

**Minutes**

Official’s Subcommittee

FAI CIA Commission

**Hotel Taj Mahal, New Delhi, India**

13 March 2025

**Members:**

Steve Ireland (Australia) Chairman

Hiromi Furukawa (Japan)

Debbie Spaeth (USA)

Li Tong (China)

Sylvia Meinl (Germany)

Erwin Pellegrom (Netherlands

**1/ Roll call, apologies for absence**

Steve Ireland

Hiromi Furukawa

Debbie Spaeth (via Zoom)

Sylvia Meinl

Erwin Pellegrom (via Zoom)

Apologies

None

Observers as follows:-

Mark Sullivan (USA)

Markus Haggeney (FAI)

Benoit Pelard (France)

Katsura Endo (Japan)

Žydrūnas Kazlauskas (Lithuania)

**2/Review Official’s Subcommittee’s 2024 minutes.**

The Subcommittee (SC) reviewed last years minutes and accepted them as representative of last years meeting.

**3/ Points for action from last years plenary**

*PMR request for reviewing documents on the website.*

This is an ongoing project involving all SC and working group (WG) members as well as anyone involved with the CIA.

**4/ Event directors list:**

The SC has received two applications for inclusion on the Event Director’s (ED) list. They were from Tadas Gegevicius (Lithuania) and David Strasmann (Switzerland), it was agreed that they both fulfilled all the requirements of the selection criteria and will be included in the updated ED list.

The current Event Director’s list is as follows: -

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|  | AX | AA | BX |
| David Bareford (GBR) | X |  |  |
| Thomas Fink (GER) |  | X |  |
| Martin Wegner (GER) | X |  |  |
| Markus Haggeney (GER |  | X |  |
| Eugenijus Komas (LTU) | X |  |  |
| Gary Lacey (AUS) | X |  |  |
| Garry Lockyer (CAN) | X |  | X  Pending application |
| Sylvia Meinl (GER) | X |  |  |
| Paolo Oggioni (ITA) | X |  |  |
| Paul Petrehn (USA) | X |  |  |
| Les Purfield (GBR) | X |  |  |
| Hiromori Soejima (JPN) | X |  |  |
| Maury Sullivan (USA) | X |  |  |
| Claude Weber (LUX) | X |  |  |
| Tadas Gegevicius (LTU) | X |  |  |
| David Strasmann (SUI) | X |  |  |

**5/ Event director’s currency:**

This is an ongoing project.

**6/ Chief officials list**

This is an ongoing project.

**7/Items referred from elsewhere:**

CIA Jury Board Training Webinar plans. Debbie Spaeth presented to the meeting a plan to create webinars on various subjects and that the Official’s SC could consider suggesting topics that could be included in this series of webinars.

**8/ Any other business:**

It was suggested during the SC & WG Chairs and CIA Bureau meeting at the beginning of the meeting that the Official’s SC take on the project of event directors support and growth. It had been identified that the pool of event directors for many competition events is dwindling and that the SC come up with ideas to address this issue.

This generated a significant brainstorming session which consumed most of the meeting’s allotted time. Many ideas for achieving this task were suggested and debated and it was decided that the first step is to find out what interest there is within the ballooning community for taking on this role. As mentioned previously (item 7 of these minutes) the CIA Jury Board Training Webinar series could be used to produce a specific webinar aimed at potential event directors to explain what the role entails and were to find out more information about the role. We can then gauge what interest is out there in the ballooning community and decide how to encourage those interested into pursuing this role.

**9/ Recommendations.**

To recommend that the Competitors Sub-Committee include in a survey a question on who would be interested in becoming an event director.

**10/ Election of 2025 SC members and chairperson.**

During the meeting two of the observers attending the meeting agreed to become members of the SC and this was agreed unanimously by the current members and the following list is the proposed Officials SC membership.

Steve Ireland (chair)

Hiromi Furukawa (member)

Debbie Spaeth (member)

Sylvia Meinl (member)

Erwin Pellegrom (member)

Katsura Endo (member)

Benoit Pelard (member)



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