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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the
**FAI Hang Gliding & Paragliding
Commission**

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1. Opening of the meeting

Flip Koetsier (FK), CIVL President, opened the meeting with a few moments of silence to remember those pilots in our sport who died this year. He thanked our hosts from Austria, (Herbert Seiss, Raimund Kaiser and Petra Huber) for all their help and support for setting up and organising the logistics for this meeting.

2. Roll call, apologies and proxies: number of votes

Max Bishop (MB), FAI Secretary General conducted the roll call. No objections to accept the proxy vote of Liechtenstein to Switzerland. 30 votes in total, thereby requiring 16 votes (including proxies) for a majority.

Proxies were: Canada to Norway; Liechtenstein to Switzerland; Mexico to Spain; New Zealand to Australia; San Marino to Italy; Sweden to Denmark

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest, according to FAI regulations

Chris Burns, UK Alternate Delegate is involved with Spain World HG Championship bid.

John Aldridge, UK Delegate compiled the Bureau proposal (Agenda point 22), Payment of Stewards, and has since been appointed as Steward for a 2009 event.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Two new items were added by FK: Reports from combined committee meetings before points 10 and 12.

5. Approval of the minutes of the last Plenary meeting

No comments. Vote of approval: unanimous.

6. Report of the CIVL President

Written report distributed. *See Annex 1.*

7. Report of the FAI Secretary General

Headlines from last FAI conference: Board changes. Bertrand Piccard elected as honorary patron of FAI. New FAI members include Oman, Vietnam, Bahrain and Egyptian parachuting association. Subscriptions not increased now for 6 years. Sponsorship deal with Red Bull, which helps finances. In Brazil there is continuing internal conflict between associations.

Commission for Airspace & Navigation Systems (CANS) is latest FAI technical commission with the aim of coordinating and disseminating knowledge and information within and outside of FAI on airspace rules, regulations and policy affecting air sports, as well as on Air Navigation Systems. For example (in US) unmanned vehicles used to monitor pipelines and these are affecting access take-offs. Differentiating between UAVs and drones is important for the aeromodelling community.

WAG 2009 is suffering financial problems, but the LOC is trying to minimise impact to the sporting events themselves: ceremonies will be scaled down. Public regional funding is guaranteed. Sponsorship is difficult to obtain. Nonetheless, more than 300 athletes representing 40 FAI Member countries on 6 continents will compete in June in Turin.

Media: FAI signed 5 year agreement with Flying Aces Ltd. Pledged to provide TV coverage of our Cat 1 events. Implication is that media contracts may no longer be negotiated by organisers without specific authority from FAI. Will depend on whether Flying Aces undertakes to cover it.

FAI Licence database: Virtually ready to go operational to cover all FAI organisations. Final stages of beta testing. Members have been pushed to ensure the data held by FAI is up to date. 46 countries have submitted their Sporting Licence databases for inclusion. It is mandatory to use this database for checking FAI licences. There is a risk that pilots not on the database will not be able to participate. The intention is that the database will be operational by the time of the World HG Championships in June.

WADA: FAI itself, in common with virtually all its member countries, is a signatory to WADA. FAI plus a large number of other international federations have been found to be non-compliant for not conducting out of competition testing. Discussions on how to proceed continuing. Implication of non-compliance is that FAI Championships will no longer be able to be held in territories that are signed up. FAI has to identify a number of top pilots to be on 'registered testing pool', and they have to be available for testing 1 hour a day. The size of the pool and number of tests has not

yet been specified. Pilots will be selected in conjunction with the relevant ASC. All CIVL Delegates have the duty to ensure their competitors know that they are liable to be tested for drugs at any time during international competitions. All competitors must avoid using any of the substances and methods listed in the WADA Prohibited Substances list: http://www.wada-ama.org/rtecontent/document/2009_Prohibited_List_ENG_Final_20_Sept_08.pdf If they have to take one of the prohibited substances for medical reasons, a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) is required in accordance with FAI Anti-Doping Rules:

www.fai.org/documents/otherdocs/antidoping_rules. More information at: www.fai.org/antidoping/programme.

The rules do not prevent pilots from having a cool beer in the evening after flying, but only once they have checked with event organisers that they will not be subjected to anti-doping controls that day. Alcohol must have been eliminated from the body by the time pilots are ready to fly the following morning, so quantities consumed must be small. Meanwhile, FAI is continuing to push for more general exemptions for aviation sports. Use of oxygen has already been exempted as it is required by ICAO for safe operations!

SAFETY is the most important topic on FAI and CIVL agenda. CIVL Delegates will have many problems to discuss and many decisions to take during the meeting. But all of them pale into insignificance beside the absolute need to improve safety at International Championships. Following the fatal accident at Greifenburg, the FAI President convened a summit meeting in Paris to discuss HG/PG safety. It was attended by the CIVL President and certain Bureau Members. Some measures were agreed there. Since then, there has been another fatal accident at the World Paragliding Championship in Mexico. There were two further serious accidents, and in addition, numerous reserve deployments, mid-air collisions and allegations of cloud flying had been reported at this Championship. The level of accidents in Mexico is totally unacceptable. The responsibility for these accidents is shared between pilots, equipment manufacturers, organisers and officials, and the people who make the rules. Pilots do stupid things – putting themselves and others in danger. They must be penalised. There were reports of cloud flying in Mexico but insufficient penalties. Pilot mentality to safety must change: an unhealthy culture has developed in which many people tend to accept serious accidents as inevitable, pilots refuse to accept legitimate authority, and officials are reluctant to exercise authority for fear of criticism and complaints. Some of the issues that need to be considered include:

- The nature of the equipment being used (eg unforgiving, high-performance wings; inadequate protective clothing, helmets etc)
- The philosophy and working methods of officials at Championships (both FAI officials and event and safety directors)
- The content of CIVL rules and guidance on penalties to be applied (Sporting Code and Local Regulations, eg on cloud flying)
- Undisciplined, over-aggressive and "lemming-like" behaviour on the part of some pilots (flying in areas subject to extreme turbulence, disregard of VFR flight rules etc).

CIVL can and must make the sport a great deal safer. The FAI Executive Board is monitoring very carefully what action CIVL proposes to take. Unless CIVL is successful in reversing the tendency and greatly reducing the incidence of accidents at FAI Championships, there is a strong probability that the FAI Executive Board might reluctantly intervene to cancel future events. Bidders for these events have to be aware of this.

CIVL delegates carry a weighty responsibility and must exercise it firmly and swiftly to achieve change. Now is the time for serious action.

8. **The Plenary is asked to ratify the following decisions taken by the Bureau** in accordance with IRs 4.3 and 4.4:

i) Approval of the award of the 2010 FAI Women's Worlds, HG Class 2 & 5 Championships to Germany

No objections.

ii) Approval of the award of the 2010 FAI European Hang Gliding Championships to Spain

No objections

iii) Approval of the award of the 2010 FAI World Aerobatics Championships to Italy

No objections

iv) Approval of the award of the 2010 FAI European Paragliding Championships to Austria

No objections

v) Approval of Local Regulations for 2009 FAI World Paragliding Accuracy Championships, Croatia

No objections

vi) Approval of Local Regulations of 2009 FAI World Hang Gliding Championships, Laragne, France,

1 objection: Motion from Oyvind Ellefsen, NOR; Seconded by DNK. *See Annex 2.*

Proposal to mandate scrutineering of sprog settings of all participating gliders. Accepted with 1 abstention.

LRs for World HG Championships will not be finalised until outcomes from Pitch Stability Working Group are known and other Rule Changes impacting these LRs are incorporated.

FK asked Plenary to empower the Bureau to approve the LRs later. Passed unanimously.

vii) Approval of Selection Criteria of WAG for CIVL disciplines

No objections

NB. Local Regulations of 2009 FAI World Air Games, Italy not yet approved

vii) Other Bureau decisions taken at the Bureau Meeting, November 2008.

No objections

viii) Bureau decision in November 2008, to withdraw the sanction of the Andradas Open PG competition, Brazil for contravening safety rules (too many pilots).

No objections

Comment from Portugal: Approval of LRs including Eligibility Criteria for Mexico World Championship were not notified clearly to the delegates, were approved late, and are not signalled for ratification at the Plenary.

Response from Bureau (JA): The published LRs were notified in normal way using Delegate list once approved by Bureau. They do not have to be ratified because the event is passed and there are no future implications to the Plenary. The Bureau acknowledged that the LRs were approved late due to extended discussions.

9. **Review of the 2008 Championships. Reports from:**

FAI PanAmerican PG Championships, Brazil – Leonard Grigorescu

Well organised competition with 68 competitors. Some minor issues with key officials changing at last minute. Good safety record. No accidents or incidents. Next time need to make more effort to encourage a better attendance.

FAI European Paragliding Championship, Serbia – Leonard Grigorescu

This was very different and there were a number of problems. The organisers did not complete the work required on take off, stipulated by test event Steward. There were several incidents because of this. Officials not experienced. Safety Director could not speak English. Thanks to some people, including Xavier Murillo and Serbian NAC who helped make it a success in the end. Many recommendations for change have emerged from this experience.

Questions from Portugal (FA): Why was there only 1 steward and why did steward arrive after registration?

Response from LG: Appointed late as the steward of the test event was unavailable, and schedule did not allow him to arrive earlier.

Comment from Portugal: Not happy with the implementation of the related 2008 proposal to specify when a Steward should arrive. The definition of 'first working day' for steward was implemented as: "in good time to advise on setting up registration", which FA believes is not a sufficiently precise interpretation of the original proposal.

Response (JA): Implemented in good faith, but if FA feels strongly he should propose more specific wording.

Comment from Portugal: The Swedish protest at the competition was not handled properly. Concern is that Jury members are not receiving enough experience. Also annexes were not included in Jury report.

Response JA/MB: Regarding original protest documents, it has been agreed that these should not be posted in a public domain as they may be regarded as legal documents in case of an appeal. They could be made available to delegates on request. Portugal reiterated concern that he hopes any potential shortcomings of FAI officials are being noted for future reference or addressed in some way to improve standards.

FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship, Serbia – Louise Joselyn

In contrast, this was a well organised event with a completely different and experienced team. All days flyable, at least in part. 10 rounds flown in 6 days. 68 competitors from 13 countries, including 11 women from 7 countries. Improvements to the the access road and the take-off (including shaded refreshment bar) were noted. Good media coverage with the final round filmed live for TV. Good opening and closing ceremonies. Some minor incidents, mainly caused by pilots landing heavily on the target. Some warnings issued for dangerous flying. There were 3 protests, all upheld. European champion from Slovenia, Women's European champion and first team from Serbia.

FAI European Hang Gliding Championships, Greifenburg – Flip Koetsier

Disappointing weather conditions meant three tasks in 12 days. The majority of the competitors cooperated in the measurement of sprog settings. Seminars were held to improve understanding of this important safety measure. Initiative was launched to try to minimise cloud flying. Unfortunately there was one fatal accident of a Swiss pilot.

FAI Women's Worlds, Class 2&5 HG Championships, Italy – Flip Koetsier

Unique for this area in that all tasks were started from the Monte Cucco take-off. Good and enthusiastic organisation led by Flavio Tebaldi. 6 tasks in Class 1 women and Class 5, 7 tasks in Class 2. Good meteorology calls. Girls were enthusiastic to learn about sprog settings. In Class 5 ballast checks were made, no infringements.

FAI World PG Championships 2009, Valle Bravo, Mexico – Agust Gudmundsson

Good organisation, task setting and weather. 148 competitors flew 10 tasks in 12 days. Maximum task 117km, four 100km+ tasks. 183 goal flights. Standard of competitors was very high. Winner from Switzerland. Woman from France. Team from Czech Republic. A number of complaints were made and some took too long to be handled. There were a number of incidents: reserve deployments, tree landings, mid air collisions. One fatal accident. Task setting was not considered to be a factor in the accident or other incidents. AG agrees with all safety issues raised by MB. Need to address mentality of pilots towards aggressive flying, cloud flying etc. Also the 'Lemming' effect of following pilot flying into bad area. It was not possible to categorically prove cloud flying. This needs addressing swiftly.

Discussion covered points that overcrowding was not considered to be a major issue, but the pilot perception of mid-air is changing: some pilots do not consider wing tip touching to constitute a mid-air any more. Small, strong thermals were a contributing factor to some of the incidents. Aggressive flying attitude does not apply to all pilots, among some it is good. The Steward report is in progress and will be available within a couple of weeks.

10a Report & proposals of joint HG/PG SC – Dennis Pagen

See Annex 3. The point on Altitude Limits was amended to set a deadline for a report from the WG: 1 month before start of HG Worlds. The wording ‘reach a solution’ was replaced with ‘produce a report’.

Vote to approve the joint report and proposals, excluding the recommendations on points on the main Plenary Agenda. Passed unanimously.

10b Report and Proposals of HG Subcommittee – Dennis Pagen

See Annex 4.

No issues arising, a couple of grammatical corrections made on Minutes distributed. Vote taken to approve the report and proposals excluding point 54 (Pitch Stability). Passed unanimously.

Report on Pitch Stability: Regarded as a positive step forward. The proposal to establish the WG and report back before HG Worlds is qualified by point 8vi and Annex 2.

Vote to accept Pitch Stability report and proposals: Passed unanimously.

11. Report and Proposals of PG Subcommittee - Calvo Burns

Written report: *See Annex 5.* Verbal report: Pleased to see active response by email during the year from SC members. Also good attendance at this SC meeting with good contributions. Looking forward to more active discussions and progress during the coming year.

Point 34. JA pointed out there is no rule in S7 currently mandating use of leading points, so this point allowing it not to happen in exceptional circumstances, implies leading points should be used in all other circumstances. No objections.

Vote to approve this report with the exception of point 29 (Team size & Team scoring) and Plenary proposals. Approved unanimously.

Returning to point 29: France (SM) proposed an amendment. Seconded by Portugal (FA):

In report: *The team scoring is the sum of the 2 best scores from the entire team on each task*

Amendment: *If any round of allocation is incomplete then the pilots entered in that round are not considered to be part of the team scoring.*

The team scoring is the sum of the 3 best scores from the entire team on each task; except when the total team size is 3, team scoring is then the sum of the 2 best scores on each task.

Discussion included following points: It won't be relevant for next Worlds and maybe unfair for smaller continental championships. Proposal was formulated as a safety issue to take pressure off team scoring pilots. We have a year to discuss this as there is no PG Cat 1 this year. Report proposal is going back five years and is not fair – amendment is based on HG rules and is fairer to small nations. The amendment failed with 11 in favour and 17 against with 2 Abstentions.

Vote on point 29 of SC Report: In favour: 17 Against: 7 Abstentions: 6

12a Combined PG Accuracy & Aerobatics Report – Jurij Vertacknik

Verbal report: Good synergy between the two disciplines. First time groups combined and it worked well. We will do it again. Common proposals for rule changes were all agreed, or agreed to follow recommendations of combined HG/PG SC Report. Under point 4, Elsa Mai (Chinese Taipei) requested to join the WG to assess criteria for setting financial penalties for non performance of organisers. *See Annex 6.* Report approved unanimously.

12b Report and Proposals PG Accuracy Subcommittee –Jurij Vertacnik

Report: Continuing progress in PG Accuracy. More competitions and increased activity in Asia with Bali Beach Games for example.

Report *See Annex 7*

Issues arising: SC will liaise with S&T on: Incident Report Form. Judging seminar is planned to run in Malaysia which is currently suspended from FAI. SC will liaise closely with organiser & FAI. Specification for harnesses but not for helmets as helmets is more contentious issue and SC does not have the necessary expertise, so will adopt recommendations of WG set up by PG SC.

Vote on the report and its proposals: Accepted with 2 abstentions.

13. Report and Proposals of Aerobatics Subcommittee – Dennis Pagen

Verbal report: PG aerobatics group has been meeting regularly during the Summer and communicating by email and has substantially overhauled the relevant chapters in Section 7b. Tidying up the English will be the next task. Plus some additional changes need to be made to correct names in rules. *See Annex 8*

S&T SC asked for some feedback on the Incident Report Form.

JA: Requests Plenary to agree that Bureau rather than SC makes these additional amendments. Agreed unanimously. Report & Proposals approved unanimously.

14. Report and Proposals of Records & Badges Subcommittee – John Aldridge

See Annex 9. Report approved unanimously

15. Report and Proposal of Continental Records Working Group – John Aldridge

Slight amendment will be required to bring into line with FAI norms.

MB pointed out that a base level for first records will have to be published. Report modified to set this up. *See Annex 10.*

Revised proposal from JA seconded by ST. Report and proposal accepted unanimously.

16. Report and Proposals of Software Working Group – Agust Gudmundsson

AG re-iterated that if approved, the changes to WPRS formula will be applied from 1st March 2009. *See Annex 11*

Report and proposals approved unanimously.

17. Report and Proposals of Safety & Training Subcommittee – Scott Torkelsen

See Annex 12. Wide ranging discussions covering various issues. The S&T SC will collate feedback from the different SCs on the revised incident Report form. It will also review the incident statistics collected to date.

Proposal to set up a WG to consider specifying equipment standards in PG competitions is covered under PG SC. ST suggested visit to DHV to discuss test and inspection methods already used.

Minimum thickness of padding, and helmet standards (EN 966) will be the focus of this work group. Further discussions covered technical paraglider wing design. Calvo Burns is already in contact with various paraglider competition wing designers and will report back to the Safety and Training SC. This point was added to the WG brief.

Switzerland (MS) proposed to set a deadline for the WG to report back on helmets, harnesses and glider lines. UK (JA) seconded. Proposal was passed unanimously. The deadline of October 2009 bureau meeting (6 months) was added to the PG SC Report (Annex 5).

S&T report was approved unanimously.

18. Report of Environment Working Group - Thomas Senac

See Annex 13 It was suggested that Annex A to competition bids includes provision for a statement on impact on the environment of a Cat 1 competition (ie clearing take-offs, tree-cutting, other initiatives etc). Switzerland (MS) approves idea of creating a network of contacts from Federations.

Vote to accept Report: Passed unanimously.

19. Report and Proposals of Sporting Code Subcommittee – John Aldridge

See Annex 14. Original proposals have been modified as agreed by the HG and PG SCs (in red in Annex). The report and proposals were approved unanimously.

20. Presentations of bids:

- FAI World HG Championship 2011:
Forbes, Australia - Presented by Vicki Cain & Jonny Durand. Aerotow launch. Entry fee: 680€
Berlin, Germany – Presented by Markus Hanisch. Aerotow launch. Entry fee 450 or 725€
Monte Cucco, Italy – Presented on behalf of Flavio Tebaldi. Hill launch. Entry fee 450€
Kayseri, Turkey – Presented by Adem Hasgul. Hill launch. Entry fee 400€
- FAI World PG Championship 2011:
Kayseri, Turkey – Presented by Adem Hasgul. Hill launch. Entry fee 400€
Monte Avena, Italy – Presented by Davide Licini. Hill launch. Entry fee 550€
Piedrahita, Spain – Presented by Steve Ham. Hill launch. Entry fee 380€
- FAI World PG Accuracy Championship 2011:
Krushevo, FYR Macedonia – Presented by Goran Dimistovski. Hill launch. Entry fee 280€
Beskydy Mts, Czech Republic – Presented by Kamil Konecny. Hill launch. Entry fee 250/125€

21. Award of the 2011 FAI Championships.

Roll Call: 29 votes.

2011 World HG Championships awarded to: Italy with 16 votes to 13 after 3 rounds

2011 World PG Championships awarded to: Spain with 19 votes

2011 World PG Accuracy Championships awarded to: Czech Republic with 15 votes

22. Bureau Proposal – Payment of CIVL Stewards

JA declared a conflict of interest as he has been appointed Steward for Women's Class 1 & World Class 2&5, Tegelberg, Germany

France (SM) proposed an addition to the proposal: "A three person WG will organise the Jury & Steward selection and nominate potential candidates for each meet. The Bureau will designate the Jury & Stewards among the nominees." Seconded by Switzerland (MS). This was subsequently amended to a 4 person WG. The addition and amendment were passed unanimously

Discussion covered rationale for paying Stewards and not Jury or others working for CIVL.

Extensive efforts made to find new people, contacting NACs and Federations, Cat 2 competition organisers etc, but there is still a shortage. The Jury & Stewards database will help increase visibility of the issue. Clarification that the proposal will cover the WAG. Although called Technical Advisors these are CIVL-appointed experts operating as Stewards in all but name.

Switzerland (MS) commented that even at double the payment, the reward is not much considering the work involved. The financial implication is significant, however.

Second amendment proposed by Portugal (FA), seconded by France (SM): "That this WG reviews the criteria for selection within 3 months."

Vote to accept the second amendment. Passed unanimously.

Vote to accept the Payment of CIVL Stewards. Passed with majority. 5 abstentions (delegates who are also active Stewards/Jury members). 1 against.

Nominations were made by delegates for the Jury & Steward WG. The following were elected: Chris Burns, Niels Askirk, Koos de Keijzer, Thomas Brandlehner

23. Australia Proposal 1 – Women's PG World Championships

Proposal withdrawn pending trial of Women's Cat 2 event. See PG SC minutes Annex 5

24. Australia Proposal 2 – Scoring of a stopped task

The HG SC recommendation (in Annex 4) was proposed by France (SM) as an amendment to the original proposal. Seconded by Croatia.

"A task which has been stopped but not cancelled shall be scored if at least one and a half hours has elapsed since the first valid start is taken by a competing pilot OR at least one pilot has achieved goal. The score back time is equal to the time between the start gate windows or a

minimum of 15 minutes in the case of a single start gate task. This will be applied to all pilots whether in goal or not.”

Amendment accepted unanimously.

Amended proposal accepted with 1 abstention, 1 against.

25. Australia Discussion/Proposal 3 – Cloud flying penalties

The Joint HG/PG SC discussed this point at length (See Annex 3), and a proposal was formulated. Australia (HM) then wished to clarify/amend this proposal as follows:

2.17.8 & 2.18.6 Cloud Flying

...for verified cases of cloud flying penalties will be:

- 1st offence – reduction in pilot’s score by 100 points of the day winner’s score
- 2nd offence – reduction in score by 500 of the day winner’s score
- Further offences – removal from competition

Discussion highlighted that this proposal does not directly help with proof, though may encourage witnesses to report and organisers to penalise. France is concerned that CIVL must give right message to pilots: Not encourage cloud flying. FYR Macedonia disagreed strongly with proposal. After a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that neither the proposal nor the amendment could proceed to a vote as the original submission circulated with the agenda was a discussion point, not a formal proposal. (The wording in the Australian submission was:

“The zero score for a first offence may be too harsh, given the difficulty of verifying whether a pilot has been in cloud or not and whether he has gained an advantage. (Airspace violations are much easier to prove from tracks & can attract the zero score for a first offence). I would like to list this item for further discussion”

26. Netherlands Proposal 1 – Protest Guideline to avoid cancelling tasks

Joint HG/PG SSCs recommended to accept this proposal and that it should be put into the Jury & Steward handbook. Sporting Code SC to action. Proposal modified with agreement of proposer to: “If the complaint or protest from a pilot or group of pilots is upheld, the jury must look to compensate the affected pilots bearing in mind the rights of the other pilots in the competition, and only cancel the task if there is no other fair option.”

Amended proposal passed with 1 vote against.

27. Netherlands Proposal 2 – World/Continental WXC

Proposal withdrawn pending further discussion with Software WG and research to ensure compliance with existing FAI rules on world championships.

28. Austria Proposal – Reduce costs of Cat 1 competitions

Joint HG/PG subcommittees not in favour of this proposal. Suggestion is that costs are looked at during bid. Proposal withdrawn.

29. Spain Proposal – Review NAC approval process for Cat 2 competitions

Proposal withdrawn.

30. Financial Secretary’s Report 2008 – Wayne Sayer

Report was presented. The 2008 report was approved unanimously.

Vote to discharge Bureau for responsibility for 2008 finances. Passed unanimously.

31. Budget 2009 – Wayne Sayer

Shows forecast for slight increase in expenditure. Amendments made to cover Steward payments and PG weight measuring tripod device. See revised 2009 Budget *Annex 15*.

Vote to accept the amended 2009 budget. Passed unanimously.

32. Awards - Pepe Lopes Medal and FAI Hang Gliding Diploma

No nominations made for these awards.

Earlier emails on the CIVL delegate list to nominate a Spanish pilot for the highest FAI award (not the Pepe Lopes Medal) caused some confusion. FK responded that it is normal for the Spain NAC to nominate a pilot for this award directly to FAI, and not via CIVL.

33. Elections of the chairpeople of the SSCs

Sporting Code Chair – John Aldridge (UK)

PG SSC Chair – Chris Burns (UK)

HG SSC Chair – Dennis Pagen (USA)

PG Accuracy SSC Chair – Jurij Vertacnik (SVN)

Aerobatics SSC Co-Chairs – Dennis Pagen (USA) & Iris Vogt (AUT)

Records & Badges – Richard Westgate (UK)

Safety & Training – Leonard Grigorescu (ROU)

34. Nominations and elections of the CIVL Bureau

President: Flip Koetsier (NL)

Vice Presidents: John Aldridge (UK), Fernando Amaral (POR), Leonard Grigorescu (ROU), Agust Gudmundsson (ISL),

Secretary: Louise Joselyn (UK)

Treasurer: Giovanni Vitola (GUA)

35. Bids for organising the next Plenary

None received.

36. Dates and venue of the next Plenary meeting

The 2010 Plenary will be held in Lausanne. Dates: 18 to 21 February, 2010.

37. New business – Speed Flying from Dennis Pagen

Proposal to add to Agenda: received 2/3 majority vote.

Comment: Paragliding Speed Flying is becoming extremely popular. DP feels CIVL should adopt this discipline within CIVL or it will go with another organisation and great opportunities will be lost to us. DP looking for an indication from the Plenary about whether this is a good idea. DP will undertake to make appropriate contacts if this is the case.

Discussion: Speed Flying is a new discipline within FFVL. Interested to hear if other Federations are doing the same. Welcomes DP's initiative. Swiss Federation has also adopted it, has set licence requirements and is running competitions. Some concern about accident statistics. Italy also has an interest. Guatemala stated that it will not be relevant to countries where it does not snow!

Action: DP: Will report back at next Plenary.

38. President's closing remarks

We have had a very constructive meeting. We will not increase the number of days for SC meetings next year. Delegates are recommended to plan that the 2nd day of the Plenary will not finish before 4pm.

Note : Annexes provided

- Annex 1 President's report
- Annex 2 Amendment to LRs for World HG Championships, Laragne, France
- Annex 3 Report and proposals of Joint PG/HG Subcommittees
- Annex 4 Report and proposals of HG Subcommittee
- Annex 5 Report and proposals of PG Subcommittee
- Annex 6 Report and proposals of joint PG Accuracy/Aerobatics Subcommittees
- Annex 7 Report and proposals of PG Accuracy Subcommittee
- Annex 8 Report and proposals of Aerobatics Subcommittee
- Annex 9 Report and proposals of Records & Badges Subcommittee
- Annex 10 Report and proposal of Continental Records Working Group
- Annex 11 Report and proposals of Software Working Group
- Annex 12 Report of Safety and Training Subcommittee
- Annex 13 Report of Environment Working Group
- Annex 14 Report and proposals of Sporting Code Subcommittee
- Annex 15 Revised 2009 Financial budget