



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA  
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## **CIA Bureau Meeting Agenda – Plenary 2013**

**Tuesday March 19, 2013 at 18:00**

**at the Windsor Excelsior Hotel, Av. Atlantica 1800, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro**

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JC Weber, president  
Hans Akerstedt, 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president  
Uwe Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president  
Mark Sullivan, 3<sup>rd</sup> vice-president  
Alex Nagorski, secretary  
John Grubbstrom FAI President

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### **MEETING AGENDA**

1. Review of 2012-2013 Bureau Actions (see page 2 and following)
  - No additions or changes
2. Review of CIA Plenary 2012 minutes
  - Corrections identified, to be presented to the Plenary
3. Review of Plenary meeting arrangements
  - Reasonable
  - Internet access on floor through daily password
4. AX Worlds 2014 – Situation Report and discussion
  - Reviewed latest letters from Brazil
  - Hans made his calculations on 300 kilos per balloon
  - Will not be possible to borrow or rent cylinders here
  - Rubens was asked how much it would take to make fans and tanks
  - Paolo- concerns about insurance implications for foreign balloons with Brazilian tanks
  - Uwe's balloon was shipped to Battle Creek (basic flying equipment) was about 270 kilos

- Uwe not concerned how they get equipments to Brazil, as long as they get there at no cost to competitors.
- JCW summarizing status
  - JCW's letters and deadlines
  - Brazil has given some guarantees as of yesterday but not all
  - Brazil working on a new sanction application to be submitted Thursday
  - Need to wait until Plenary to see all of Brazilian facts
- John G – Brazil will present a photocopy of old Sanction Application along with some new letters and letters from Mayor. City issue should be behind us.
  - Asking that Bureau lift it's withdrawal of sanction application
  - If Bureau does not lift its actions, then Brazil will go to the lawyers
- Paolo – extra 20 were not on sanction application but added during the Plenary
  - EDS may have to meet second time before plenary to review new sanction application
  - Implications of sanction application and OA process and sequence.
- JCW does not want to agree with Brazil's request to lift sanction. He will not present Brazil's request to the Plenary.
- Discussion if Brazilian actions and guarantees are sufficient to meet the Breach of Contract conditions. John described discussion with FAI lawyers and implications.
- Hans – his calculation do not allow the 50 balloons
  - Current guarantee only says shipping from Europe to Brazil
  - Says that the current guarantees do not meet original conditions
- Support from Sao Carlos but not monetary
- JCW – two issues – contract issue and sanction issue
  - If CIA considers that the new documents from Brazil rectify the FAI breach of contract conditions, then the OA is valid.
  - JCW with Mark as a witness he reinforced that Brazil needs to submit a new sanction application.
  - Does the Bureau accept the guarantees as presented by Brazil?
    - Hans and Mark = no
    - Uwe – meets city condition but not transportation condition (thinks that transportation is both not one way)
  - At midnight Wednesday the Brazilian OA is not valid
  - If we accept their new (different) bid, then may need a new OA.
- Bureau actions are for information
  - JCW should be prepared for conflict and discussion
- John G – does not believe that Brazil will submit a new bid. They want the Bureau to withdraw the sanction withdrawal or else.....lawyers
- JCW says we should not act stupid but should be consistent with previous Bureau discussion. We should let Brazil submit a new bid to the Plenary

- JCW suggests that we inform them to come up with further guarantees and come up with a new sanction application. If they submit the information then their bid will be presented to the Plenary for voting between Lithuania and Brazil. The OA is valid then the sanction can be voted on.
- JCW sees that the Brazilians do not accept that the CIA is the sanctioning body. OA is subject to a sanction. If Brazilians fulfill FAI requirements then the OA is valid, but not the sanction yet.
- JCW Summary
  - For the time being we consider the guarantees presented to date are not sufficient to remedy the situation.
  - The Bureau will not lift sanction withdrawal. It will be up to the Plenary.

#### March 21<sup>st</sup> Discussion

- Reference back to March 18<sup>th</sup> Bureau meeting
- Review letter from Edson with a promise to guarantee to cover all cost for the transport of 70 balloons.
- Received a sanction application yesterday, the same as the one last year (*according to Leonel this is not to be considered as a new sanction application*).
- Hans – letter is not what we asked for which was a guarantee from the government or maybe the NAC
- If we feel that the new information is sufficient to remedy the breach of contract that can be done, but the sanction is still withdrawn. So the status of the sanction is in doubt.
- Location issue has been resolved.
- Plenary should make the decision.
- A lot of discussion about lack of information from Brazil. If it had been provided the Bureau members decisions may have been different.
- Uwe suggests that the Bureau reverse the decision to withdraw the sanction.
- JCW insists that the decision to lift the sanction withdrawal must remain with the Plenary. It would be outrageous action by the Bureau to ignore the Plenary when it is in session.
- FAI impression is that the Breach of Contract issues have been remedied. This information will be told to the Plenary. May be a question about the status of the sanction.
- Jean-Claude will bring up the Brazil issue under Bureau actions.
- Uwe question: Do we decide in the Bureau to give them the sanction back?
  - Uwe = yes. Hans = no, JC = no, Mark = abstention
  - Decision: No

#### 5. FAI Anti-Doping – Out of Competition Testing program

- Commissions will need to meet anti-doping criteria in the future
- World Ranking List will be used.

- Hans – we could use results from world and continental championships to provide a list of 10 people.
  - Need to define which events will be used: worlds, continentals, and
6. Procedures for Championship entrants who fail to appear
    - To be discussed in Rules, Statutes and Jury Board
  7. Unpaid FAI Bill / UAE - Abu Dhabi / 2007 CIA Plenary
    - Agreement with FAI that the FAI will cover the amount until Abu Dhabi organizes an event where the sanction fee can be used to pay the bill.
  8. Bureau WG on Awards – Report and discussion
    - Discuss at Thursdays Bureau meeting
    - Report by Hans on Awards discussion
      - Concerns about ability of some people having the financial resources to set many records and therefore be able to win medals and diplomas many times.
      - Recommend rules stay as the way they are
      - Recommend deadlines stay as they are. No need to change because of one incident.
      - Recommend rule for CIA making nominations be added to the bylaws.
      - Sporting badges rules – no changes
      - Lots of discussion
      - Hans will make change and submit as a report to the Plenary
      - Will publish proposals and new wording.
  9. Bureau WG on CIA Strategy, Goals and Structures
    - No report because chair of WG was not available for most of the year
  10. CIA assets and FAI accounting
    - We do not have the final figures and therefore a budget for 2014
    - John G will provide an explanation and apology from the FAI
  11. Selective voting on Continental issues
    - Brought up by Hans
    - No selective voting by other air sports, although gliding does a voluntary approach. No way of enforcing rules.
  12. Review of Plenary Agenda and New Business
    - a. In Memoriam
      - Add Cindy Petrehan – photographer
    - b. CIA Financial statement 2012 and Budget for the year 2014

- c. Team Scoring proposal – Lithuania – Progress Report RSC
  - Some discussion in WG`s
  - JCW – need to define how the scoring will be done, teams selected
  
- d. Date and place of next CIA Plenary  
SC and WG – March 19 and 20  
Plenary – March 21 and 22
  
- e. US proposal for “Alan Blount International Sportsmanship Award”
  - JCW needs input from Mark
  
- f. Chairs for PMR, Records, and new Secretary
  - Hans – no
  - Maybe Lindsay
  
- g. Hall of Fame for Mark, not getting any email replies from Jennifer and Marilee (ALEX)  
Contact Troy Bradley
  
- h. EDS membership – need new blood
  
- i. Internal regulations – Alex submitted in June

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