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Dear Max

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- a) That in 2007 CIMA decided to use the word "Paramotor" in place of "PPG" or "Powered Paraglider" and to rename itself "the International Microlight and Paramotor Commission".
- b) That in 2009 CIMA decided to include Microlight Autogyros within its remit.

I attach a paper endorsed by the CIMA Bureau proposing amendments to FAI General section, Byelaws and Statutes which will remedy the situation.

I would be most grateful if you could take the necessary steps so the FAI General Conference and CASI are requested to take the necessary amendment action.

Yours Sincerely, and happy new year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Richard Meredith-Hardy'.

Richard Meredith-Hardy
CIMA President

CIMA proposed changes to FAI Sporting Code

By Richard Meredith-Hardy, CIMA President

Introduction

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The proposal regarding Microlight Autogyros as accepted unanimously by the CIMA plenary is available at <http://www.flymicro.com/cima09> proposal 2a.

This is therefore a request for amendments to the FAI Sporting Code to bring it into line with decisions made by the CIMA plenary. The proposals below cover both issues but for simplicity are presented in the same order as they appear in documents. In each case they include existing text, **proposed new text**, and reasons.

Proposal 1

Existing text

GS 1.4 FAI INTERNATIONAL AIR SPORT COMMISSIONS

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New text

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Reasons

- a) In 2007 CIMA decided to rename itself “the International Microlight and Paramotor Commission.” This was primarily because Paramotors, although technically a ‘microlight’ had become a distinct entity in form, practice and culture. By 2007 it was evident that participation in both records and championships by paramotor pilots was at least as strong as in ‘classical microlights’, and growing, and therefore the entire activity needed to be acknowledged as an ‘equal partner’ within CIMA.
- b) With the growth of paramotoring from the mid 1990’s, classical microlights became known within CIMA as “the classic classes” but there was a variety of ways to refer to paramotors. In place of “Powered Paraglider” or “PPG”, the CIMA plenary decided in 2007 to adopt the name “Paramotor” to refer to a specific group of aircraft (S10 1.4) and the “classic classes” became distinctly “Microlights”. This is now reflected throughout FAI S10 and also in the way CIMA manages its affairs.
- c) In 2009 the CIMA Plenary unanimously decided to include Microlight Autogyros within its remit. These are aircraft conforming to the standard one or two seat, MAUW and minimum speed definitions for microlights and defined in S10 as: *“An Autogyro is a powered aircraft, which in flight, derives most of its lift from an autorotating rotor system not provided with any form of direct power drive.”*

Proposal 2

Existing text

GS 2.1 CLASSIFICATIONS

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Class R : Microlight aircraft and Powered Paragliders

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New text

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Class R : Microlight aircraft and **Paramotors**

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Reason

See Reason 1a

Proposal 3

Existing text

2.2.1.15 Class R.

MICROLIGHT: A one or two seat aeroplane with a specified maximum mass and characterised by a very low wing-loading.

POWERED HANG GLIDER: A hang glider fitted with means of propulsion capable of launching it and sustaining flight.

POWERED PARAGLIDER: A paraglider with means of propulsion capable of launching it and sustaining flight.

New text

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PARAMOTOR: A paraglider with means of propulsion capable of launching it and sustaining flight.

MICROLIGHT AUTOGYRO: A one or two seat rotorcraft with a specified maximum mass, the wings of which are not provided with any form of power drive.

Reason

See Reasons 1b and 1c. It is proposed to add the notion of “Microlight Autogyro” to this provision rather than to mess around with the description of a microlight which could have undesirable consequences.

This also has the convenient effect of not causing contradictions with provisions for “Autogyros” elsewhere in the Sporting Code.

*Note this should also be reflected in the Table of Contents as “**Microlights and Paramotors**”*

Proposal 4

Existing text

GS, GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Numerical

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10 (Sporting Code Section) - Microlights

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New text

GS, GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Numerical

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10 (Sporting Code Section) – Microlights **and Paramotors**

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Reason

See Reason 1a

Proposal 5

Existing text

GS, GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Alphabetical

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CIMA Commission Internationale de Micro-Aviation, the International Microlight Commission.

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New text

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Reason

See Reason 1a

Proposal 6

Existing text

GS, GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Alphabetical

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R (FAI Class) - Microlights, Powered Hang Gliders and Powered Paragliders

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New text

GS, GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Alphabetical

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R (FAI Class) - Microlights, Powered Hang Gliders, **Paramotors and Microlight Autogyros.**

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Reason

See Reasons 1b and 1c

Proposal 7

Existing text

Bylaws 12.11.2. THE ANN WELCH DIPLOMA

12.11.2.1. History. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 2006, on a proposal by the FAI Microlight Commission. Ann Welch, for many years FAI Vice President and Editor of the FAI Bulletin, played leading international roles in the development not only of Microlight aviation, but also of gliding and hang-gliding. She was instrumental in creating the FAI Microlight Commission (CIMA) and formulating the Microlight sporting code. She worked tirelessly for many years in the cause of Microlight sport flying.

12.11.2.2. Eligibility. The Diploma may be awarded each year to the pilot or crew of a Microlight who made the most meritorious flight which resulted in a Microlight World record claim ratified in the calendar year preceding the CIMA meeting.

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Reason

See Reasons 1a and 1b

Proposal 8

Existing text

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Reason

See Reasons 1a and 1b

Proposal 9

Existing text

Statutes 5.6.3.10. FAI MICROLIGHT COMMISSION

all matters relating to microlight (ultralight) aircraft.

New Text

Statutes 5.6.3.10. FAI MICROLIGHT **AND PARAMOTOR** COMMISSION

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Reason

See Reasons 1a and 1b