



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

BALLOONING COMMISSION CIA
COMMISSION D'AEROSTATION

REPORT ON CIA BUREAU DISCUSSIONS & DECISIONS 2012 – 2013

1. March 30, 2012

Montgolfier Diploma 2011 nomination from Switzerland

Due to extraordinary circumstances the Swiss NAC's nomination for the 2011 Montgolfier Diploma – Best performance Hot Air – was received late and was therefore rejected by the CIA Plenary in Birstonas.

However, it appeared after the Plenary that the nomination was made in good faith by the Swiss NAC, based on erroneous information received from FAI. Therefore the CIA Bureau has decided to:

*Refer the Swiss nomination for the 2011 Montgolfier Diploma to the CIA Plenary in 2013, where its merits will be discussed and its eventual approval shall be decided by the CIA delegates.
The Swiss NAC and CIA delegate will be informed accordingly. (done by e-mail on March 30, 2012)*

2. April 14, 2012

Paypal payment fees

The CIA Bureau has decided, on a proposal from the CIA president, to instruct the FAI offices that:

"Should a paying party decide to use Paypal for its payment to FAI, then a charge of 5% shall be added to the amount due."

3. April 28, 2012

CIA Bureau Awards Working Group

On a decision of the 2012 CIA Plenary, the CIA Bureau has agreed to the set-up of a CIA Bureau Awards Working Group with the following mission:

- To review the CIA Awards and Sporting Badge criteria and processes as defined in the FAI Statutes, By-Laws, Sporting Code Section One and CIA Internal Regulations,
- to propose to the CIA Bureau the necessary changes required to give the CIA the right to make nominations for CIA Awards,
- to consider the historical implications of changing CIA Awards and Sporting Badge criteria,

- to consider setting up a permanent CIA Awards Screening WG with the mission to screen all CIA Awards and Sporting Badge nominations in order to only present acceptable nominations for approval to the CIA Plenary, and to write the Terms of Reference for the CIA Awards Screening WG

The Working Group will consist of the following members:

- Hans Akerstedt, chairman
- Alex Nagorski, secretary
- Lindsay Muir, member
- Mark Sullivan, member
- Paolo Ogioni, member

The Awards WG is a Temporary CIA Bureau Working Group, which is due to give its final recommendation by December 1st 2012, in order for the CIA Bureau to prepare for the 2013 CIA Plenary accordingly. The Awards WG will be automatically disestablished after the 2013 CIA Plenary in March 2013.

4. May 16, 2012

Competition Operations Handbook version 2012B

In accordance with the Plenary resolution the CIA Bureau has approved the COH version 2012B, as presented by the RSC Scoring Working Group, for publication

5. May 23, 2012

Safety Officer at the 1st Junior World Hot Air balloon Championship.

On a recommendation from the CIA Safety Subcommittee chairman, the CIA Bureau approved to replace **Jerzy Czerniawski** with **Igor Lobashov** as the CIA approved Safety Officer at the 1st Junior World Hot Air balloon Championship.

6. May 29, 2012

Invitation process for the 2nd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship.

On a proposal from the German NAC delegate, the CIA Bureau decided (2 in favour, 2 abstentions, plus CIA President's casting vote) to authorise the organisers to extend the invitation process with a final round of invitations to end with new deadlines of June 24 for NAC nominations and July 8 for receiving the documents and entry fees.

7. August 6, 2012

Jury for 12th Debrecen Cup International Hot Air Balloon Competition

On a request from the event organisers the CIA Bureau decided to allow replacing Jury member Nancy Van Huffel (Belgium), unavailable on short notice, with Jury member Sandor Hidas (Hungary)

8. August 16, 2012

2nd Women European Hot Air Balloon Championship

On a request from the event organisers, the CIA Bureau has decided to change the CLOSING ENTRY DATE for the 2nd Women European Hot Air Balloon Championship to September 17, 2012 (23:59).

In accordance with the Sporting Code Section 1, para 5.6.4, the CIA Bureau has also decided to modify **2.3 QUALIFICATION** in Section III of the Event Rules to read:

PILOTS-IN-COMMAND SHALL HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ACT AS PILOT-IN-COMMAND OF THAT SUB-CLASS OF AEROSTAT FOR WHICH THE FIRST CATEGORY EVENT IS HELD. EACH PILOT-IN-COMMAND SHALL HAVE ACCUMULATED AT LEAST 50 HOURS AS PILOT-IN-COMMAND OF AEROSTATS OF THAT SUB-CLASS BY THE CLOSING ENTRY DATE.

These changes must be communicated immediately by the organiser to all concerned NACs and officials.

9. December 16, 2012

21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship

On December 16 the CIA Bureau has decided to cancel the FAI/CIA sanction for the 21st FAI Hot Air Balloon World Championship in 2014 in Brazil. The decision reads:

After long and unsuccessful consultations with the event organisers and after careful consideration of all available information, the CIA Bureau has decided to cancel the FAI/CIA sanction for the 21st FAI Hot Air Balloon World Championship in 2014 in Brazil. The CIA Bureau also decided to immediately re-open the bidding process for this event, and to make final decisions on this matter at the CIA Plenary Meeting in March 2013.

10. February 18, 2012

21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship

During a Skype audio conference the Bureau members unanimously decided to demand that the FAI Secretary General shall send the Organiser Agreement notification of breach of contract to the Brazilian Ballooning Federation and the Brazilian NAC before February 21, 2013.

(Note: This notification was sent on February 20)

11. March 19, 2013

21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship

On March 18 the Brazilian CIA delegate and NAC President addressed an email message to the FAI President, cc. to the CIA President, with attached documents intended to serve as the requested and required guarantees as outlined in the breach of contract notification.

During its meeting on March 19, 2013 the CIA Bureau considered these documents and found that they were not what was requested and required as far as the proposed offer of balloon systems transport from Europe to Brazil and back and the re-submission of the sanction application are concerned.

The CIA Bureau therefore decided to inform the Brazilian organisers of its decision

- to reject the organiser's request to rescind its decision to cancel the sanction for the AX Worlds in 2014,
- to not accept the provided guarantees as sufficient to remedy the breach of contract, and
- to remind the organisers that their sanction application for the AX Worlds 2014, together with the required guarantees, must be presented, if they wish, to the CIA Bureau before March 21, 2013.

12. March 21, 2013

21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship

On March 20 the President of the Brazilian Ballooning Federation (CBB) addressed a letter to the CIA President promising ***"that any additional need regarding the FAB transportation (1 C-130 aircraft loading 8.5 tonnes with a volume of 70 m3), will be undertaken by the CBB responsibility, which is up to fifty balloon equipments and twenty ballooning envelopes"***.

The FAI President John Grubström therefore decided that the FAI (the signing party of the Organiser Agreement) will consider, under an educated impression, the Breach of Contract remedied and the Organiser Agreement a valid contract.

After having discussed the CBB request *"to give the sanction back to Brazil"*, the Bureau decided on a majority vote that the CIA president shall present the CBB request to the Plenary, and to not alienate the delegates rights and to let the Plenary decide if they wish to give the sanction for the 2014 AX Worlds back to the organiser or not.

13. March 21, 2013

CIA Bureau Awards Working Group Report

The CIA Bureau approved the recommendations presented by the WG and asked the WG chairman to present his report and his recommendations for adoption to the Plenary.

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