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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the **FAI Air Sport General Commission**

held in Lausanne, Switzerland
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**AIR SPORT GENERAL COMMISSION
(COMMISSION AÉRONAUTIQUE SPORTIVE INTERNATIONALE (CASI))**

**MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETING HELD IN LAUSANNE
STARTING AT 14:00 HOURS ON 20 MAY 2005**

Chairman: Sandy Pimenoff (Finland), CASI President

Present: List of attenders, Annex A

Secretary: Ian Strachan (UK), CASI Secretary

Paragraph numbers are the same as those in the agenda.

1. **Roll Call.** Eight airports out of 10 were represented and eight national members out of 10. Detail is in annex A.

2. **Departed friends.** The meeting stood as a mark of respect for those friends of FAI who had died since the last meeting.

3. **Minutes of the last Plenary meeting.** The minutes of the CASI Plenary meeting held in Lausanne on 25 January 2004 were approved without change. The Secretary confirmed that all matters arising from the minutes were covered by the agenda for the May 2005 Plenary.

4. **Minutes of the last Bureau meeting.** The minutes of the CASI Bureau meeting held in Madrid on 1 October 2004 were approved without change. The Secretary confirmed that all matters arising from the minutes were covered by the agenda for the May 2005 Plenary.

5. **Report on activities since the last Plenary.** There had been no appeals leading to a tribunal. The President had rejected one Model Aircraft record claim because of a late initial message to FAI (seven days deadline, GS 6.8.4 refers).

6. **Report on meetings of Commission Presidents Group (CPG).** Since the last CASI Plenary, CPG meetings had been held at Madrid (October 2004) and Lausanne (May 2005). President Pimenoff stated that these had been mainly about World Air Games matters. Also, the FAI President had asked that the future structure of CASI to be considered. The CASI President had put some thoughts in an email sent to FAI on 16 May 2005. Copies were given to CASI delegates at the meeting for Agenda item 7.

7. **Future of CASI.** President Pimenoff's email mentioned in para 6, refers. In introducing it, he said that at the CASI Bureau meeting on the previous day there had been criticism that it was too negative. However, the intention had been to provide a basis for the start of discussion. He added that CASI had a lot to offer not only in maintaining the General Section of the Sporting Code but also in co-operation between Air Sport Commissions. No decisions could be taken at this Plenary on this matter because no proposals had been circulated in the agenda but delegates were asked for their opinions. After discussion, it was decided that the CASI Bureau would produce another paper for the agenda for the next Plenary. The CIVA delegate suggested that someone from outside the Bureau should participate but no volunteers came forward. However, inputs for such a paper were invited from all CASI Delegates and others connected with CASI business.

Action: Bureau, CASI Delegates

8. **CASI web pages.** The Secretary reported that he had reviewed them just before travelling to Lausanne and had no comments to raise. The Swedish delegate asked whether there was a CASI web forum for discussion between CASI delegates. The Secretary pointed out that there was an FAI email address casi-com@fai.org for all CASI delegates and this could be used for discussion purposes. *(Note: The CASI web pages are on <http://www.fai.org/casi/>. CASI is listed on page one as one of the ASCs and the web pages follow on clicking CASI in the list).*

9. **Sporting Code General Section Review Group.** *(Members of this ad hoc Group are Hanspeter Hirzel (Chairman), Art Greenfield, Ian Strachan and Jean-Claude Weber).* Dr Hanspeter Hirzel reported. A Review Group meeting had been held the day before and he presented his recommendations to the Plenary. His philosophy was that rules should be designed for sportsmen, the code should be short and clear and new rules should be reduced to a minimum. He also suggested that proposals for future GS changes should be sent to the Secretary General in the first instance. In terms of the agenda, items that had been proposed for GS 2005 were at Annex A. After much discussion, the items proposed for action by Dr Hirzel and agreed by the Plenary, are at Annex B. Other items in Annex A to the agenda were not considered by the Plenary. *(Note, after the meeting: The GS will be amended in accordance with annex B to these minutes and published in the normal timescale after the Plenary. GS 2005 will therefore be published by the FAI Secretariat with an issue date of 1 July 2005).*

10. **Solar Powered Aircraft.** Pierluigi Duranti, President of the FAI Technical Commission CIACA, had made proposals about solar powered aircraft in an email to casi-com@fai.org dated 10 May 2005. *(From the GS Glossary: CIACA is the Commission Internationale des Amateurs Constructeurs d'Aéronefs, the FAI Amateur-built and Experimental Aircraft Commission).* These proposals included a draft of a complete new Sporting Code devoted only to this type of aircraft and to be the responsibility of CIACA. The CASI President ruled that no further discussion could take place because Mr Duranti was not present to make the case for his proposals. The Secretary pointed out that Statute 5.7 made no provision for Technical Commissions to be responsible for Sporting Codes whereas 5.6.2.2 for Air Sport Commissions made specific reference to this responsibility. *(In accordance with GS 1.4, at present, solar and electric powered aircraft are the responsibility of CASI but could be transferred to another Air Sport Commission at an appropriate time).*

11. **Jury matters.** These include the Jury Member's handbook, edited by Jean-Claude Weber on behalf of CASI. He asked for any suggestions for improvements to be sent to him.

Action: NACs, ASCs, CASI Delegates

12. **Three Year Rule for changing nationality.** IPC had asked for clarification on the "three year rule" in GS 8.1.3.6.1 for persons changing countries and NACs. The IPC Bureau had proposed a period of 1095 days (three years of 365 days each) and other wording was also on the agenda that allowed participation in the third year rather than after a fixed number of days. After discussion, it was agreed that a fixed period would apply but because of difficulties over leap-years, the three year period would be taken from the day of the closing ceremony of the first competition to the day of the opening ceremony of the second."

12.1 CIVL had proposed that the "three year rule" should not apply to second category events. In discussion it was pointed out that this already seemed to be part of GS 8.1.3.6.2. However, the Secretary General said that in 8.1.3.6, a distinction was made between citizens and residents and also activities and events (*"activities" include everything including records, "events" include competitions and other organised events, see GS Chapter 3*). There was also the matter of persons with dual nationality. It was decided that this would be looked at more closely for the next meeting and more detailed proposals were invited that took these distinctions into account.

Action: CIVL

13. Sporting Code General Section Proposals. These had been collected by the Secretary from inputs by various bodies and were at Annex A to the agenda. These items have already been covered under para 9.

14. Dates of future CASI Plenary meetings. This had been raised by the Chairman of the UK NAC (Letter at annex C to the agenda). The issue was whether future CASI Plenaries should return to the General Conference period rather than being held each January in Lausanne.

14.1 Decision The UK proposal to revert CASI Plenaries to the General Conference period was accepted by a large majority.

14.2 Follow-up actions. Having taken a decision of principle for the future, the date and location of the next Plenary was discussed. Possibilities included Paris in October 2005, Santiago in October 2006 or a "one-off" meeting in Lausanne in January 2006 before the next in Santiago. It was decided by majority vote that the next Plenary would be in Paris on the day before the Opening Ceremony, under arrangements independent of those already in place with the Aero Club de France for the General Conference.

15. World Records. The Ballooning commission CIA had proposed that GS 6.8.2 and 6.8.4 be revised to permit that a time extension be granted in exceptional circumstances by the President of the ASC concerned. The Secretary read out the current wording which was to the effect that the CASI President took such decisions after consultation with the appropriate ASC President. After a short discussion, the CIA amendment was agreed.

15.1 Seven day period for initial notification of claim. The UK proposal to extend the seven day period to one calendar month (annex C to the agenda) was rejected by a large majority.

16. Statutes and By-laws. The UK paper at Annex B to the agenda was noted. The UK delegate stated that, having taken advice from the Secretary General, the UK NAC had placed it on the agenda for the next General Conference. This was to place it officially "on the table" for discussion and also so that the new Statutes Working Group would consider it at their meeting on 21 May 2005. Comments on the paper were invited from CASI delegates but none were made.

Any other business (AOB). The Polish delegate pointed out the role of CASI and the importance of monitoring and supporting new air activities that will popularise air sport among youth.

He suggested that Grand Prix type events, if not balanced by popular forms of active participation, will cause financial problems for NACs in countries which are in the process of transforming their economies into the free market.
There were no other AOB items.

18. Date and place of next meetings. The next CASI Plenary will be on 11 October 2005 in Paris at a venue to be announced. A short Plenary will be held on the afternoon of Friday 14 October immediately after the end of the General Conference, to elect the Bureau for the next year. Para 14.3 refers. (*Note, after the meeting: The Plenary will start at 09:00 on 11 October*)

19. Election of the CASI Bureau.

19.1 **President.** Sandy Pimenoff (President CIAM, Finland) was elected by majority vote.

19.2 **Vice Presidents.** Art Greenfield (USA) and Adam Ustynowicz (Poland) were re-elected without a vote being necessary.

19.3 **Secretary.** Ian Strachan (UK) was re-elected without a vote being necessary.

Annexes: A. CASI delegates and attenders at the meeting
B. Sporting Code General Section amendments for GS 2005

Notes, after the meeting:

(1) *The CASI Plenary (Tuesday 11 October 2005 at 09:00) will take place in a conference room that will be booked by the FAI President at a location close to the Aero Club de France HQ near the Arc de Triomphe. The location will be announced later.*

(2) *At the General Conference, the membership of the following five nations expires and a vote will be held for the five places which can include the existing nations: Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland and the UK.*

(3) *Immediately after the General Conference, a short CASI Plenary including the five nations just voted by the GC will be held to elect the CASI Bureau for the next year and to clear up any other outstanding items left over from the meeting on 11 October.*

Action: CASI Delegates to note

LIST OF CASI DELEGATES AND ATTENDERS

BUREAU (after the elections on 20 May 2005:

President: Sandy Pimenoff (also President, CIAM, Finland)

VPs: Art Greenfield (also delegate for USA)

Adam Ustynowicz (also delegate for Poland)

Secretary: Ian Strachan (also delegate for UK)

DELEGATES (including Bureau members):

Air sport Commissions (10) - in order of Sporting Code number (GS para 1.4):

1. CIA, Ballooning, Jean-Claude Weber (Luxembourg), President
2. GAC, General Aviation, Pedro Cabañero Marimón, President
3. IGC, Gliding, Robert G. Henderson (New Zealand), President
4. CIAM, Aeromodelling, Sandy Pimenoff (Finland), President
5. IPC, Parachuting, Patrice Girardin (France), President
6. CIVA, Aerobatics, Osmo Jalovaara (Finland), Vice President
7. CIVL, Hang Gliding, Flip Koetsier, President
8. ICARE, Astronautics, apologies from Segismundo Sanz Fernandez de Cordoba (Spain), President
9. CIG, Rotorcraft, Alfred-Pierre Herbert (Switzerland), CIG CASI delegate
10. CIMA, Microlights, apologies from Tomas Backman (Sweden), President

Nations (10) in alphabetical order:

1. Canada, Bob Carlson (not present, apologies sent)
2. Czech Republic, Jiri Dodal
3. France, Jean-François Schwartz
4. Germany, Daniel Dornheim (not present, apologies sent)
5. Poland, Adam Ustynowicz
6. Russia, Sergy Kiselev
7. Sweden, Henry Lindholm
8. Switzerland, Hanspeter Hirzel
9. UK, Ian Strachan
10. USA, Art Greenfield

OTHERS PRESENT: FAI President, Pierre Portmann
FAI Secretary General, Max Bishop

Observers: Dr Michael Goth, Environment Commission, President
Olaf Aamoth (Norway)
Evgeny Gustov, Russian interpreter
Michiel Kasteleijn, Vice President CIEA (Education Commission)

Proxies: None

Apologies: ASCs: two, NACs: two. See above

CASI votes - By-Law 5.2. This states that the CASI Delegates, each with one vote, are ten Active Members (NACs) to be elected by the General Conference, and the ten Presidents of the FAI Air Sport Commissions (or their duly appointed representatives). Once elected, the CASI President may no longer represent his Commission or NAC of origin. The CASI Secretary need not necessarily be a CASI delegate.

Contact details. Email addresses of delegates can be obtained through the CASI web site under "CASI Delegates", others through the FAI Secretariat and also through the FAI CASI delegate email list casi-com@fai.org

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL SECTION OF THE SPORTING CODE

Paras 9, 12, 13 and 15 of the main minutes, refer. Also Annex A to the agenda.

GS Para Amendment

3.5.3.1 The wording of the last sentence to be changed to: "If there are less than 4 NACs entered, the ASC shall decide whether the event will take place and shall also decide whether or not the title of Champion will be awarded."

3.8.1.2 to add environmental requirements and to read: "As a minimum, the bid shall contain information on dates, site, local weather and the characteristics of the location relevant to the activity in question. This will include environmental requirements, conditions of airspace, any special insurance requirements, indication of the amount of entry fee and what entry fees includes."

3.11.2 To add the CIMP wording less the last sentence in the version of 3.11.2 that was in Annex A to the agenda:

3.11.2 DOPING, ALCOHOL, ILLNESS AND INJURY. This is a brief outline from the document "FAI Anti-Doping Rules and Procedures", published by FAI and agreed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) for application to Air Sports. (AL9)

3.11.2.1 Definition. Doping consists of the use or attempted use of one or more prohibited substances or methods, or of blood or blood products, or of manipulation aimed at making these difficult to detect. This may be intentional, unintentional, involve negligence or omission, or in any other circumstances. A doping offence is also committed by refusal or failure to comply with doping control testing, tampering with doping control, possession of a prohibited substance or method, or aiding a doping offence.

3.11.2.2. Policy. FAI policy is to prevent misuse, malpractice and cheating, in this case where doping is concerned. Doping is contrary to the FAI principles of equity and fair play and is potentially damaging to the health and safety of participants in Air Sports.

3.11.2.3. Prohibited Substances. These are those in the WADA standard list valid at the moment of testing (listed on www.wada-ama.org). The FAI also includes alcohol (above a defined level) and marijuana for flight safety reasons.

3.11.2.4 Competitor responsibilities. All competitors entering sporting events under FAI rules shall accept that they may be required to submit to, and co-operate with, doping control measures. Entrants with a documented medical condition requiring the use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method must before the event concerned have obtained a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) in accordance with FAI Anti-Doping rules. In addition, for reasons arising during or immediately before the event, a competitor taking any drug or medication, or suffering from a medical condition, illness or injury, which might either compromise safety or invalidate a licence, must inform the Contest Director in writing before competing.

4.3.1.3 Add at the end: .. unless the Air Sport Commission concerned specifies otherwise.

6.8.2 and 6.8.4, granting of extensions, instead of "CASI President", to read: "unless an extension is granted by the relevant ASC President having reviewed any factors that may have made it difficult to submit the file in the normal timescale."

7.1 Line on time to read "UT or UTC"

8.1.3.6.1 Add at the end: .. The three year period shall be taken from the day of the closing ceremony of the first competition to the day of the opening ceremony of the second.