainstorm on IGC's strategy and vision for the future. The Bureau will hold virtual preparatory meeting to drive workshop discussions e.g., to put forward 3 externalities affecting gliding in a long run (**action PE**).

The Plenary meeting agenda will be reverted to its previous sequence i.e., reports, championships, and some proposals on Day 1 until 15:00, the remaining agenda items and the votes on Day 2 (**action VF**).

EASA will present an update on the *iConspicuity* in U-space and the new ADS-L specification for SRD-860 frequency band.

##### f. Guests

The Bureau members to propose guests to be invited to the Plenary.



g. Elections

Several Bureau members consider standing for re-election.

h. Awards

The Bureau will meet remotely in early January to consider nominations for FAI awards.

15. AOB

The IGC to propose an independent expert to participate in the work of appeal tribunal (**action PE**).

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