



Notes from the IGC Bureau Zoom meeting, Tuesday 3rd June at 10:00 UTC

Participants

- Peter Eriksen, president (PE)
- Rick Sheppe, 1st vice-president (RS)
- Sylvain Gerbaud, vice-president (SG)
- Reno Filla, vice president, (RF)
- Frouwke Kuijpers, vice-president (FK)
- Brian Spreckley, vice-president (BS)
- Mandy Temple, vice-president (MT)
- Vladimir Foltin, secretary (VF)

Apologies

- Patrick Pauwels, treasurer (PP)

Agenda

1. Welcome
The President welcomed the members of the Bureau.
2. Bureau Action List
The list will be reviewed and updated after the meeting.
3. Finance
 - a. Current Status
PP provided the usual overview of the IGC finances prior to the meeting, The FAI's financial audit showed that it is in a sound financial situation, with good reserves and income exceeding costs. Financial predictions are positive and stable.

Post meeting note:

Decision: *The Bureau endorsed additional budget of up to 300€ for travel expenses of a potential additional team member for the SGP team to come to the SGP final in St. Auban.*

4. Feedback from Joint FAI EB/Air Sport Commission Presidents meeting.
PE represented the IGC at the very good F2F meeting in Lausanne.
Topics covered:
 - Finances (see above).
 - FAI General Conference: - IGC safety work may be recognised as a key initiative.
 - Record management system: this is to be fully automated, including flight evidence uploads and 30-day approval (down from 90 days).
 - Membership structure: substantial discussions have taken place, but no solution has yet been found. One possible solution is a flatter fee structure with less progression in the



number of votes. The current fees per registered NAC member are deemed disproportionate (fees may be standardised, with an increase for large NACs and a decrease for small ones, but no formal proposal has yet been made).

- FAI management and structure: the core business (ASCs) is outside the structure. This is expected to change, with less freedom for ASCs and more responsibilities. The evolution of NACs must be considered (centralised versus federated/distributed – both options must be possible within the FAI). Some smaller commissions may disappear in the future, with some being integrated into existing Air Sport Commissions (ASCs).

- ASC sanction fees: The payment of fees is sometimes the responsibility of ASC, and sometimes that of the organisers. The latter may need to be reviewed. No impact on the IGC is expected.

- World Air Games: The event may come back. The IGC is supportive if it takes place in an area where gliding can take place. The next WAG is in Germany, in the Black Forest, which is a good place for gliding.

The events calendar: It was agreed that updates will be provided once the event has been awarded by the Plenary, and the status of the Championships will be indicated.

- Organiser Agreements – this is working well.

- Standardised FAI event application: for any ranking list competition to be added, this must be done a certain time before the event (at least 30 days beforehand). This will be followed up by the RL team.

5. Sporting Code Section 3 update

Decision: The Bureau approved the update to Section 3 of the Sporting Code for publication.

6. CMC report

Decision: The Bureau approved the new dates for the 8th FAI Junior EGC 2027 in Birzai, Lithuania: 27 July – 14 August (to avoid clashing with the period of student exams).

The organisers of the 24th EGC in Vinon, France (18m, 20m, open), proposed dates of 3–17 July for the event. These dates were included in the bid presentation during the IGC Plenary, but the calendar still shows the dates from the bid form. The Bureau highlighted that the proposed dates would overlap with the 14th Women's WGC and requested that the event be moved one or two weeks later than the newly proposed dates, in order to fully deconflict the calendar. This will be checked by the organisers.

7. Review of Sporting Code and related documents

RS referred to the paper that had been distributed prior to the meeting. The IGC needs to repurpose the local procedures (LPs) and self-briefing and start controlling the required information and procedures that the teams must comply with. Ideally, the complete set of new documents should be ready in time for normal proposals at the next IGC Plenary. There is no expectation of a Y1/Y2 proposal because this will not entail changes to the rules or procedures, only reorganisation, though this will sometimes be substantial. Self-briefing should not contain procedures but may illustrate them if they are included in the LPs.

8. **Action:** RS to finalise the proposal for Review of Sporting Code and related documents based on the Bureau's feedback, ready for discussion and finalisation at the face-to-face bureau meeting.

9. IGC ranking List



RF referred to the paper that had been distributed prior to the meeting.

a. Status

The issues with PayPal API were reported. The solution was to move to AMS system of the FAI.

b. Event calendar

Action: PE to follow up with the FAI to resolve the issues with the IGC RL invoicing.

10. Date and time for next Bureau meeting

Monday 30th June at 10:00 UTC (online)

11. AOB

- Sailplane Grand Prix Series 12: Now completed. All 19 invited pilots have accepted, along with the current champion, to make up the final 20.
 - 2026 IGC Plenary: Place and date of the 2026 IGC Plenary in Lausanne. The proposed hotel is next to the main station and metro. There is the possibility of meeting in the FAI's meeting room, which can accommodate up to 50 people.
 - Virtual gliding – Olympic virtual games: a high-profile meeting was held last week with the presidents of the IOCs (the Condor experts participated on behalf of the IGC). The IGC is still involved, but there has been no feedback from the meeting yet. Some form of gliding should be represented (e.g. a demonstration).
 - Next generation flight recording: This has a broad support from the FAI and ASCs. Angel Casado, Peter Purdie and PE will participate as technical experts. The ASCs will present their flight recording methods, followed by an evaluation of whether a single system could be developed.
 - IGC's Safety work: a meeting is scheduled for 1 July to evaluate the proposals submitted by the pair of experts.
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