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of the
FAI Hang Gliding & Paragliding Commission

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Present: Goran Dimiskovski, Igor Erzen, Stéphane Malbos, Zeljko Ovuka, Jamie Shelden, Adrian Thomas.

Excused: Wahyu Yudha.

Thanks to Zeljko and the Serbian NAC who provided help, shelter and friendship!

Hang gliding

Jamie Shelden's report read. Issues discussed:

- 2016 FYR Macedonia Euro Class 1 and World Class 5 well on its way. Practice event successful. Decided on the maximum number of pilots per Class: 80 for Class 1 and 30 for Class 5. Team size and number of pilots scoring for the team to be adjusted accordingly in the local regulations. Eligibility to compete criteria to be proposed by the HG committee. If no proposal, Bureau will define them in the local regulations.
- 2017 Brazil World Class 1 and Women. Bureau reaffirmed that both championships although organized simultaneously must remain distinct, with different tasks including take off and start time. For the practice event, the organiser is left free to decide if he wants for women a separate competition or not.
- GAP / FS discrepancies to be fixed.
- Sport Class development strategy: concentrate in organising a few Cat 2 competitions with new format. Then and only then think about selection criteria and equipment in Cat 1 events.
- Gliders control: the multiyear sprogs campaign has been successful. It is not felt that we need to go any further in gliders control. Sprog setting will be checked randomly by the steward in the coming Euro.
- Accepted flight instruments. We are waiting for a proposal from the HG Committee. Such proposal is encouraged and should be extended to the PG Committee.

Paragliding

Adrian Thomas' report read. Issues discussed:

- GAP / FS treatment of leading points. The bug need fixing.
- High speed arrivals and how to avoid them. Task setting and decreasing the value of leading points when getting closer to goal might be better answers than conical end of speed section or similar solutions. To be studied by the committee and software group.
- CCC rules changes. Discussed at length. Bureau came up with a proposition that needs to be discussed now in the restricted group implemented recently then in the PG committee. The proposition will have to be finalized and turned into a formal proposal to the coming plenary.
- New models of CCC gliders are expected and will require attention and controls. Denis Cortella to be approached to be CIVL controller in 2016 and be present at the Macedonian Euro.

Aerobatic

Stéphane Malbos reported on on-going work:

- WAG preparation: a lot of work, not always rewarding as there is very little help from the local organisers. The administrative side of it is a nightmare and the best way to discourage volunteers.
- Restructured Section 7. A lot of work done to update the rule according to the many modifications done to the scoring software along the recent years.
- 2016 Annecy Lake World. No formal practice event nor steward but 3 observers for the French National, used as a test event. The experience shows that a practice event is a plus and that a steward may not be necessarily needed, as the chief judge covers a lot of the usual steward job.
- 2016 Annecy Lake World. Only the top country will pay its entry fee directly to FAI i.s.o. 3 top.

Accuracy

No report received. No discussion on activity.

Bureau discussed how it can involve this committee in long range actions and strategy.

Safety

Raymond Caux's and Dennis Pagen's reports read. Issues discussed:

- Additional glider controls in HG do not seem required.
- Bureau very cautious about certifying new equipment like HG harnesses. Will ask the safety officers to discuss the matter in the HG committee.

Records and badges

Igor Erzen reported on on-going work:

- New definitions of records are being discussed.
- The list of pilots being awarded badges will be updated (only the Diamond badges recipient will be shown).

Software

The Software Working Group is de facto non existent. Joërg Ewald is fixing urgent problems as they come along on a volunteer base. A project including Flytech is stalled and needs reassessing. The Bureau is to contact Flytech again and is ready to assign a budget to a new project.

Communication

Slower than usual, due to the Officer being overloaded with other work. Claudia Mejia de la Pava will be asked to help with the website: news and databases.

Jurors and stewards

- J&S in most of 2016 and 2017 Cat 1 events or Cat 2 practice events were appointed.
- Remote jurors will not be used anymore as they are in conflict with current FAI rules that request physical presence of jurors when dealing with a protest.
- Jurors receive no more stipends. Bureau think it would be good to offer Cat 1 stewards and jurors good quality clothing with a discreet CIVL logo for the event ceremonies and daily chores.

Competition coordination

Claudia Mejia de la Pava report read. Issues discussed:

- On-going work satisfactory. Problem encountered in line with past problems.
- Claudia to be asked to review current application forms and procedures.

Treasure

— Update on current situation. Currently positive but hard to know how the situation will be at the end of the year. Procedures are better understood but still need upgrading.

— Cat 1 sanction fee procedure are complicated. Bureau will study a simpler scheme where Sanction fee is fixed with no regard to the number of competitors.

— Final result has been negative the last 4 years. How can we decrease expenses and increase revenue?

- Ask FAI to pay for medals. The General Section of the Sporting Code needs changing.
- From 2018 and on, organisers will be asked to pay for their medals (unless FAI does so). Bidders will be advised of Bureau proposal to the Plenary so they can revise their budget.
- Raise the minimum sanction fee for Cat 2 from 20 euros to 50 euros, non reimbursable in case of cancellation.
- Raise the Cat 2 sanction fee from 1 entry fee to 1,5 entry fee.
- Cancel the Sanction fee rebate given to new organisers of Cat 1 events (half the price).
- Formal Bureau proposals to the plenary will be done on these matters.

Competition calendar

Project of a new "timeline" calendar discussed. Reports done on meeting with FAI and exchanges with IT persons. What is expected:

- Competition graphically visible on a daily timeline calendar.
- Timeline goes ad infinitum. - In black, the competition has been fully sanctioned (entry fee paid, NAC approved).
- In red, the competition is not fully sanctioned. Once fully sanctioned, said competition turn automatically black.

- In another colour reserved days for competition.
- CIVL Bureau inform FAI of competitions that can appear on the timeline calendar without being fully sanctioned (giving them Cat 1 status).
- All other competitions need to be fully sanctioned to appear on the timeline calendar.
- Specific line for competition shows minimum information (not much room) When mouse goes on competition line, all info become available.
- Option with filter to export data to Google calendar or other calendars.

"Cat 2 +" status for competition calendar

Current rule require that a Cat 2 competition cannot appear on the calendar unless the application form has been filed (including the NAC approval) and the sanction fee paid. This prevent Cat 2 competitions to be on the calendar months or years in advance.

Some competitions are very important and need to be on the calendar as soon as possible so other competitions can be programmed around them. A Cat 2 + status is created for such competitions. The Bureau will decide which competition needs such status and will require FAI to publish these competition on the calendar even if the application procedure is incomplete.

— In paragliding, are given Cat 2 + status: all Cat 1 practice events; all PWCA event and test events; the British, French, German and Italian Open; Bassano.

— In hang gliding, are given Cat 2 + status: all Cat 1 practice events.

— In accuracy, are given Cat 2 + status: all Cat 1 practice events.

Cat 2 application

Starting January 1st, 2016, sanction fees for Category 2 events will have to be paid at the same time as the application form is sent to the Competition coordinator. Proof of the payment will have to be attached to the application form. Application forms without proof of payment will be rejected.

Sporting licences

— The Sporting code might be modified so sporting licences are mandatory for all Cat 1 FAI officials (judges, jurors and stewards). The Bureau agrees in principle but is cautious about who will issue the sporting licence. Currently the commissions alone appoint judges, jurors and stewards without the advice of NAC, so it is suggested that commissions deliver sporting licences for their own officials.

— Bureau discussed the current FAI General Section of the Sporting Code rule that say that only pilot with FAI sporting licenses can take part in FAI competitions, Cat 1 or Cat 2. Bureau underlined that if such rules would be implemented strictly, it would be the end for many competitions and probably the end for CIVL as we know it. The Bureau has addressed and will address again the problem with FAI Executive Board and Air Sport General Commission (CASI).

— Bureau discussed what seems to be sometimes the abuse of power from some NACs that use their exclusive right to issue sporting license to blackmail or pressure morally and financially competition organisers and/or pilots. The whole structure of FAI is organized in such way that it will be very difficult to bring any relief to occasional very painful situations. Still, the Bureau will be working on it.

IPPI new scheme

France, Hungary, Italy and Serbia have adopted the new IPPI Card distribution scheme. The IPPI Card is given systematically to all pilots of a federation (or more precisely the logo is printed on the pilot national license or its equivalent) so every one knows his/her internationally recognised level of proficiency. CIVL is then charging 0,20 euro per pilot per year.

Live tracking

Discussed use and strategy.

Bureau will request HG to make it mandatory unless announced in the bid.

Plenary 2016

Discussed agenda and timetable.

Reorganization of Section 7

Bureau was updated on progress of project. All Bureau and committee proposals will be integrated in the new document when appropriate so the documents will look as much as possible like the version to be published in May 2016.

Bids for 2018 Cat 1 events

No bid received yet. Deadline is December 1st.

Italian bid for 2019 HG World

CIVL has been presented with a unique proposal for the organization of the Hang Gliding World Championships in 2019. A group of Italian organizers in cooperation with the Office of European Trans-border Cooperation is highly motivated to organize this FAI Category 1 event and has been offered significant sponsorship for the event. The unique aspect of this competition is that it would involve tasks spanning at least three countries - Italy, Austria and Slovenia. Due to the high level of sponsorship and the need to coordinate with three separate municipalities and three separate NAC's, the organizers must know earlier than the CIVL rules allow, whether they will be chosen to organize this competition.

This is a unique and exciting proposal, and because the Bureau hasn't in recent years received multiple bids for Category 1 hang gliding events, we would like to open bidding for the 2019 hang gliding Worlds immediately and make a decision on all bids at the Plenary in Lausanne in mid-February 2016.

This timeline is approximately one year earlier than provided under CIVL rules and so the Bureau's decision to allow and choose the winning bid early is subject to approval by 2/3 majority of the Plenary in Lausanne.

With this in mind, the Bureau would like to immediately invited bids for the 2019 Hang Gliding Worlds. Any organizers that have been considering presenting a bid for this event should do so by February 1, 2016. Bids should be sent to CIVL President. Provided that the Plenary approves the Bureau's decision to allow early bidding for this event, a winning bid will be voted on in Lausanne on February 21, 2016.

FAI General Conference

This year in Rotterdam, next year in Bali. It is expensive (1640 euros this year paid 100% by CIVL), long (5 days not including travel) and sometimes boring, but probably unavoidable as it is there that you can understand the bigger picture and hopefully influence it.

FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015

Accuracy and Aerobatic are concerned. WAG have been a very big load of extra work for CIVL volunteers that helped organize it. The bureaucracy of it has been a nightmare and has approached the absurd. Will it be a success? Everything is possible, nothing is sure. CIVL hopes it will be and will keep helping as much as possible.

What will CIVL get out of it? At least a good experience for what is hopefully expected to follow: the World Air Series.

World Air Series

An ambitious FAI project stretched on 5 years with a serious investment.

The idea: create our own very media friendly events, controlling them from start to end and selling them as a package to interested parties.

Bureau activity since it has been elected

* Require Plenary 2016 approval.

February – March – April

* Approved and published the local regulations for the 8th FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championship in Puncak, Indonesia.

* Decided that there will be no formal practice event for the 2nd FAI World Paragliding Aerobatic championships in Doussard, France. Instead, the 2015 French National will be open to foreigners and will be monitored closely by CIVL.

* Hang gliding Class 5

Decided that a World championship will take part in Krushevo, FYR Macedonia, from July 16 to 30, 2016, at the same time and on the same site as the European Class 1 championship. The practice event will take place on August 16 to 23, 2015, and is open to Class 1 and 5.

* Hang gliding Class 1 Women

Decided that a specific women's World championship will be organized along the "overall" World Class 1 Championship in Brasilia, Brazil, from August 6 to 19, 2017. The practice event will take place from August 27 to September 3, 2016. (The dates for the practice event have been changed, due to conflict with the Olympic Games.)

* Decided that the bidding deadline for 2018 Category 1 events would be December 1st, 2015, instead of mid October as per Section 7.

* Decided to postpone until further notice the implementation of the new GAP rule requesting to switch distance measurements from FAI sphere to WGS84 ellipsoid.

* Allowed Live Tracking as the primary source of information for scoring the Valle de Bravo Hang gliding World championship.

* Created the office of CIVL First Vice President and appointed Igor Erzen to it.

- Published the minutes of the Plenary plus annexes and the minutes of the pre- and post-plenary Bureau meetings. See on CIVL web site the Document / Meeting chapter.
- Appointed as CIVL Officers : Claudia Mejia de la Pava as Competition Coordinator - Raymond Caux and Dennis Pagen as Safety Officers - Jamie Shelden as Jury and Steward Officer.
- Opened for bidding the 2018 Category 1 events.
- Decided that there will be no formal practice event for the 2nd FAI World Paragliding Aerobatic championships in Doussard, France. Instead, the 2015 French National will be open to foreigners and will be monitored closely by CIVL.
- Selected pilots in agreement with the Aerobatic and Accuracy committees for Dubai World Air Games
- CIVL Competition Class paragliders. Agreed to work with PWCA to identify problems, standardize as much as possible and build up a proper database of gliders already checked.
- For each CCC model, measurement files in .xlsx format will be published on CIVL web site. A handbook and a video will be available so procedures are understood by all. Manufacturers, testing laboratories, competition organisers and pilots alike should then be able to measure their gliders with a high degree of reliability.
- Published 12 News on our website.

May

* Finalized and published the Dubai World Air Game local regulations for Paragliding Aerobatic and Accuracy.

* Agreed to change the location of the 2016 European Paragliding Championship in Kaunas, Lithuania, from one airfield to another.

- Finalized and published the new versions of Section 7.
- Discussed the political situation in FYR Macedonia and decided to go along with the planned practice events.
- Worked on Dubai World Air Game organisation and communication. Nominated jurors.
- Participated in the FAI Executive Bureau / Air Sport Commission 3 days meeting in Lausanne.
- Published 6 News on our website.

June

- Worked on a proposal to have Paragliding XC and Accuracy as new discipline at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games (the proposal failed).
- Worked on Dubai World Air Game organisation and communication.
- Allowed a Maltese pilot to obtain a FAI issued Sporting Licenses.
- Nominated Honorin Hamard, current World Paragliding XC Champion for the Breitling Youngster Award (Honorin was not chosen).
- Discussed Section 7 reorganisation.
- Discussed Software strategy.
- Published 2 News on our website.

July

- Met FAI Head Office staff to discuss issues and procedure.
- Finalize budget for 2016 to be approved by FAI 2015 General Conference.
- Worked on Dubai World Air Game organisation and communication.
- Discussed Section 7 reorganisation.
- Discussed Software strategy.

- Published 2 News on our website.

August

* Modified the dates of 2016 Category 1 events in FYR Macedonia and Category 2 practice event in Brazil.

- Nominated Hary Utama as replacement for Fabio Loro as juror for the current World PG Accuracy Championship.
- Sent 3 observers to the French PG Aerobatics National in preparation for next year World.
- Discussed Section 7 reorganisation.
- Worked on Dubai World Air Game organisation.
- Published 4 News on our website.

September

- Finalized selection of PG Aerobatics pilots to the World Air Games.
- Five days of meetings at the FAI General Conference in Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Nominated Igor Erzen to represent CIVL in a newly formed panel of expert to review FAI records homologation procedures.
- Discussed at Coupe Icare the future of PG CCC gliders.
- Implemented a restricted working group to study the future of PG CCC gliders.
- Discussed Section 7 reorganisation.
- Worked on Dubai World Air Game organisation.
- Published 3 News on our website, including videos about how to control PG CCC gliders.

October

* Agreed to implement a new IPPI scheme. Got France, Hungary, Italy and Serbia to adopt it.

- Met FAI Head Office staff to discuss issues and procedure about competition calendar.
- Discussed CIVL/FAI competition calendar..
- Worked on the Autumn Bureau meeting agenda
- Discussed Section 7 reorganisation.
- Worked on Dubai World Air Game organisation.
- Published 4 News on our website.

November

Bureau Autumn meeting took place in Belgrade (6th, 7th and 8th). See specific report published at xxx. Decisions needing Plenary approval included under.

* Decided on maximum number of pilots for the 2016 FYR Macedonia Euro HG Class 1 and World HG Class 5.

* For the 2017 Brazil World HG Class 1 and Women, reaffirmed that both championships although organized simultaneously must remain distinct, with different tasks including take off and start time. Organiser to decide common or separate tasks for the practice event as he sees fit.

* Starting January 1st, 2016, sanction fees for Category 2 events will have to be paid at the same time as the application form is sent to the Competition coordinator. Proof of the payment will have to be attached to the application form. Application forms without proof of payment will be rejected.

* Implemented a "Cat 2 +" status for some competitions so they can appear on FAI calendar even though the application procedure is not complete. Decided on which competition would have this status for now. Requested FAI to adjust calendar accordingly.

* Following a proposal from a group of Italian organizers in cooperation with the Office of European Trans-border Cooperation for the organization of the Hang Gliding World Championships in 2019, decided to open the bidding procedure for this event a year before the usual schedule.

- Discussed Continental championships local regulations.
- Discussed Section 7 reorganisation.
- Worked on Dubai World Air Game organisation.