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of the

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of the

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(CIVL - Commission Internationale de Vol Libre)**

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1. Opening, Roll-Call, Proxies & number of votes

The CIVL President, John Aldridge opened the Annual Meeting.

The roll call was conducted by Jean-Marc Badan, Sports Director, FAI

The number of delegates initially present was 29. The following proxy votes were confirmed: Canada to USA, Liechtenstein to Switzerland, Ireland to UK, Sweden to Denmark, Hungary to Germany making a total of 34 votes. Therefore, a simple majority initially required 18 votes, and a 2/3 majority vote required 23 votes.

(The attendance list is available separately. Names have been abbreviated to initials in these minutes.)

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

YO: Importer of Ozone gliders in Japan, but will be voting for Japan.

CB: Named official in one of the bids for 2013 PG Worlds

DV : Named official in one of the bids for 2013 PG Worlds

FA: Named official in one of the bids for 2013 PG Worlds

3. Additions to the Agenda

3.1. **SM France:** will propose that CIVL underwrites up to €15k to balance the budget of PG Worlds in Piedrahita. Seconded: Romania

Decision : The Delegates decided to add to the agenda. 29 votes in favour

3.2. **SH Spain:** will request to raise entry fees for PG Worlds in Piedrahita. Seconded UK

Decision : The Delegates decided to add to the Agenda. 24 votes in favour.

3.3. **ST Denmark:** Records issue: 3 records validated for a single flight. Seconded Finland

Decision : The Delegates decided to add to the Agenda. 30 votes in favour.

4. Approval of the minutes of the last Plenary meeting

Proposed: France. Seconded: Finland

Decision : The Plenary voted to approve the minutes of the last Plenary meeting

5. Report of the CIVL President

A written report was circulated with the Agenda. No questions or comments.

JA: CIVL continues to struggle to operate efficiently during the year. Subcommittees & delegates need to recognise that they are CIVL. CIVL is *not just* the CIVL Bureau. Volunteers should be prepared to put in some work too.

Following a question from France on FAI 'resource sharing'. JA added: Nothing has changed in the statutes, but there is now a stricter interpretation of the rules. This includes finances as well as the knowledge base. FAI auditors have suggested paying greater attention to commission budget setting. An Executive Board task force is working on the issues and is tasked to report by June.

6. Report of the FAI Secretary General

- A report from Stéphane Desprez was included in the Agenda. FAI Sports Director, Jean-Marc Badan addressed the CIVL Plenary.
- Open and constructive communication, cooperation, synergies and FAI branding are the themes.
- During the last FAI General Conference, a new President, Dr. John GRUBBSTROM, from Sweden, has been elected, together with a new Executive Board. FAI Membership consists of 102 member countries. New Members approved by the Conference are Azerbaijan and Ecuador (Active Members), Iraq and Syria (Temporary Members) and Mali (Associate Member).
- From now on FAI accounts will be assessed on an accrual basis and consolidated, including all FAI airport revenues and expenditures. The aim is to provide greater visibility of the FAI

financial status and to comply with recently updated Swiss law. The detail is still being worked out, but will require standardised budget formats and accounting methods.

- There have been changes to FAI statutes and bylaws, which were published and notified to Delegates earlier in the year. This includes a change from 2/3 majority to absolute majority vote for choice of venue for Commission Plenary Meetings.
- FAI's new strategic plan is to strengthen our organisation, unite our commissions and members, and improve FAI branding. In the short term initiatives include creating a new website, to be launched in April. Later, collaborative tools and other features will be added.
- 2013 World Games (Cali, Colombia) update: Up to 2009, parachuting was the only air sport included. It was agreed that the next edition would include media friendly disciplines: PG Accuracy and Parachuting canopy piloting. Test event in 2012. Good opportunity to present our sport to the world. Lots of work to prepare.
- Sporting Licence database: some software & security problems, but it is moving ahead. 2011 is a transition year, so paper licences still valid. Delegates were reminded to ensure their nation's data is added and maintained. Some countries have still not added their data.
- FAI HQ: it will move to Maison International du Sport in April.
- New faces in FAI: Faustine Carrera, Communications Manager, who will also help organisers with Press Releases. Ségolene Rouillon, Members & Services Manager and Rodric Neri, Sports Manager.
- FAI eshop: traditional items and new range of shirts, t-shirts, and for officials and judges now available.
- WADA: Remember that if pilots require medical treatment that uses banned substances, then a special therapeutic exemption must be requested in good time. More information on the FAI website.
- CIVL is important for FAI. In particular, its disciplines attract young people. We must keep improving the branding and media attractiveness of our sports. Rules, communications processes need to be modernised, with more open, constructive communications and cooperation.

7. Ratification of Bureau decisions

7.1 All decisions noted in minutes of October 2010 Bureau Meeting

7.2 Awarding the 3rd FAI Asian Paragliding Championships 2012 to China

7.3 Refuse request from organisers of FAI PG Worlds, Piedrahita, 2011 to raise pilot entry fees

7.4 To permit an extension of the 30day deadline to Slovenia for sanctioning a Cat 2 event in Croatia

Vote to ratify: Seconded by Slovenia. All above decisions ratified by large majority.

Comment: JA remarked regarding point 7.4, that in future such extensions will not normally be given

7.5 Approval of LRs for World PG Championships, Piedrahita, Spain

Further modifications have been made by PG Subcommittee. Point deferred to PG SC Report.

7.6 Approval of LRs for World HG Championships, Sigillo

LRs have not yet been approved by Bureau. Point deferred to HG SC report

8. Review of the 2010 Championships

8.1 FAI Asian PG Championships, Japan

AG: Some weather problems, with 3 scored tasks and 2 stopped tasks. Some issue with power lines, even with man from electricity company explaining how they will rescue pilots who hit the power lines. First competition that enforced the certified helmets rule.

8.2 FAI Women's Worlds & Classes 2&5 HG Championships, Germany

JA: Serious weather problems! No tasks flown at all in Class 5 or Women's Worlds. Class 2 from airfield had some relatively short, but challenging tasks. Winners deserved their medals. After being rather critical following the Test Event, the organisers showed an excellent response, and the whole event was superbly run. Shame about the weather. An issue arose in that one glider (Archeopteryx) did not comply with Class 2 definition and was excluded from the results.

8.3 FAI European PG Championships, Austria

ST: Exceptionally well organised event, run by the extended Brandlehner family. It was hit by weather too. Gave plenty of time for meetings to discuss glider documentation issues and to work on the OCTWG. 3 tasks scored, another two tasks were stopped and not scored. Used live tracking for first time in earnest in a Cat 1 event. It proved useful to improve media friendliness, good for safety and for minimising impact on the environment (more efficient retrieves). Helmets were checked and a couple of pilots had to find certified replacements. One reserve deployment. No other incidents.

8.4 FAI European PG Accuracy Championships, Turkey

KKo: Good organisation. 59 competitors from 11 countries, including 12 women. Maximum number (12) of rounds, so gave good results. Followed Turkish Open championship which gave good practice. One hardship was getting up at 5.30am to fly before conditions became too thermic. 2 incidents: one minor on launch and another when a dust devil hit the target as a pilot was landing.

9. Report and Proposals of combined Safety, HG & PG Subcommittee meeting. Annex A

A number of actions and recommendations were agreed for the coming year.

- The SW WG will organise setting up an online form and database for incident report forms
 - A Safety Report will be required from Safety Directors at Cat 1 events.
 - Rule changes forwarded the S7 SC:
 - Flight reports to be completed for stopped tasks
 - Reinforce completion of incident report forms
 - Clarification of wording for penalties for vertical and horizontal airspace infringements (S7a & S7b)
 - Clarify NAC responsibility to ensure gliders conform to class in which they are entering in a Cat 1
 - Clarify wording that members of Task & Safety Advisory committees can be changed during a meet
- Details in Annex A.

Proposal to accept report: Denmark Seconded by: Finland

Vote: Greater than 2/3 majority vote

10. Report and Proposals of PG Subcommittee. Annex B

10.1 Report from Chairman: RA: The extensive work of the OCTWG dominated SC activity during the year. Some discussion on scoring stopped tasks. Not too much else. Subcommittee Meeting was lively.

10.2 Safety Actions: Various tasks have been identified for the safety group within the PG SC

10.3 Rule change proposals to Sporting Code SC:

- Modification of harness rule, clarifying that back protection is mandatory, and specifying standards
- Wording for clarification of flexibility allowed on (late) pilots attending Mandatory Safety Meeting

10.4 Rule change proposals: For scoring stopped tasks with no pilots in goal and stopped tasks with no pilots in goal. See Minutes in Annex B for detailed wording

10.5 Recommendation to accept proposals of OCTWG Discussion included a recommendation to add to the proposals a line bending test at 14G load, but this was not voted on later. See point 23 below.

10.6 Discussion of UK proposal: Strong views for and against with an even split.

10.7 Recommendation to accept modified France proposal

10.8 Progress report on FAI World PG Championships, Piedrahita: Local Regs were amended in several places. Request to increase entry fee was discussed, with a majority in favour of allowing it.

10.9 Reviewed 3 bids for next World Championships : all considered suitable.

.Future work : Safety group tasks. Reviewing LR template. Plan of action for OCTWG

RA proposed to accept report, including rule change proposals. Seconded Slovenia.

Vote: Greater than 2/3 majority vote.

11. Report and Proposals of HG Subcommittee. Annex C

11.1 Report from Chairman: OE: He had similar problems as the Bureau trying to motivate members to work during the year, with the exception of some good work done by volunteers on safety issues. There was a good group contributing to the SC meeting. OE appealed to Delegates to get their HG-oriented people to stop complaining about the rules, and get involved. Starting to use Google docs to work collaboratively. The learning curve should help to anticipate new tools coming from FAI.

11.2 Safety issues: Scott Barrett & Raymond Caux are working on initiatives to identify primary causes of accidents. Pitch stability/ Sprog measurement discussion and work continues. In addition, OE asked whether other HG characteristics be measured?

Proposal: Request for funding of €2000 for a one day test to generate more detailed data. Manpower and glider to be supplied by Gerolf Heinrich. DHV has agreed to provide the testing free of charge. Funding to cover miscellaneous related expenses.

11.3 Rule change proposal: For control bars to be sufficiently reinforced. Full wording in Annex C was presented for approval by the Plenary.

11.4 Rule change proposal: Uncertified gliders : wording referred to Sporting Code SC.

11.5 Reviewing Local Regulations for Monte Cucco: LRs have been checked and some small modifications were agreed by the SC.

Proposal: To increase pilot numbers from the stated 150 maximum to 152, in order that the final allocation round will be completed and all 6th team members will have the opportunity to score for the team.

11.6 Review of Qualification Rule for HG: Using WPRS rather than 2/3 rule. Denmark proposal. Amendments were suggested, reducing the pilot numbers for a qualifying competition from 40 to 30 and to remove the minimum numbers for a valid Cat 2 event. SC recommends to accept the amended proposal.

11.7 Bid Review for 2013 HG Worlds, Forbes, Australia: Strong bid which the SC strongly recommends, though it asked if the dates could be moved one week on, to be confirmed.

Acceptance of report proposed by OE, Seconded Holland,

Vote: Greater than 2/3 majority vote

12. Report and Proposals of PG Accuracy Subcommittee. Annex D.

12.1 Report from Chairman: KKo: Main work this year was to review the Judging Code. Also provided some Judging training to various countries starting up in Accuracy, mostly at major competitions where trainees come with the teams. Training in Indonesia, Bosnia, Czech R. and Turkey.

12.2 Judging code review: Mainstream review of Ch 13 Judging code in S7C to separate Judges more from the organisation and give them more power. Selection and qualification of Judges also more clearly specified. Updated signalling rules for Judges.

Proposal: to amend 13.2.2 nomination of chief and event judges wording: "Appointed by FAI in consultation with the organiser, etc". Seconded: Slovenia

12.3 Rule changes proposed by S7 SC: Minor corrections included in report in Annex D.

12.4 Recommendation for future: To reorganise Sporting Code to bring out the common issues (for organisers, for pilots etc) and have smaller sections that are discipline specific. Pilots not reading 60 – 70 pages of rules.

12.5 Rule change proposal to allow 5m target: See report

12.6 Rule change to allow a 1 round Cat 2 event to be validated: Though the Subcommittee voted by a small majority to this change, the chairman decided to withdraw this proposal to allow wider consultation. To be excluded.

12.7 Review of Bid from Bosnia & Herzegovina: The bid looks good and is recommended.

12.8 LRs for 2011 World Championship: These were amended during the SC Meeting.

Proposal: Requests Plenary to authorise Bureau to approve the LRs after final check by Steward.

12.9 Judging Database: still not ready, so will look to produce own solution

12.10 Records: The SC has specified what it would like and requests support from the Records & Badges Subcommittee

12.11 Judging Training: Pleased that WG has chosen PG Accuracy to participate in Cali. Will be helping with advice on winches, Judging training.

Proposal: Request for €3500 for Judging training in 2011, primarily in Colombia.

Proposed vote on accepting all report, including rule changes, excepting rule in 12.6 above, which will be reviewed during 2011. Seconded: Lithuania.

Vote: Greater than 2/3 majority vote in favour.

13. Report and Proposals of Aerobatics Subcommittee. Annex E

13.1 Report from Chairman: IV: The subcommittee works throughout the year by email, and meets regularly at competitions. Rule developments have been continuing. Major changes to rules were made last year and found some further amendments needed this year. Have introduced four new manoeuvres and eliminated two, to enhance safety. Updated Judging list. Some new, some retired. Updates to qualifications needed. Launch from hill, tow or helico.

13.2 Rule change proposals: See Annex E

13.3 Judging training: Funding last year covered 11 trainees from 6 countries (including from the US), with 4 trainers involved. Training worked very well. Will continue with 10 of them. Request for new funding of €6000 for training in 2011. Plan to take trainers to US to support a new event over there. Also training in Europe.

13.4 Growing discipline: Attracting new pilots, particularly young people. 182 pilots from 28 countries. 12 women from 7 countries. Not so many listed in WPRS because of selection (always the best) and number of Cat 2 competitions has been low, but is increasing. Aerobatics is illegal in some countries. Finding that solo runs are less popular to watch than synchro, similarly Freestyle rather than Technical runs. Also exploring two-at-once elimination rounds. Planning events in Ecuador and Albania (if it becomes an FAI member). Also events in Austria, Norway and elsewhere. Good prospects with new ideas for spectator-friendly events. Looking to see a Cat 1 event in 2014.

13.5 Safety: Rules are safety oriented and constantly reviewed. Researched back in competitions and shows that in 95% of events no accidents. Most incidents are minor. There was 1 fatality in 2003.

- 13.6 Legalisation:** Needs more communication about rules in certain countries. Need more education on most appropriate gliders etc.
- 13.7 New website:** Just launched. Relevant content will be transferred to the CIVL website.
- 13.8 New Judging software:** Request for new development for instant display of scoring/points.
- 13.9 Reducing costs of Cat 1 events:** Possibly can reduce number of officials as Judges in place.
- 13.10 Competition structure:** FAI has working group looking at defining 4 types of events. At highest level: WAG and WG; then Cat 1 Worlds & Continentals; then 'marketing' events; then standard Cat 2 events in 3 levels (gold, silver, bronze). 'Marketing events' aimed at Cities that want to stage a major event that is spectator friendly, but not on the scale of a Cat 1. Next WG meeting in May. It will be possible for professional organisers to sanction FAI events. A presentation in Lausanne by local organiser: Sonchoux provided ideas for HG/PG aerobatics. 2 rafts, big screens, close ups of pilots. Rules not quite in line with CIVL, so Aerobatics SC will work with them to bring the new ideas in line.
- 13.11 World Records:** Want to establish these through the Records & Badges SC. But want to get something sorted this year.
Proposal: Request to Plenary to authorise the Bureau to approve Records scheme as soon as it is ready.

Proposed vote on accepting all report, including rule changes and budget request. Seconded: Switzerland. **Vote:** Greater than 2/3 majority vote in favour.

14. Report and Proposals of Records & Badges Subcommittee. Annex F.

14.1 Presentation: Subcommittee Chairman: ST: Samples of Badges, patches and pins were passed around among delegates. They are easy to purchase. No need for a sporting licence, but they can only be purchased by the NAC/Federation. Sales have declined in recent years. Delegates are asked to recommend them and encourage their Federations to promote these items among their pilots as this should increase awareness of CIVL at this level. They can be ordered easily online.

14.2 Report: See Annex F. Activity during the year included dealing with questions from pilots and NACs. One issue arising is when multiple records can be claimed on a single flight. Wording change for S7D has been passed to the Sporting Code SC. For badges, ultimately, the aim is to have an automatic flag through the WXC alerting pilot that his flight is eligible for an FAI badge.

Proposed acceptance of the report was seconded by Slovenia.

Vote: Greater than 2/3 majority vote in favour.

15. Report of Software Working Group. Annex G

15.1 Instrumentation: Discussion of various issues including new technology, live tracking, instrument error and anti tampering.

15.2 GAP documentation has been produced and published. Delegates are asked to read it and comment if they can see any improvements to be made. SW WG also suffering from lack of communication from the flying community. Eventually would like to split the GAP document into specification and guidelines to organisers & scorers.

15.3 Discussion of scoring stopped tasks Passed to PG SC to develop suitable proposal

15.4 Officials database: This is now becoming operational, with some data in place for Jury & Stewards. Queries now need to be developed to make it more useful. Serbia asked when the long awaited Judging database will be ready? AG responded that a developer has been assigned, and it will be done very soon.

15.5 WXC Online Contest: discussion: See proposal below

15.6 Sporting Licences: An FAI (not CIVL) ongoing project. Operational, but for a transition period of this year, used in tandem with paper licences

15.7 Incident database: Online entry system to be developed as requested by combined safety meeting.

Proposed to accept the report. Seconded Denmark

Vote: Greater than 2/3 majority vote in favour.

16. Bureau Proposal: To formalise the WXC Online Competition

AG presented the WXC Online Contest. Showed that many regional contests now connected and how individual flight and pilot information is displayed. Rules were included in the Agenda pack and are on the website. Competition has been trialled now for 2 years. Time to formalise it, with annual winners announced, diplomas awarded.

France asked if there would be a ceremony for awards. This has not been considered yet.

JMB pointed out there should be a 'winner' not a 'champion' as FAI licences are not required. This will be changed in the Rules point 5.2.

If agreed, the competition will start 1 October 2010.

Proposed: Iceland. Seconded Slovenia

Vote : Almost unanimously in favour.

17. Report and Proposals Sporting Code Subcommittee. Annex H

Some changes to the proposals were proposed by the PG and HG SCs and the Records & Badges SC and are included in the amended reports in Annex H.

Proposal to accept the report from Denmark. Seconded by Romania

Vote (excluding S7b harness rule): Passed with greater than 2/3 majority.

New wording for the S7b harness rule:

All pilots in Category 1 events must fly with a harness certified to EN1651, LTF03 or LTF09. The harness must be equipped with a back protector certified to LTF09 or LTF03.

Vote: Greater than 2/3 majority vote in favour

18. Report from Jury & Steward coordinator

Report was included in the Agenda package. No questions or comments. Plenary voted to accept the report.

19. Presentations of bids

The following bids were made for upcoming FAI Category 1 Championships:

- a) 19th FAI World Hang Gliding Class 1 Championship 2013:

Australia: Presented by Bill Moyes

It was noted that the HG SC had suggesting moving the event back one week to 2nd week in January, and that the organisers will confirm the dates later.

- b) 13th FAI World Paragliding Championship 2013:

Bulgaria: Presented by Dimitar Valkov

Portugal: Presented by Fernando Amaral

Turkey: Presented by Adem Hasgul

- c) 7th FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championships 2013

Bosnia & Herzegovina: Presented on behalf of Mirvad Zenuni

- d) 3rd FAI Asian Paragliding Championships 2012

China: Presented by Zhaofang Han

(This bid was already awarded by CIVL Bureau and is ratified by this Plenary)

There followed a short presentation by Dr Elsa Mai giving information about a possible late bid by Chinese Taipei to organise the 1st FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championship.

20. Bureau Proposal: Changes and Amendments to Internal Regulations

20.1 Subcommittees: Bureau had initially proposed to change Subcommittees to Committees, but on the advice of the chairman of the FAI Statutes Working Group, these changes have been withdrawn. Commissions are regarded as Committees of the FAI therefore, Commissions have subcommittees.

20.2 Update to include FAI statute change concerning voting for Plenary venue.

20.3 Safety Subcommittee changes already described in the Combined Safety Meeting and job description of a Training Technical Officer

20.4 Terms of Reference for Subcommittees: adding some detail of their role to improve efficiency, particularly in terms of communication.

Proposed to accept the proposals Slovenia. Seconded Denmark.

Vote : Accepted by greater than 2/3 majority.

The Plenary adjourned at 17.45 on Saturday, and reconvened at 09.15 on Sunday.

21. Award of the 2013 FAI Championships

The following bids were accepted for upcoming FAI Category 1 Championships:

- e) 19th FAI World Hang Gliding Class 1 Championship 2013:
Forbes, Australia
- f) 13th FAI World Paragliding Championship 2013:
Sopot, Bulgaria
- g) 7th FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championships 2013
Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina:

22. Denmark Proposals

22.1 Change of qualification/entry criteria for Category 1 HG Championships.

Denmark agreed to modify the proposal (See Annex 22 in Agenda Pack 2) as agreed in the HG SC:

1.3 Add one more qualification criteria.

- Participation in one or more competitions with 30+ pilots during the 3 years prior to the Category 1 Championship. (Reduced from 40+)

22.2 Change to minimum numbers for HG Category 2 events

Denmark agreed to clarify the proposal as agreed in the HG SC, as follows:

1.5 Remove the minimum number of participants needed to validate Cat 2 HG Class 1 competitions

Proposed Amendment & clarification seconded by Holland.

Vote : Amendment/clarification approved by greater than 2/3 majority

Denmark Proposals seconded by Holland. This includes removing the "2/3 qualification" rule, and adding a WPRS qualification rule (20 points in past 3 years), as well as the amended proposals above.

Vote : Full set of Denmark proposals approved by greater than 2/3 majority

23. Report and Proposals from Open Class Technical Working Group

MS summarised the key points within this complex set of proposals. It was discussed at length in PG

SC, during which the OCTWG agreed to an amendment to the structural strength requirement: "Line set strength test using line load calculation of the line sets of 14G with new lines after the 5000 circle bending test."

WG proposal was seconded by France

Vote : Virtually unanimous in favour

POST SCRIPT: Due to a procedural omission, the amendment to the proposal was not voted on.

Therefore, according to CIVL Internal Regulations, technically, the proposal has been approved in its original form, with no amendments.

24. UK Proposal for Certified Gliders only in Cat 1 events

19.1 Category 1 Paragliding Championships to be limited to EN certified gliders from 2012

CB proposed an amendment to delay the introduction of the rule to 2013. Seconded Finland.

Vote: Only 14 in favour. Amendment proposal failed.

Discussion:

KT: Good that the OCTWG proposal has been accepted for Piedrahita this year, and it will have a small impact on safety. But UK proposal takes it one stage further, addressing the behaviour of the wings. Support from PMA and also from the glider manufacturer that has had the most success with Open Class gliders in recent years.

Not just about safety. Also about fairness, so that all pilots will have access to the top performing gliders eligible for Cat 1s, not just the favoured few flying the latest prototypes. Will not hinder innovation either – every manufacturer looking to the future will innovate. KT thinks maybe the proposal is too soon, and 2013 would be better. He asked delegates who consider safety is important in Cat 1s to abstain rather than vote against the proposal.

SM: PMA vote was 16 out of 28 members, but no information on which manufacturers voted in favour. OCTWG addresses fairness with 60 day rule. Concerned about a 'safety' rule is restricted to Cat 1s, potentially creating conflict as Cat 2s should follow Cat 1 rules. Although SM believes that the 'competition class' proposals will quickly be adopted by all competition organisers.

GD/PWC: The PWCA wants to work with CIVL and wants to see harmonisation in the competition scene. It is a misperception that PWC is in a different class from FAI events. They are Cat 2 events. The 2 liner gliders came in very rapidly during 2010. No major incidents in 10 competitions where now the majority of pilots in PWCs are flying these gliders. It is the pilot/glider combination that is more critical than the wing. The performance of these new gliders is much superior than existing certified gliders. It is clear that what we need to do is to develop a new certification standard for this level of performance wing.

MS confirmed that given the opportunity, the OCTWG will work aggressively towards a new EN standard.

JA Clarified that there are fundamental differences between FAI Cat 1 and Cat 2 events, hence there is only a recommendation in the S7 that Cat 2s should follow Cat 1 rules. Cat 1s are FAI events, run by organisers on behalf of the FAI under the terms of a formal agreement. Cat 2s have a limited FAI sanctioning and are run by national/regional organisers, under the jurisdiction of the host NAC. He also suggested that, as a responsible organising body, it was not appropriate for CIVL to acknowledge an airworthiness standard that is recognised worldwide for paragliders and then say in effect "but we know better .." He recommended the proposal to the Delegates.

Vote: on UK proposal: In favour: 14. Against: 14. Abstentions: 5

25. France Proposal: OCTWG to be extended to investigate longer term solutions

SM decided not to amend the proposal as originally stated in the SC meeting.

KT in favour as it will provide valuable input towards creating a new certification standard.

RA supports French proposal as it pushes towards an EN standard, and also supports KT's view that it will address the flight characteristics issue.

IE suggested the OCTWG may need some funding to continue its work. MS suggested that the EN work will be funded by national members of that WG.

JA pointed out that the OCTWG members may have to work through national standards bodies to have direct input to WG6 of the CEN standards organisation. He confirmed it was unlikely that

requests to CIVL for funding safety related work will be refused, but suggests the WG finds out what might be needed.

France Proposal seconded by Switzerland.

Vote: Virtually unanimous approval of continuing the work

26. Spain Proposal: Increase pilot entry fee for Piedrahita

Steve Ham on behalf of the organisers presented the case explaining the budget deficit. The world economic crisis has hit Spain hard and the major institutional investor has withdrawn its support. Political problems at Federation level have not helped. The 2009 and 2011 budgets for the event were presented, clearly showing that costs have been trimmed and the shortfall in predicted income. The increase in the entry fee from €380 to €478 will reduce the predicted loss from €25k to €10k. Without the increase it will be difficult to see how they can continue....

MS commented that the world economic crisis is a greater force than can be anticipated in a bid.

Spain proposal seconded by UK

Vote: Large majority in favour (25)

27. France Proposal: CIVL to provide up to €15k financial support for Piedrahita

Following the last point, France initially considered amending its proposal such that CIVL should put aside a sum of up to €10k that can be drawn by the organisers to balance the final account of the championship should it be needed.

On reflection, the proposal was withdrawn.

28. Bureau Proposal: Funding for CIVL Stewards

28.1 Trainee Stewards - To include a 10€/day allowance

Proposed by Denmark, Seconded by Slovenia.

Vote: Large majority in favour (30). Against: 1

28.2 Stewards – claim allowed to include 2 days preparation

Proposed by Slovenia, Seconded by Denmark.

Vote: Large majority in favour (28). Against: 1

29. Bureau Proposal: Jury Reports

JA presented a summary of the rationale behind this proposal to stop publishing Jury Reports in the public domain, in line with most other commissions. There is a possibility that information in the reports can show the sport in a bad light, highlighting accidents, mistakes etc.

SM commented that accident data is important, so needs to be passed on appropriately.

It was pointed out that if and when the new website includes password protected intranet facilities, the Jury Reports can be made available to Delegates and SC chairs.

Proposed by Holland, Seconded by Iceland

Vote : Clear majority in favour.

30. UK Proposal 2: Compcheck scoring system approval for Cat 1 events

CB: The Compcheck Scoring System is linked to the Fast Retrieve system which the Cat 1 organiser at Piedrahita would like to use. The scoring team is experienced with Compcheck and its associated software, and includes the developer, and it was used in the Test Event.

GD: It has been used in PWC for some time. Program works well.

CB: Agreed that it is important to have a fixed version.

OE: This is where we were some years ago. FS is developed and available and widely used and free and under our control. The program might be good and comply now, but it will evolve and may diverge from FS. It will score differently (as shown by the SW WG). Fast Retrieve is claimed to be able to interface with FS. FS can be developed to integrate better.

RA: Should think about having a modular version of FS, and make it Open Source. This is the future.
RA: Proposed to amend proposal for Compcheck to be used for this one event, giving time for a better development path in the future. UK agreed. Seconded by Spain.

Vote: 19 in favour to amend proposal.

Spain seconded the amended proposal

Vote: 19 in favour of approving amended proposal, 11 against, 1 abstention. The proposal failed to achieve the necessary 2/3 majority required to change or deviate from a Section 7 rule.

31. Bureau Proposal: To give Bureau discretion to conduct a trial of any suitable new jury system in 2012

JA explained that reducing the costs of FAI Officials on organisers can be particularly pertinent for small championships and also for events such as Aerobatics and Accuracy where judges are also required.

Discussion: Need to ensure the Jury has lines of communication to additional expertise and guidance if needed. JA explained that Jury decisions cannot be overturned except through the FAI stated procedures via CASI.

Proposed by Iceland, Seconded by Slovenia

Vote : Clear majority in favour

32. Financial Report 2010. Annex J

32.1 2010 Income & expenditure against budget

KdK summarised the report that was sent out before the Plenary and highlighted a small change: ARISF grant for Judging training was higher than originally calculated. No questions or comments. Proposal to accept the report Seconded by Slovenia

Vote: Clear majority in favour

32.2 Budget 2011

KdK summarised the budget forecast, including updates from earlier proposals agreed at this Plenary, such as Judging training for Accuracy & Aerobatics, HG testing and PG technical expert at Piedrahita. Proposal to accept the report, seconded by France

Vote: Clear majority in favour

33. Discharge of Bureau responsibility for 2010 decisions

Proposed: UK Seconded: Romania

Vote: Clear majority in favour

34. India Proposal: Review and expand rules in S7 Chapter 4 Category 2 Competitions

Proposer not present. No seconder.

Decisions : Proposal failed

35. Airspace: Response to CANS invitation

JA asked if there was any interest from Delegates. SM offered to ask FFVL representative if he might also represent CIVL.

Action : SM will find out and report back. JA to respond to invitation.

36. Nominations and elections of the CIVL President & Bureau

<u>Elected :</u> <u>Vote</u>		<u>Vote:</u>	<u>Also</u>	<u>Nominated</u>
CIVL President:	John Aldridge		Unopposed	
CIVL Bureau:				
Vice President :	Agust Gudmundsson	ISL 29	Fernando Amaral	POR 17
Vice President :	Calvo Burns	GBR 20	Leonard Grigorescu	ROM 16
Vice President :	Scott Torkelsen	DEN 18		
Vice President :	Igor Erzen	SLO 18		
Treasurer :	Koos de Keijzer	NED	Unopposed	
Secretary :	Louise Joselyn	FRA	Unopposed	

37. Nominations and elections of the chairs of the SSCs and permanent WGs

<u>Elected:</u>			<u>Also Nominated:</u>
HG Subcommittee chair:	Oyvind Elefsen	NOR	Unopposed
PG Subcommittee chair:	Calvo Burns	GBR	Unopposed
PG Accuracy Subcommittee chair:	Nikki Spence	GBR	Unopposed
Aerobatics Subcommittee chair:	Iris Vogt & Dennis Pagen	AUT & USA	Unopposed
Safety Subcommittee chair : (FRA)	Karolina Kociecka	POL	Raymond Caux
Records & Badges SC chair:	Scott Torkelsen	DEN	Unopposed

Training Technical Officer: Not yet appointed

JA asked Delegates to consider if they have an expert in their country that could take on the role of Training Technical Officer, on behalf of CIVL and dealing with IPPI, ParaPro and SafePro.

38. Bureau Proposal: Revisiting the CIVL Long Term Plan

JA: Explained that updating the long term plan has been something on the Bureau Agenda for some time, but it has not been progressed. He promised that this will be addressed in the coming year. It will probably be taken out of the Internal Regulations.

SM, KT, MS, RA, VM have volunteered to contribute towards the development of a strategic planning document to replace the Long Term Plan.

39. Awards - Pepe Lopes Medal and FAI Hang Gliding Diploma

No nominations received for the Pepe Lopes Medal

Nomination from UK for Rod Fuller. Citation was included in the Agenda Pack. SM strongly supported the nomination.

Proposed by UK and Seconded by France

Vote : Clear majority in favour.

40. Bid for organising the next Plenary meeting

A bid from Chinese Taipei, was presented by Delegate, Elsa Mai.

Vote : 19 in favour, 12 against, 1 abstention. The Bid is successful.

41. Dates and venue of the next Plenary meeting

Plenary will be held 18th & 19th February, 2012 with Subcommittee meetings on the preceding two

days, in Jiao-xi town, Yilan county, Chinese Taipei.

42. President's closing remarks
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JA would like to see all the subcommittees work as hard in 2011 as the OCTWG did in 2010. The Bureau will have a change in appearance too, in that each Vice President will have a portfolio outlining specific responsibilities. This will give more time to JA for higher level Bureau, CIVL and external functions and responsibilities.

Meeting closed at 14.30, Sunday.