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# **Minutes**

of the annual Plenary of the  
**FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding  
Commission**

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## 1. Attendance

The delegates were welcomed by

- CIVL President, William Hughes
- Korean NAC President, Park Chan Duk
- Korean Paragliding Association Gin Seok Song
- FAI General secretary Markus Haggene

The Hybrid (physical and online) Plenary specific procedures were explained. Only Delegates physically present can vote.

CIVL Administrator ran roll call.

Delegates /Alternates present. 16 votes

- Alfari Botol Widyasmara Indonesia
- Asgaf Umar Indonesia
- Brett Janaway United Kingdom
- Cristiano Armando Barao Pereira Portugal
- David Virshki Kazakhstan
- Esa Alaraudanjoki Finland
- Fabio Loro Italy
- Goran Dimiskovski North Macedonia
- Igor Eržen Slovenia
- Jamie Shelden United States
- Kamil Konečný Czechia
- Popa Valentin Ioan Romania
- Thomas Milko Brazil
- Thomas Senac France
- Yoshiki Oka Japan
- Yunjo Han Korea, Republic of
- Zeljko Ovuka Serbia

Proxies: 14 votes

- Austria to Portugal
- Bosnia I Herzegovina to Italy
- Bulgaria to Korea, Republic of
- Canada to United States
- Chile to Brazil
- Croatia to Slovenia
- Germany to Czechia
- Lithuania to United Kingdom
- Montenegro to Serbia
- Poland to Romania
- Spain to France
- Sweden to Finland
- Switzerland to North Macedonia
- Thailand to Indonesia

Others

- Andy Cowley CIVL Treasurer
- Elena Filonova CIVL Administrator
- Gin Seok Song Observer Korea
- Enkhmandakh Sukhee Observer Mongolia
- Telmuun Odgerel Observer Mongolia
- Leonard Filoti Grigorescu FAI I bidder Romania
- Mirza Daniel FAI I bidder Romania
- Ramona Paune FAI I bidder Romania

Attendance online was inconsistent both due to time zone and failing connection. No notes of the delegates present online were taken.

## 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Yoshiki Oka, Cristiano Pereira, Martin Jovanoski, Igor Erzen and Brett Janaway declared a conflict of Interest

## 3. Additions to the Agenda

Additions need a 2/3 qualified majority of the plenary to be included in the agenda. They were voted one by one.

- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-38AA-Proposal-USA-PGA-Team-Priority – 26 Yes 4 Nay -Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-41A-HGPG-diploma-nomination-HUN – 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe 25 I Adjust certification lead lime for CCC glider - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29A-Adjustment-SC7C - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29B-Junior-and-Women-KO-system-for-Category1 - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29C-Team-scoring-at-Category1-competition-after-applying-KO-rule - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29D-Using-electronic-measurement system - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29E-complaint period when online is used final version - 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-25K-Bureau-proposal to set maximum number of pilots in PG XC competitions – 30 Yes - Passed
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-25j-Bureau-proposal – allow Bureau to change LR regarding equipment limitation. - 28 Yes, 2 Nay - Passed

## 4. Approval of the minutes of the 2023 Plenary meeting

- Annexe 4.  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 30 unanimously  
Nay 0

## 5. Report of the FAI Secretary General

- FAI Secretary General Report – Markus Haggenev presented his report which can be found in Annexe 5.

## 6. Report of the CIVL President

- CIVL President, Bill Hughes, presented his Report – Annexe 6.

## 7. Report of Bureau decisions that need the Plenary approval

- Annexe 7. -  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes - 30  
Nay - 0

## 8. Report of the CIVL Treasurer

- Treasurer Report – Annexe 8.

## 9. Approval of the 2023 accounts

Vote. Simple majority.

Yes 30

Nay 0

## 10. Discharge of Bureau responsibility for decisions since last Plenary

The CIVL shall accept responsibility for all acts carried out by the President, the Bureau and the Committee Chairs of CIVL under the terms of the FAI Constitution and CIVL Internal Regulations and in good faith.

Vote. Simple majority.

Yes – 30 unanimously

Nay 0

## 11. Review of the 2023 Championships and Test-Events

- Review – Annexe 11 A.
- Live-tracker Manager Report – Annexe 11 B.

## 12. Review of the Multisport Events

For information.

- The 2025 World Games in Chengdu, China – Annexe 12.

## 13. Report from the Hang Gliding XC Committee

- Committee Chair Report – Annexe 13.

## 14. Report from the Paragliding XC Committee

- Committee Chair Report – Annexe 14.

## 15. Report from the Paragliding Accuracy Committee

- Committee Chair Report – Annexe 15.

## 16. Report from the Paragliding Aerobatic Committee

- Committee Chair Report - **No written report was received.**

## 17. Report from the Safety Officer

- Safety Officer Report – Annexe 17.

#### 18. Report from the IT and Software Officer

- IT and Software Officer Report – **No written report was received. A verbal report was given.**

#### 19. Report from the Records and Badges Officer

- Records and Badges Officer Report – **No written report was received. A verbal report was given.**
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#### 20. Report from the Competition Coordinator

- Competition Coordinator Report – Annexe 20.

#### 21. Report from the Jury and Steward Coordinator

- Jury and Steward Coordinator Report – Annexe 21.

#### 22. Report from the Communication Officer

- Communication Officer Report – Annexe 22.

#### 23. Report from the Environmental Liaison Officer

- Environmental Liaison Officer Report – Annexe 23.

#### 24. Report from the NACs Liaison Officer

- NACs Liaison Officer Report – Annexe 24.

#### 25. Proposals from the CIVL Bureau

- Internal Regulations – Annexe 25 A. -  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 30  
Nay 0
- Team size & Fairness in PG XC Worlds – Annexe 25 B.  
The proposal was withdrawn
- Steward executive power – Annexe 25 C. The proposal was amended at the Open meeting. The amended proposal was voted.

Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 27  
Nay 2  
Abstained 1

- External aid to competitors – Annexe 25 D. The proposal was amended at the Open meeting. The amended proposal was voted.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 29  
Nay 1
- Hike & Fly Committee and Section 7 L– Annexe 25 E.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 30  
Nay 0
- Hike and Fly adjustment to WPRS -Section 7 E – Annexe 25 F.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 30  
Nay 0
- Unsportive behaviour and other misconduct -- Annexe 25 G.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 30  
Nay 0
- Create a Sports Class ranking system-- Annexe 25 H. The proposal was amended at the Open meeting. The amended proposal was voted.
- Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 29  
Nay 1
- Adjust certification lead lime for CCC glider -- Annexe 25 I.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 30  
Nay 0
- Allow Bureau to change LR regarding equipment limitation -- Annexe 25 J.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 28  
Nay 2
- Set maximum number of pilots in PG XC FAI 2 competitions -- Annexe 25 K.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 30  
Nay 0

## 26. Proposals from the Hang Gliding XC Committee

- **None received**

## 27. Proposals from the Paragliding XC Committee

- **None received**

## 28. Joint proposals from the Hang Gliding and Paragliding XC Committee

- **None received**

## 29. Proposals from the Paragliding Accuracy Committee

- Annexe-29A-Adjustment-SC7C -  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 28  
Nay 0  
Abstained 2
- Annexe-29B-Junior-and-Women-KO-system-for-Category1  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 26  
Nay 1  
Abstained 3
- Annexe-29C-Team-scoring-at-Category1-competition-after-applying-KO-rule  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 23  
Nay 1  
Abstained 7
- Annexe-29D-Using-electronic-measurement system  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - passed  
Yes 20  
Nay 8  
Abstained 2
- CIVL-Plenary-2024-Annexe-29E-complaint period when online is used  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 27  
Nay 3

## 30. Proposals from the Paragliding Aerobatic Committee

- Sporting Code modifications – Annexe 30A.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 27  
Nay 0  
Abstained 3
- Min fee for PG Acro events of 12 pilots – Annexe 30B.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 30  
Nay 0

## 31. Proposals from the Safety Officers

- No incidents declaration – Annexe 31  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 30  
Nay 0

### 32. Proposals from the Software Officer

- None received

### 33. Proposals from the Records & Badges Officer

- None received

### 34. Proposals from the Jury & Steward Coordinator

- None received

### 35. Proposals from the Communication Officer

- None received

### 36. Proposals from the Environmental Liaison Officer

- CIVL Environmental Policy proposal – Annexe 36A
- CIVL Environmental Policy document – Annexe 36 B
- CIVL Environmental Policy Self-Assessment Template – Annexe 36 C

Vote – simple majority

Yes 30

Nay 0

### 37. Proposals from the NACs Liaison Officer

- None received

### 38. Proposals from National Airport Controls (NACs) and Federations

#### **Country Indonesia**

- Multi Events – Annexe 38 A.  
The proposal was withdrawn

#### **Country Germany**

- Airworthness – Annexe 38 B.  
The proposal was withdrawn. The working group will be created.

#### **Country Brazil**

- 25% of foreign pilots in multi-Nationals – Annexe 38 C.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**  
Yes 15  
Nay 13  
Abstained 2

- Event dates – Annexe 38 X.

The proposal was withdrawn

#### **Country Sweden**

- Freeze WPRS for Maternity Leave– Annexe 38 D.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 28  
Nay 0  
Abstained 2

#### **Country Poland**

- Communication and safety– Annexe 38 E.  
It is not a proposal. The ideas will be sent to committee to work on them.

#### **Country Slovenia**

- PGA Flying order based on WPRS ranking– Annexe 38 F -  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 27  
Nay 0  
Abstained 3

#### **Country Slovenia, Chile and Colombia**

- Masters category and WPRS ranking– Annexe 38 G  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**  
Yes 16  
Nay 13  
Abstain 1
- Masters category in Records – Annexe 38 H  
The proposal was withdrawn

#### **Country Bulgaria**

- Exemptions – Annexe 38 I – 19 against 5 abs  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority – **Failed**  
Yes 6  
Nay 19  
Abstained 5
- Goal line orientation – Annexe 38 J  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**  
Yes 2  
Nay 24  
Abstained 2

#### **Country France**

- PG Worlds / Fairness – Annexe 38 K  
The proposal was withdrawn

#### **Country Argentina**

- Cap Pn for PG XC – Annexe 38 L  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 26

Nay 2  
Abstained 2

### **Country United Kingdom**

- Start charging fee for hosting event on CIVL system – Annexe 38 M  
The proposal was withdrawn
- Reduce rank to 1000 and points to 30 and 20 for FAI 1 in PG XC – Annexe 38 N  
The proposal was withdrawn. The screening committee will be directed to ensure maximum participation of women in teams. That is, women who may not meet the eligibility criteria will still be permitted to compete for the in the event for their team if they demonstrate sufficient proficiency to participate in an FAI 1 event. Additionally, the screening committee may limit the class of glider that a pilot is authorized to use.
- Freeze WPRS for the first year – Annexe 38 O  
The proposal was withdrawn. The Bureau is tasked to engage a proper WG to correct the proposal to achieve the right effect (slow down to almost 0 time devaluation for the first 6 months and make it smooth in the end of the period)  
Yes  
Nay
- Increase Launch Window Time – Annexe 38 P  
The proposal was withdrawn

### **Country Spain**

- WG to Rank Regional events – Annexe 38 Q Bureau will create a WG  
No vote is needed. Bureau will create a Working group.
- Junior Sub categories XC – Annexe 38 R – The proposal was amended Bureau is tasked to define and implementing age filters in WPRS with lower limit 19.  
Vote – simple majority  
Yes 30  
Nay
- Expiration time for PG Wings – Annexe 38 S  
It was noted that competition organizer can set such a rule in Local rules of the event.  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority- **Failed**  
Yes 2  
Nay 26  
Abstained 1

### **Country Portugal**

- Forbidden words on Radio – Annexe 38 T  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 27  
Nay 0  
Abstained 3

### **Country Romania**

All proposals were withdrawn. Some of ideas of Romanian proposals were merged into PGA committee and Slovenian proposals for PGA.

- Knock out – Annexe 38 U -  
The proposal was withdrawn.  
Yes

Nay

- Maximum number of rounds – Annexe 38 V  
The proposal was withdrawn  
Yes  
Nay

- PGA Category 1 events – Annexe 38 W  
The proposal was withdrawn  
Yes  
Nay

### **Country Italy**

- Joint HG Class 1 Continentals and HG Class 5 Worlds – Annexe 38 Y  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority  
Yes 25  
Nay 4  
Abstained 1

### **Country Croatia**

- PGA Knock out after 8 rounds – Annexe 38 Z  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**  
Yes 4  
Nay 14  
Abstained 12

### **Country USA**

- PGA-Team-Priority – Annexe 38 AA  
Vote – 2/3 qualified majority - **Failed**  
Yes 1  
Nay 22  
Abstained 7

## 39. Bids for Category 1 Championships

**2024**

### **The 4<sup>th</sup> FAI World Paragliding Aerobatic Championships**

- Turkey – Annexe 39 A.  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 30  
Nay

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### **The 18<sup>th</sup> FAI European Paragliding XC Championships**

- North Macedonia – Annexe 39 D  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 29  
Nay  
Abstained 1

### **The 7<sup>th</sup> FAI Pan American Paragliding XC Championships**

- Mexico – Annexe 39 F - Mexico was not allowed to bid as no Cat 2 events were held in that flying site.
- USA – Annexe 39 E  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 8  
Nay 7  
Abstained 15

### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI Asian Oceanic Paragliding XC Championships**

- Kazakhstan – Annexe 39 G  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 22  
Nay 0  
Abstained 8

### **9<sup>th</sup> European Paragliding Accuracy Championships**

- Romania – Annexe 39 H.  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 25  
Nay 0  
Abstained 5

### **The 1<sup>nd</sup> FAI Pan-American Paragliding Accuracy Championships**

- Chile — Annexe 39 I.  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 24  
Nay 0  
Abstained 6

### **The 5<sup>th</sup> FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championships**

- Thailand – Annexe 39 J  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 22  
Nay 0  
Abstained 8

### **Hang Gliding Championships Class 1 & 5 Women**

- France - Annexe 39 K. The Bureau allowed the bid as there were events in this place before COVID.  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 26  
Nay 0  
Abstained 4

### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> FAI World Junior Paragliding XC Championships**

- North Macedonia – Annexe 39 L - Letter of intent was voted and approved. Bureau is tasked to define the parameters of the event after the 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Worlds will be held. The Plenary voted to confirm the place and the organizers.  
Vote. Simple majority.  
Yes 28

Nay 0  
Abstained 2

#### 40. Provisional budget

- Narrative – An oral report was given by Andy Cowley.

#### 41. Nominations for Awards

##### **Hang Gliding and Paragliding Diploma**

- Nomination Hungary – Annexe 41 A.  
Vote. Simple majority. No proxy.  
Yes 14  
Nay 0  
Abstained 2

##### **Pepe Lopes Medal**

- Nomination from Italy – Annexe 41 B.  
Vote. Simple majority. No proxy.  
Yes 15  
Nay 0  
Abstained 1

##### **FAI Air Sport Medal**

- To some 2023 Cat 1 organisers – Annexe 41 C.  
Vote. Simple majority. No proxy.  
Yes 16  
Nay 0

#### 42. Venue of next Plenary meeting

- Budva, Montenegro – Annexe 42. The dates of the Plenary 2025 - 6-9 March

#### 43. Any other matter

- The French delegate suggested to create a WG to consider inclusion of disabled pilots in PG XC and PGA
- The UK delegate underlined the acuteness of Harness issue. The Bureau needs to get involved.
- The Brazil delegate suggests bids should be better reviewed in commissions before voting. Committee chairs should steer this process.
- The Bureau shall prohibit adding last minute proposals for the Plenary.
- The PGA event in Korea G-Games was desanctioned after careful case study. The reasons the change of AMD during the event and the use of judges not qualified to act in their positions.
- Light weight class – a subject to be looked into again. See survey.

#### 44. Nomination and election of Bureau members and Committee Chairs

Thomas Senac (FRA) was elected to be the chair of Hike & Fly Committee by acclamation.  
Cristiano Pereira (PTR) was nominated as Secretary of the Bureau and was unanimously approved.  
Fabio Loro (ITA) was nominated as co-chair of the Paragliding XC committee and was unanimously approved.

#### 45. Closing remarks of the CIVL President

Thank you for participation. CIVL Bureau will work on internal regulations to improve voting procedures.