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Minutes

of the Annual Plenary Meeting of the
FAI Parachuting Commission

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62nd Plenary Meeting – Bar, Montenegro, 29 – 30 January 2011

MINUTES

In the Chair: Graeme Windsor, IPC President

Representing the FAI – Jean-Marc Badan, and Deputy Secretary General, FAI

1. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

1.1 IPC President Windsor called the 62nd IPC Plenary Meeting to order at 09:00, Saturday, 29 January 2011, at the Princess Hotel, Bar, Montenegro. The attention of Delegates was drawn to the fact that as some would leave early on Sunday 30 January, the Plenary schedule would be altered so that as much work as possible would be completed by Saturday evening.

President Windsor then asked those in attendance to stand for a moment of silence in memory of the skydivers who died in the past year. The Delegate from Bulgaria Nick Kalchev, former Committee Chair and UK Delegate Bob Card, and former Committee Chair and Australian Delegate Fiona McEachern were particularly remembered.

1.2 Mr Andro Dreculi, Bar Chief of Cabinet addressed the Plenary, welcomed the Delegates to Bar and Montenegro and wished the meeting success.

Mr Dusan Simonovic, President of the Olympic Committee of Montenegro welcomed the attendance and spoke of the honour of having the IPC meeting in Bar. He wished the attendants a pleasant stay and success with their work.

Mr. Jusuf Kalamperovic, President of the Aeronautical Assoc of Montenegro was also in attendance.

1.3 Mr Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Sports & Development Director and Deputy Secretary General, conducted the roll call of Delegates, noting an apology from Croatia for inability to attend, approval of proxies, and verification of Delegates' authority. The roll call showed that **29** Delegates were present and the following six proxies were recognised:-

Brazil to Argentina
Colombia to Spain
Egypt to UAE
Estonia to Finland
India to Saudi Arabia
Latvia to Sweden

There were **35** votes in total, including the six proxies.

These numbers indicated: - a simple majority - 18 votes; a two-thirds majority - 24 votes.

The Delegates' attendance list was circulated for updating, and is being sent directly to Delegates from the FAI Secretariat.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 The minutes of the 61st IPC Plenary meeting held in Lausanne, Switzerland, 30-31 January 2010 were published on the FAI/IPC website. They were corrected and amended as per *Annex 1* of the 2011 Plenary agenda.

The minutes, as amended, were unanimously approved by the Plenary.

3. FAI ACTIVITIES REPORT & 104th FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

3.1 The FAI Representative, Mr Jean-Marc Badan, spoke of FAI matters in general and also how they impact on the IPC. Flying Aces and its contract with FAI were referred to. Jean-Marc Badan thanked IPC Vice President John Smyth for his work with Flying Aces and thanked the IPC for what it has achieved with Flying Aces. The situation and arrangements between FAI and Flying Aces was outlined (Flying Aces has exclusive rights on FAI First Category Events for international distribution). Due to loss of sponsorship, Flying Aces has had to restrict coverage and preference will be given to other Air Sports in 2011, as the IPC has had good coverage heretofore.

FAI is now trying to get back rights on those events which Flying Aces is unable to cover.

Jean-Marc Badan presented an overview of FAI activities in 2010 and the 104th FAI General Conference, held in Dublin, Ireland, 05-10 October 2010 and at which a new FAI President, Dr John Grubbström, was elected. The message from the new FAI President is that we all need to co-operate to promote air sports, and he looks forward to working with the new FAI Executive Board to achieve this aim. The next, the 105th, FAI GC will be in Belgrade 11-16 October 2011. J-M Badan advised the Plenary of the makeup of the new FAI Executive Board and listed the numbers of countries affiliated, in various forms, to FAI.

COLPAR, the Latin American Organisation of Parachute Associations and Federations, recently applied for FAI International Affiliate membership and the FAI Executive Board will propose acceptance of the application to the next General Conference. In order to avoid any conflicting situation with existing FAI Members, each South-American NAC will be required to provide their support to this new affiliation.

The matter of financial issues within FAI was referred to, the auditors having asked FAI to review its financial procedures to meet legal and modern requirements. Some changes have already been introduced. A Finance & Reporting Task Force (FRTF) of six people has been set up; with two from ASCs, two from NACs and two from the Exec. Board.

The mission of the FRTF is:-

1) to consolidate all expenses and income into an overall FAI Account Statement 2) to implement comprehensive budget and expense control systems, and the subsequent decisions taken by the 104th GC and the ASC Presidents group.

The FRTF will, more particularly, be in charge of studying and making proposals to the Executive Board (which is responsible for all Financial and Accountancy matters to the GC) on the following issues, relating to the ASC Financial Budgeting and Reporting process:

- Identification of any "inter-company" consolidation issues (i.e. accounting of medals)
- Standardized budget format and accounting method (accrual and budget lines)
- Calendar of submission of ASC Budget to the Executive Board, to comply with the requirement for FAI to prepare the Year N+1 Budget for approval at the Year N General Conference (in October)
- Approval process of ASC Budget, based on this calendar of submission and potential "conflict" with ASC Plenary calendar (At the moment ASC Plenary approve ASC Year N+1 Budget, after the Year N General Conference),
- Approval process of expenditures commitment, based on budget approved,
- Accounting of each stakeholder's contribution to FAI results, and potential resources sharing mechanism.

The FRTF will provide recommendations to the Exec. Board by the end of June 2011, for presentation to the GC later in October 2011.

There have been changes in the FAI Statutes and By Laws structures, and now the By Laws can be changed by the Exec. Board, rather than having changes put before the GC, Two recent changes which may effect IPC are By Law 5.1.4.12 regarding representation status of Commission Secretaries and 5.1.6.1.3 which now allows for Commission meetings outside Lausanne to require a simple majority supporting vote (rather than the previous two-thirds).

The updates to the IPC's Strategic Plan (SP) have been examined by the FAI Sec. Gen. Stéphane Desprez and he has reported that IPC's SP is firmly in line with FAI's SP. FAI's first priorities for 2011 are – the FRTF work, branding and presentation, and the update of the web site. The updated web site is scheduled to be launched within the next three months.

The Sporting Licence Data Base. There was a serious security problem and the facility was switched off. The problem was corrected and the data base is now operating. As 2011 is a transitional year because of the earlier problems paper licences will still be in use this year. NACs should now enter their athletes' data on the Sporting Licence Data Base.

By the end of March FAI will move to its new premises at Maison de Sport in Lausanne, and new meeting rooms will be available there, free of charge for Commission use. FAI is now fully staffed. J-M. Badan pointed out that it was easier for FAI to help solve problems if those problems are drawn to FAI's attention at an early date, before the problems become more difficult.

The FAI on-line shop was reported as being running and the next step will be to provide special offers to Organisers on the web.

On behalf of all at FAI, IPC was thanked for its work in the past year, and IPC was wished success and good competitions in 2011.

President Windsor responded and thanked Mr Jean-Marc Badan for his comprehensive report on FAI matters. President Windsor addressed the matter of ASC funds being for ASC use and he thanked J-M. Badan for his work for IPC over many years and for his support during that time

3.2 President Windsor presented his report on the 104th FAI General Conference (agenda *Annex 2*). There were no questions.

3.3 President Windsor referred to the minutes of the meeting of the FAI Air Sports Commission Presidents with the FAI Executive Board, 6th October 2010 (agenda *Annex 3*). There were no questions.

4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

4.1 President's Report

President Windsor referred to his report on IPC activity in 2010 (agenda *Annex 4*). There were no comments on the report.

4.2 Strategic Plan for IPC

President Windsor spoke to a presentation shown to the Delegates by N-C. Levin Hansen who facilitated the Bureau's 2010 SP review. Proposed changes and the reasons for these were highlighted and an explanation of the way forward was provided. Finance has been added as a point in the SP and there must be more focus on presentation of our events. The Finance Working Group will work to ascertain IPC's future needs regarding finance, with reference to the SP aims, and the FWG will advise as to the amount which should be retained in a Development or Capital Retention Fund.

The aims for 2011 shall be to strive for immediate presentation of results and greater media involvement in our events. It was noted that the production of the IPC Bid Book was an important development and that other ASCs are using it as a template.

Promotion of safety is a vital element of our activity. The Data Collection Tool is operational and being used and the web site is being used, and is an important means of disseminating safety information. There has not been any change in the Safety element of the SP and work is ongoing in this area.

The updated Strategic Plan was put to the Delegates for acceptance.

The updated Strategic Plan was accepted with one abstention.

Media - Vice president John Smyth, Media Liaison Officer reported on the situation as regards media. He spoke of the relationships with FAI and Flying Aces, and how this impacts upon IPC. Flying Aces are contracted to FAI, and this contract gives Flying Aces exclusive international rights over all FAI First Category Events. IPC and Organisers of FCEs must therefore not deal directly with Flying Aces, but must deal through FAI. In 2010 48 countries were covered by Flying Aces' productions. A piece from the WPC in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing, held at Niksic, Montenegro in 2010 was shown and this was excellent material which shows great potential. Flying Aces and Air Sports TV were praised and thanked for their first-class work.

If, in 2011, Flying Aces does not attend any IPC, the host may use any material recorded by others on national or local TV. For international use such material **must** be sent to Flying Aces through FAI. The only parachuting event which will be covered by Flying Aces in 2011 will be Para Ski, as other air sports will share limited resources, due to financial cutbacks affecting Flying Aces, and IPC has had a good share of the available coverage heretofore.

J. Smyth suggested that Susan Dixon be made Media Liaison Officer, as she is the IPC webmaster, is in contact with FAI and goes to all events. It thus makes sense to combine her current role with that of MLO.

G. Windsor proposed that Susan Dixon take on the role of MLO.

All were in favour, with no objections and no abstentions.

G Windsor thanked John Smyth for his work as MLO and for building a good relationship with Flying Aces, and thanked Susan Dixon for taking on this additional task.

4.3 Decisions by the Bureau

President Windsor reported on the IPC Bureau's Interim Decisions during 2010 (agenda *Annex 6*). He noted that the Bureau had been busy during the year, with almost 30 decisions having been made.

The German Delegate Dr. Rainer *Exi* Hoenle thanked the Bureau for its decision to change the expenses payments system, so that all Officials at FAI/IPC competitions are treated equally.

4.3.1 Proposal re Bureau decision re 1st Vice President (agenda *Annex 7*). This matter had been discussed at the President's Open Meeting on Wednesday 26 January 2011. The Plenary meeting approved the Bureau decision.

4.3.2 Proposal re Bureau decision that IPC President should attend FCEs (agenda *Annex 8*). The Dr R. *Exi* Hoenle spoke to this motion and explained that his aim was to reduce costs. G. Windsor said that in 2010 the cost of his attendance as President at events, beyond normal IPC expenditure, was nil, although he had attended all events, in one case as Jury president and in two other cases as a competitor. R. *Exi* Hoenle accepted this. J. Smyth stated that the President's attendance at our events was in conjunction with the IPC's Strategic Plan. He further stated that no world sports body would have a situation where its President did not attend its main events, and that the principle must be that the President will attend and that this is the way forward. Following applause for this statement G. Windsor stated that he interpreted the mood of the Plenary was that it wanted the IPC President to continue to attend FCEs.

The Danish Delegate, Niels-Christian Levin Hansen proposed that the Bureau Interim Decisions be accepted. The Delegates, by show of hands, adopted this proposal and accepted the decisions.

5. WORLD GAMES

5.1 Richard *Buzz* Bennett presented his report (agenda *Annex 9*) and drew attention to the cut in parachuting participation in the World Games. Canopy Piloting, with 36 competitors, will be the sole parachuting event in the 2013 World Games at Cali, Colombia. IPC will no longer have a Technical Delegate to WG, as FAI (Mr Jean-Marc Badan) now holds that post due to other air sports being in the WG. IPC will have a Liaison Officer.

5.2 World Games 2013, Cali, Colombia. FAI Representative, Jean-Marc Badan confirmed that the World Games will take place in Cali, Colombia, from 25 July – 04 August 2013. He also reported that there is big government support in Colombia for these games and that Colombia is an FAI member, so there is a local air sports contact in that country.

5.3 WG Liaison Officer Appointment. Item 25.3 in the Plenary agenda was brought forward to this point and the Netherlands Delegate, Ronald Overdijk, was elected by acclaim to the position of WG Liaison Officer.

6. WORLD AIR GAMES

6.1 1st Vice President Gillian Winter reported verbally to the Plenary. The World Air Games which were scheduled for 2011 had been cancelled, due to financial cutbacks with the intending host. FAI is working to try to have a World Air Games in 2013.

6.2 WAG Liaison Officer – Item 25.2 in the Plenary agenda was brought forward to this point. G. Windsor proposed Gillian Winter for this position and the proposal was duly affirmed by the Plenary.

6.3 – J-M. Badan advised that the bid process had been launched in October 2010. The current world economic situation is still having a negative impact and, in spite of the FAI being in contact with a series of potential hosts, to date there have been no firm bids to host the 2013 WAG. The bid process deadlines have therefore been extended.

7. GENERAL ISSUES

7.1 The Open Meeting of 27th January was reported upon by President Windsor. The IPC Strategic Plan and associated matters were referred to, as was the report of Vice-President John Smyth on media matters, see 4.2 above

7.2 Proposal by the Delegate for Germany to stop mid-year Bureau meetings (agenda *Annex 10*). G. Windsor explained the rationale behind holding these meetings; not all work can be done by e-mail, it is important to constantly monitor and update the Strategic Plan, some items are best dealt with through an across-the-table meeting. Delegates were asked to trust the Bureau to be responsible with regard to holding mid-year meetings. Delegates were also asked to allow the freedom for the Bureau to decide what is best for IPC, with respect to any decision to hold a mid-year meeting.

Rainer *Exi* Hoenle respected this view and he withdrew the proposal.

Ronald Overdijk suggested to monitor the effectiveness of mid-year meetings.

7.3 Webmaster Report. Susan Dixon, IPC Webmaster, referred to her report (agenda *Annex 11*) and she reported a large number of hits, 18,500 + on YouTube, along with additional hits on videos on the site. Videos could be loaded, with the electronic scoring system being used at the Dubai Cup; the last of these uploads was being done this week and so far there have been 4,500 + hits. President Windsor thanked Susan Dixon for the wonderful work she had done as Webmaster.

7.4 International Military Sports Council - CISM

Jean Dermine's report, (agenda *Annex 12*) was referred to. J. Dermine sent his apologies as he could not attend due to other commitments. President Windsor thanked him for his work and for maintaining a close relationship between CISM and IPC, to ensure that events would not clash.

7.5 Proposal to recommend an amendment to FAI By law 5.2.3 (agenda *Annex 13*) by the Delegate for Germany. This matter had been covered in the Open Meeting on 27th January and by the Sporting Code Working Group. Rainer *Exi* Hoenle withdrew the proposal.

7.6 A proposal by the Delegate for Germany (agenda *Annex14*) to amend FAI By Law 5.3.3 was put forward as follows:-

5.3.3. At any time **only** the Active Member **of FAI** may appoint a substitute or replacement for the Official Delegate or Alternate Delegate,

5.3.3.1 This appointment affects only the function of the Official Delegate or Alternate Delegate. It does not automatically include any assignments or positions of the replaced/substituted person(s).

5.3.3.2 Termination of the status of a Delegate or Alternate Delegate will end all assignments or positions connected with this status.

The proposal was supported by the SCWG and was agreed to by the Plenary

7.7 Proposal not to impose more costs on an Organiser (agenda *Annex 15*). This matter had already been dealt with and the proposal was withdrawn by the Delegate for Germany, Dr Rainer *Exi* Hoenle.

8. TECHNICAL AND SAFETY

8.1 Technical & Safety Committee Chair, Liam McNulty, presented the T&S report for 2010 (agenda *Annex 16*), commented on the T&S Open Meeting, when the presentation on the Data Collection Tool had been given by Elisabet Pettersson and detailed the work of the T&S Committee for the coming year.

8.2 Annual IPC Safety Report, and other reports

L. McNulty presented the 2009 Safety Report, commented on various matters and answered questions. This presentation was distributed to Delegates on CD, for use by the Technical & Safety Officers of their countries.

In addition to the Safety Report Presentation, the CD has:-

- the 2009 Safety Report
- the 2009 AAD Report and presentation
- the eight Information Notices issued in 2010
- the forms and notes for the 2010 Safety and AAD reports
- the *Instructor Requirements Survey Report*

An appeal was made again for more countries to participate in the annual Safety Survey.

9. FINANCE WORKING GROUP

9.1 **Treasurer's report & Financial Statements.** IPC Treasurer and Finance Working Group Chair, Richard *Buzz* Bennett, presented the Treasurer's Report for 2010 (agenda *Annex 18*) and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2010, as per **Annex A** to these minutes, and he explained the details of the accounts.

9.2 Proposal to reduce Sanction Fee for Competitors (agenda *Annex 21*). R. Bennett stated that the 100,000 Euro reserve fund amount fitted into the Strategic Plan. However, the question now raised was whether that amount was appropriate. R. Bennett suggested that the Finance Working Group (FWG) examine this matter to ascertain the amount of funds to be held in reserve. He requested input from Delegates and said that the FWG would report to the Bureau and make a recommendation. This was accepted. President Windsor thanked R. Bennett and the members of the FWG for their diligence and work during the year.

9.3 Motion to adjust Travel Expenses for International Officials (agenda *Annex 22*). R. Bennett explained that the proposal to set the travel allowances came from the Judges Committee, and not from the FWG. This item was deferred, to be dealt with during discussion on the FAI Judging Section (see 20.10).

9.4 Motion by the German Delegate, R. Exi Hoenle to change wording in Bureau Interim Decision No.10 re reimbursements (agenda *Annex 23*). The motion lapsed as the matter had already been discussed and dealt with and the proposer was satisfied.

9.5 Proposal by the Delegate for Germany to reduce President's costs (agenda *Annex 24*). The motion lapsed as matter had already been discussed and dealt with and the proposer was satisfied.

9.6 Proposal by the Delegate for Germany re informing claimants re their claim payment (agenda *Annex 25*). The position was explained during the Open Meeting of the FWG that a claimant will get the amount of their claim, unless the Treasurer questions some amount claimed, and in those circumstances the claimant will be aware of the amount being reimbursed. Therefore all claimants are aware of exactly how much they will be paid. The Treasurer forwards details to FAI, which pays the amount, but exactly when is outside IPC's control. The motion lapsed and the proposer was satisfied.

9.7 Budgets for 2011 & 2012 – R. Bennett presented budgets for 2011 and 2012, as budgets for two years are now required by FAI. There is a budgeted deficit of 1,300 Euros for 2011, but this is not a concern as there may be unforeseen income from other sources. R. Bennett pointed out that the Sanction Fee had been increased by 40 Euros some years ago, specifically to cover Judges' travel costs. The expected number of Competitors for 2011 is 600, and at 40 Euros each (the Judges' travel cost element of the Sanction Fee) this would provide 24,000 Euros, which is the exact amount Judges' travel is expected to cost. Therefore the 40 Euros increase is in fact going for Judges' travel, as intended. It was proposed by R. Bennett that the Sanction Fee remain at 90 Euros for 2011 and this was the figure won which income was calculated in the 2011 and 2012 Budgets.

Canopy Piloting asked for an allocation of up to 5,000 Euros to develop an improved judging system. It was noted that this is capital expenditure and will come from the reserve. It is not an expenditure related to any revenue.

Budget 2011 was approved, with no objections.

Budget 2012 was presented and R. Bennett pointed out that it was similar to Budget 2011, but adjusted for the 2012 FCEs.

Budget 2012 was approved, with no objections.

Budget 2011 and Budget 2012 are appended to these minutes as **Annex B**

President Windsor thanked R. Bennett, who took on a very big workload, far in excess of his Bureau obligations. He also thanked the members of the Finance Working Group for their diligence and what is a continuously increasing workload.

10 Wingsuit Working Group

10.1 Jacqui Bruwer, Chair of the Wingsuit WG reported (agenda *Annex 26*) on the WG's activities during 2010 and noted that objectives had not been achieved.

10.2 A definition of a Wingsuit had been arrived at, and this was outlined.

10.3 Parameters for Large Wingsuit Formations had not been laid down as there was no common international agreement. The WG did not want to rush into this, and then have to change things within a short while,

10.4 J. Bruwer proposed that the Wingsuit WG carry on its work for a further year, and then work with the Judges Committee to see what can be done. This course of action was approved unanimously.

10.5 J. Bruwer thanked the members of the Wingsuit WG for their work during the year, and President Windsor thanked the Wingsuit WG for its work in 2010.

10.6 President Windsor took this opportunity to thank the Alternate Delegate for USA, Larry Bagley, (a member of the Wingsuit WG) for his great work for and with IPC over many years, noting that as Larry will retire this is his last Plenary meeting as Alternate delegate for USA. L. Bagley responded and acknowledged G. Windsor's tribute.

11 Ranking System Working Group

11.1 Niels-Christian Levin Hansen, Chair of the Ranking System WG reported on the WG's work during the year and work referred to the presentation in the Open Meeting. It was proposed that this WG continue for a year, with Ronald Overdijk and Marylou Laughlin as members. This was agreed. The WG will continue to explore ways to establish ranking lists for all disciplines, possible based on results in nationals. In addition the WG will explore the possibility to establish discipline-specific tours with 3-4 separate competitions each. Focus on tours will be on establishing a CP-tour to explore the concepts feasibility.

11.2 President Windsor thanked the WG for its work and wishes it a fruitful year ahead. He also made the point that a Ranking System can open up an income avenue, as it had done for the paragliding sport (CIVL).

12 Mondial 2012

12.1 President Windsor introduced this topic by stating that two excellent bids had been received, one from Italy and the other from UAE. (agenda *Annexes 27 and 28*). He thanked the bidders and regretted that as one bid would be successful, unfortunately there had to be a loser in this process, and noted that if both Mondial bids were rejected by the Plenary there is a bid from the Czech Republic, for FS and AE (agenda *Annex 34*).

The Sporting Code Working Group, having examined both Mondial bids, and having questions answered, recommended the bid from UAE to the Bureau. The Bureau therefore recommends to the Plenary meeting the acceptance of the Mondial bid from UAE. There was a call for a secret ballot and while this was being organised and conducted questions were invited. It was agreed not to count the vote then being taken until after any questions put were answered, and in the event of anyone being dissatisfied with answers a new vote could be taken – while the older one, the result not having been announced, would be discarded.

All questions sent by the SCWG to both Italy and UAE, and the answers received, were displayed. These will form part of the bids.

There was a question put to UAE, asking if it would be possible to add a Junior World Championship in Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing to the Mondial programme. The answer was 'yes'.

The Delegate for Germany, Rainer *Exi* Hoenle asked that there first be a vote as to whether there would be a Mondial or not in 2012. This was done by a show of hands, and a supporting vote, requiring a simple majority, was achieved.

President Windsor thanked the Czech Republic and Russia for their bids for FCEs in 2012, and he pointed out that if Italy was successful with its Mondial bid then the Russia bid to host a CP event in 2012 would stand, but if the UAE Mondial bid was successful then the Russian CP bid for 2012 would not be considered.

Following the discussions, questions and answers, the Plenary was asked if it was happy to proceed with the vote with the ballot papers already distributed. This was agreed to.

The result of the vote for the Mondial 2012 was announced and UAE was successful. The dates for Mondial 2012, in Dubai, UAE, are 29th November – 10th December 2012.

12.2 Mr Yousif Hassan Al Hammadi, President of the UAE Aviation Association, thanked the Delegates for their support and their acceptance of the UAE bid for a Mondial to be held from 26th November to 10th December 2012 (including three additional training days generously offered by the Organiser. He assured the meeting that the event would be well run and he thanked Italy for their fairness in the process.

Mr Al Hammadi stated that the Gulf Cup in December 2011, which will include Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing, Formation Skydiving, Canopy Formation and Canopy Piloting will be a lead-in event for Mondial 2012.

The successful UAE bid for Mondial 2012 consists of the original Bid (agenda *Annex 28*) with the updated details shown in the presentation at the Open Meeting and with the answers to the questions put to the bidder by the SCWG.

13. FREEFALL STYLE AND ACCURACY LANDING

13.1 Committee Chair John Hitchen reported on the Committee's activities in 2010 (agenda *Annex 29*) and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee during 2010, in the S&A Open Meeting (agenda *Annex 31*) and in the Committee's closed meetings.

13.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 30*) of Igor Tiorlo, on the 31st FAI World Freefall Style and Accuracy Landing Parachuting Championships, held at Nikšić, Montenegro, 28th August – 04th September 2010 Competition was accepted. There were no questions.

13.3 Competition Rule Changes - J. Hitchen addressed this matter and the following rules were added to and/or amended:-

2.5; 2.6; 5.2.8 (8); 7.2 (1), (2 a, b, c), (3 a, b, c, d, e); 7.2 (4), (5 a, b); 7.6 (1), (2), (3).

These changes were accepted, with no objections. A hard copy of these changes was distributed and they will be incorporated into the 2011 Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Competition Rules, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

13.4 Future FCEs in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing

13.4.1 The Serbian bid to host the **6th European Championships & 3rd Junior European Championships** in S&A at Kikinda, Serbia, from 18th – 28th August 2011 was accepted by the 2010 Plenary meeting. The Serbian Delegate was not in attendance at the 2011 Plenary, due to illness.

13.4.2 Freestyle and Accuracy Landing will be among the disciplines in Mondial 2012, at Dubai, UAE.

14. FORMATION SKYDIVING

14.1 Committee Deputy Chair Trude Sviggum reported on the Committee's activities in 2010 (agenda *Annex 32*) and addressed the topics discussed by the Committee during 2010, in the FS Open Meeting and in the Committee's closed meetings.

14.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 33*) of Rina Gallo, and the **IPC Controller J&S Report** (agenda *Annex 71*) of Elisabet Pettersson, of the 19th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships, held at Menzelinsk, Tatarstan, Russian Federation 31st July – 06th August 2010 were accepted. There were no questions.

14.3 FS & VFS Competition Rules Changes – The FS Committee Deputy Chair, Trude Sviggum, presented changes to the FS and VFS Competition Rules for 2011 in the following rules:-

3.3.6; 3.3.7; 3.3.8; 3.3.9; 4.2.1; 4.5.2; 5.3.

These changes were approved unanimously. A hard copy of these changes was distributed and they will be incorporated into the 2011 FS and VFS Competition Rules, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

14.4 Bids to host future FCEs in Formation Skydiving and VFS

14.4.1 The UAE Mondial 2012 bid, accepted by the Plenary, includes FS and VFS.

14.4.2 The Czech Bid (agenda *Annex 34*) to host a WPC in FS and AE in 2012, was not considered due to the acceptance of the UAE Mondial bid.

The Czech Delegate stated the wish of the Czech Republic was to now change this bid to be for a European Championships, to be held at Prostějov, Czech Republic, 01st – 09th September 2012. There were no objections to discussing this changed bid. The matter was deferred until Sunday 30 January, to allow the Committees of the disciplines involved (FS and AE) to discuss the issue. **See 27.1 below.**

14.5 2011 World Cups in FS and AE, to be held at Saarlouis, Germany, 28th July – 07th August 2011. The German Delegate, Rainer Exi Hoenle, stated that aircraft use would be – 4-Way FS – Dornier 28; all other events Cessna C-208 Caravan.

14.6 President Windsor thanked Trude Sviggum for readily taking over the work of the FS Committee Chair in the tragic circumstances which had occurred, and he also thanked her for the work she had done during the year in keeping Committee affairs active. He hoped this good work would continue during the coming year.

15. CANOPY FORMATION

15.1 Committee Chair Marylou Laughlin reported on the Committee's activities in 2010, (agenda *Annex 36*), and she thanked the Organisers of the 14th FAI World CF Championships, held at Menzelinsk, for a well-organised and well-run event.

15.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 37*) of Barry McAuley, and the **IPC Controller J&S Report** (agenda *Annex 71*) of Elisabet Pettersson, 14th FAI World CF Championships, held at Menzelinsk, were accepted. There were no questions.

15.3 Proposed changes to the Canopy Formation Competition Rules

Committee Chair M. Laughlin presented changes to the CF Competition Rules for 2011 in the following rules:-

2.3.2; 4.8.3; 4.9.2.

These changes were approved unanimously. A hard copy of these changes was distributed and they will be incorporated into the 2011 CF Competition Rules, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

15.4 CF Web Cup 2011

The CF web competition will resume for 2011. The CF Committee is working with FAI on a logo design. Cups will be presented as prizes.

15.5 Future events in Canopy Formation.

15.5.1 Mondial 2012. Canopy Formation will feature in Mondial 2012, to be held at Dubai, UAE, with the following events:-

4-way Sequential, 4-way Rotation and 2-way Sequential.

15.5.2 Gulf Cup 2011. 2-way Sequential and 4-Way Rotation will feature in this event.

15.6 M. Laughlin thanked the CF Committee members for their work in 2010 and this was echoed by President Windsor who thanks M. Laughlin and the Committee for its work.

16. ARTISTIC EVENTS

16.1 Committee Chair Ronald Overdijk reported on Committee activities for 2010 (agenda *Annex 39*). There were no questions and the report was accepted unanimously.

16.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 40*) of Johanna Huber, and the **IPC Controller J&S Report** (agenda *Annex 71*) of Elisabet Pettersson, 8th FAI World Artistic Events Parachuting Championships, held at Menzelinsk, were accepted unanimously. There were no questions

16.3 Future FCEs in Artistic Events

16.3.1 Artistic Events shall feature in Mondial 2012, to be held at Dubai, UAE.

16.3.2 The bid from the Czech Republic to host the **9th FAI World Artistic Events Parachuting Championships** in 2012 may now be changed, as the Mondial bid has been accepted for 2012. **See 27.1 below.**

16.3.3 2011 World Cups in FS and AE, to be held at Saarlouis, Germany, 28th July – 07th August 2011. The German Delegate, Rainer Exi Hoenle, stated that the aircraft to be used for AE events will be a Cessna C-208 Caravan.

16.4 Proposed changes to the AE Competition Rules

Committee Chair R. Overdijk proposed and discussed amendments to the Competition Rules, arising from AE Committee meetings held prior to the Plenary and other sources (*Annexes 41, 42, 43, 44*).

The following AE Competition Rules were changed and/or amended changes:-
3.3; 5.4; 5.6; 5.7.2; 5.7.3; 5.7.3.1; 5.7.4; 5.10; 6.2; 6.4; 6.5.4.

The Plenary voted unanimously to accept these rule changes. The changes will be incorporated into the AE Competition Rules for 2011, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

16.5 AE Committee Chair, R. Overdijk, thanks the members of the AE Committee for their work during 2010

16.6 President Windsor thanked R. Overdijk and the Committee members for their work during the past year and referred to the value of the competitors meeting held at Menzelinsk, and at other FCE's in providing feedback to the Committees.

17. PARA SKI

17.1 Committee Chair, Michael Egger, thanked the Members of the Para Ski Committee for their work during the past year and he then reported on the Committee's activity and on events in 2010 (agenda *Annex 72*). He thanked to Italy for hosting the 2010 event and expressed his appreciation of the work done by Alberto Notari and Chief Judge Günter Berendt.

17.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 45*) of Günter Berendt, 8th FAI World Para Ski Cup and 5th FAI European Para Ski Championships, held at Predazzo-Bellamonte, Italy, 10th – 13th March 2010 was accepted unanimously. There were no questions.

17.3 Proposed changes to the Para-Ski Competition Rules

There were no changes proposed to the Para Ski Competition Rules.

17.4 Future events in Para Ski

17.4.1 13th FAI World Para Ski Championships, to be held at Gosau, Austria, 28th February – 05th March 2011. The Austria Delegate, Johann Gritsch updated the Plenary on this event and noted that there were 80 Competitors registered. Bulletin #2 was currently being processed for posting.

17.4.2 Para Ski as demonstration event at Dubai 2012.

M. Egger advised that Para Ski will participate in the Mondial 2012 as a demonstration event.

17.5 Winter Olympics 2014. The Russian Delegate, Vladimir Gazetov, reported that Russia is trying to have Para Ski accepted as a demonstration event in the XXII Olympic Winter Games, to be held at Sochi, Russia, in 2014. President Windsor thanked the Russian Delegate for Russia's work on this matter and stated that IPC fully supports the move. The FAI Representative Jean-Marc Badan also thanked Russia for their project, but insisted on the fact that official contacts with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) should be done through the FAI Headquarters.

17.6 13th FAI World Para Ski Championships 2011 – Claims/Payments Policy.

As costs will be met at the end of the event, which will be in the new period for the Sporting Code, the newer claims/reimbursement policy will apply..

17.7 President Windsor thanked M. Egger for his and the Para Ski Committee's work in 2010.

18. CANOPY PILOTING

18.1 Deputy Committee Chair Alberto Martin Paracuellos presented the Canopy Piloting report for 2010 (agenda *Annex 46*), which had been submitted by Thomas Tuominen, who was unable to attend the Plenary and who was resigning from the CP Committee. A. M. Paracuellos thanked Thomas Tuominen who had been the CP Committee Chair since CP was adopted as an IPC discipline, and stated that T. Tuominen had been the driving force and the origination of much that had happened to develop CP.

18.2 The Chief Judge Report (agenda *Annex 47*) of Marylou Laughlin, 3rd FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships, held at Aerograd Kolomna, Russia, 10th – 14th August 2010 was accepted unanimously. A. M. Paracuellos reported that there had been no injuries in CP competition in 2010, and he thanked Russia for organizing a good competition, despite the difficulties.

18.3 Future events in Canopy Piloting

18.3.1 Canopy Piloting will be a discipline in **Mondial 2012**, to be held in Dubai, UAE. The Russian bid (agenda *Annex 50*) to host the **4th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships** in 2012 was therefore not considered.

18.3.2 The Czech Republic and Russia had both bid to host the **6th FAI World Canopy Piloting Cup & 2nd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships** in 2011 (agenda *Annex 48* – Czech Republic bid), (agenda *Annex 49* – Russian bid). The Czech Delegate, Emil Franek, agreed that Judges would be accommodated in a hotel, (as opposed to the bid's intention to accommodate the Judges at the dropzone).

Both bids had been examined by the SCWG, which stated that each was in accordance with requirements. The SCWG recommended to the Bureau the bid of the Czech Republic.

A secret ballot was conducted by J-M. Badan and the result was - Czech Republic 20, Russia 15. The event therefore went to the Czech Republic.

President Windsor thanked both bidders and congratulated The Czech Republic Delegate on the Czech bid being successful.

18.4 Proposed changes to the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules

CP Deputy Chair, A. M. Paracuellos, presented proposed changes to the CP Competition Rules for 2011, in the following:-

4.1.1.1; 4.1.3.2; 4.2; 4.4.1; 4.7.2; 4.9; 8.6; 9; 10.2.1; 10.2.4; Addendum A, 4.1 and 4.2; Addendum A, 4.4.5; Addendum D, 3.3; Addendum G, Recommended Standard Signals. These changes were presented and discussed and distributed in hard copy. The proposed changes were unanimously approved. The changes will be incorporated into the CP Competition Rules for 2011, which will be posted on the FAI web site.

18.5 CP Freestyle – Rules will be introduced for this new discipline within Canopy Piloting, to allow it be a test event. It is hoped to test CP Freestyle in two events in 2011.

18.6 President Windsor thanked A. M. Paracuellos for standing in as Committee Chair for Thomas Tuominen, and he thanked T. Tuominen and the CP Committee for their work and dedication.

19. INDOOR EVENTS – WIND TUNNEL

A presentation had been made on Thursday 27th January on this matter. The French Delegate, Gillian Winter, withdrew the matter at this point to enable Delegates to discuss the matter in their countries. She confirmed France will make a presentation, that will probably also include Wingsuit activity, to the 2012 Plenary meeting.

20. FAI JUDGING

20.1 Committee Chair Pia Berggren reported on the Committee's activities in 2010 (agenda *Annex 52*) and thanked the Committee members and advisors for their work. She also thanked the Bureau for its work on the scoring system.

20.2 P. Berggren advised that Judges who wished to get re-evaluated could do so on-line by obtaining the password from herself or Elisabet Pettersson.

20.3 Chief Judges for 2011

P. Berggren advised that nominations were open, for Chief Judges for 2011 events, until 28th February 2011.

20.4 Proposed changes to the Judge Rules. P. Berggren proposed adoption of the rules changes outlined in agenda *Annex 53* – rules 4.3.3; 4.6.5 (3); 6.6.1. The Plenary unanimously accepted these change which will be incorporated into the 2011 Judges Rules which will be posted on the FAI web site

20.5 FAI Judges List

The list of FAI Judges for 2011 was verified, per updates sent to Judges Committee Chair P. Berggren, and is attached to these minutes as **Annex C**.

20.6 President Windsor thanked P. Berggren and the Judges Committee for their excellent work in 2010 and expressed hope for a continuation of this.

20.7 Proposal to amend SC5, 4.6.5 (3) Judging (agenda *Annex 54*). This matter had already been dealt with, see 20.4 above.

20.8 Proposal to amend SC5, 4.6.5 (1) and 4.6.5 (2) (agenda *Annex 55*). The German Delegate, Rainer Exi Hoenle, spoke to this proposal. The Judges Committee was completely opposed to this proposal.

The proposal was defeated on a vote - 2 for, 11 abstentions, 17 against.

20.9 Proposal for reimbursement of Judges' expenses (agenda *Annex 56*).

R. Exi Hoenle spoke to this proposal, which asked for a one time reimbursement of Judges' expenses. The Bureau had rejected the request as the Judges Committee did not support this proposal. P. Berggren reported that she had had a mixed response, and a varying one from some Judges who had signed the petition for reimbursement and later responded differently to her.

The proposal was carried on a vote - 15 for, 10 abstentions, 9 against.

R. Bennett gave Judge numbers involved for Menzelinsk and Nikšić and stated that this motion having been carried created a bad precedent.

There will be a one-time payment of costs, as per agenda *Annex 56*.

20.10 Proposal re Judges' expenses (agenda Annex 22)

This proposal aimed at raising the travel limit costs for Judges, as such costs are increasing. The Judges Committee reported that it will examine the matter during 2011 and report the findings to the 2012 Plenary.

J. Smyth asked R. Exi Hoenle to allow the Judges to work on this matter during the year and not pre-empt anything and R. Exi Hoenle agreed to this. The motion was therefore withdrawn.

20.11 Proposal Judging System

20.11.1 General The background to this matter was outlined by G. Winter who explained in detail the system, its benefits, costs and other related matters.

The adoption of this system would impact on many of our procedures and documents.

If so, the Bureau would ask the Plenary to allow the Bureau to amend the documents where necessary to fit with the scoring system.

20.11.2 Questions & Answers

Q1 R. Exi Hoenle asked how the cost of the system impact on Organisers and Competitors, and who will pay for it. He also asked about the scoring system with regard to the two competitions in 2011

A 1 G. Winter stated that for this test year, IPC will pay for any additional costs generated by the use of Cametrix above those budgeted by the Organiser for the supply of a Judging and Scoring System. That seemed to be acceptable to Serbia. J. Hitchen reported that he is trying to contact Serbia to get the Organiser there to use the Cametrix system. Germany has already got a supplier contracted so there will be another test event in FS and AE. For the Czech event in 2011, the Organiser was informed at the time of the bid that they would have to use the IPC approved system and further discussions will take place with the Organiser.

Q 2 I. Tiorlo asked what system would be used for Style and for Accuracy.

A 2 The Cametrix system does not provide a pad for Accuracy nor a camera for Style. However, the Cametrix system can accept any pad and the Cametrix company can provide a camera, with mirror lens, not VHS and of better quality.

20.11.3 Contract. The aim is to have a contract with Cametrix, the preferred supplier, with that company being the FAI supplier. The Organiser will be contracted to pay Cametrix, through a clause in the Organiser Agreement.

20.11.4 Cost. The cost for 2 Mondials and 2 FCEs, over 4-year period, would be £68,000. This breaks down as about £15,000 for a Mondial and about £20,000 for a World Cup year, where there are separate events.

The costs should not affect the Sanction Fee at all, as the Organiser must fund the scoring system.

20.11.5 Comments. For this year, 2011, if a contract is in place, IPC will pay the difference between any already-contracted price and the cost of the Cametrix system, of the Cametrix system has to be used.

The Russian Delegate, Vladimir Gazetov, stated that IPC should pay for this new system.

G. Winter stated that the 2010 Plenary had voted to proceed with the RFP and pursue a single Judging and Scoring system. She further stated that presently the Organiser has to pay the cost of an electronic scoring system, and now IPC will have a system which we know will work, will be maintained, and where we will know the costs in advance.

M. Laughlin reiterated the point that already an Organiser is required to have an electronic system and she gave an example of an additional cost of €2,000, from €8,000 to €10,000.

President Windsor stated that we need a scoring system to present our sports to the public and we do not have such a system at present. The Cametrix system can be updated as we go along and the benefits are huge for IPC.

R. *Exi* Hoenle felt that the Cametrix system would be good for big events, e.g. a Mondial, but not for single, smaller, events.

G. Winter stated that although the 2010 timetable planned to test the system in 2011, this was not really necessary for all disciplines as the system was known and had been used successfully. She also stated that there would be a termination clause in the proposed contract should there be an unforeseen problem.

J. Smyth said that we had a chicken-and-egg situation and that we have to start somewhere. He also stated that if the Cametrix system does not perform and meet our needs there will be a termination clause in the contract.

There was further discussion on various aspects of this matter and it was pointed out that the contract would be for four years, with the first year being for testing.

G. Windsor said that the system had been used in various competitions, that the Judges are happy with it and that Delegates now need to move forward with this proposal to use the Cametrix system.

20.11.6 Ballot. A secret ballot, proposed by the German Delegate, R. *Exi* Hoenle, was taken. It was pointed out that a 'yes' on the ballot paper meant support for the Bureau's proposal to enter into a contract to use the Cametrix system.

20.11.7 Ballot Result. The result of the ballot was, 24 for, 11 against. The Bureau's proposal, to enter into a contract, through FAI, with Cametrix as the preferred supplier, was accepted.

21 SPORTING CODE, SECTION 5

Note – all changes to the Sporting Code, Section 5, and IPC Internal Regulations shall be incorporated into the 2011 versions of these documents and shall be posted on the FAI web site.

21.1 Ms Gillian Winter, Chair of the Sporting Code Working Group, presented amendments to the Sporting Code, Section 5 and to the Internal Regulations (agenda *Annex 57*). With the exception of the items addressed below, the remainder of the proposals were accepted unanimously.

21.2 FAI Controller Handbook (agenda *Annex 64*). The proposed 2011 version was accepted without any changes to Annex 64.

21.3 Plenary Hosting Agreement (Agenda *Annex 65*). The proposed 2011 version was accepted without any changes to Annex 65.

21.4 First Category Event Application Document (agenda *Annex 66*). The proposed 2011 version was accepted without any changes to Annex 66.

21.5 SC5, 1.1.4 – Identity of Officials (in agenda *Annex 57*).

Dr. Rainer *Exi* Hoenle, Delegate for Germany, disagreed with this proposal.

J. Smyth stated that an official should not be seen to be part of a country's Delegation.

Vote - 1 against, 9 abstentions, 22 for this change. The proposal was carried.

21.6 SC5, 1.2 (5) AAD use (in agenda *Annex 57*).

This proposal was withdrawn due to concerns over possible legal implications.

21.7 SC5, 1.2 (6) Age limit for participation in FCE (in agenda *Annex 57*).

Opinions were expressed for and against this proposal to have a minimum age of 16 for participation in a FCE. There had been some research into the matter and various, dissenting, views were stated. FAI has not proceeded with this matter and IPC awaits response and guidelines, from FAI, on this issue.

A vote was taken and the result was – 7 against, 7 abstentions, 16 in favour.

The proposal was carried.

21.8 SC5, 3.1.2 Judging of Records (in agenda *Annex 57*).

All were in favour of this amendment to the rule

21.9 SC5, 4.1.1 – 2), Site visit by FAI Controller (in agenda *Annex 57*).

Included among the changes in this section is that a site visit during site preparation will now be done unless deemed unnecessary by the IPC Bureau or the relevant IPC Competition Committee.

A vote was taken and there was one abstention, with all other Delegates being in favour of the proposed changes.

21.10 SC5, 4.1.2 (3) add 'Continental Championships can be held in any year'

This proposal was unanimously adopted

21.11 SC5, 4.1.3 – (in agenda *Annex 57*) - this is a new clause - *Where a Head of Delegation or Team Manager serves as such at more than one FCE taking place at the same location, only one Sanction Fee will be paid in respect of that person.*

All were in favour of this proposal.

21.12 SC5, 4.1.4 Visa costs (in agenda *Annex 57*)– amendment

All were in favour of this amendment to SC5, 4.1.4

21.13 SC5, 4.2.2 Comp Rules (in agenda *Annex 57*) – addition to clause.

All were in favour of this proposal.

21.14 SC5, 4.2.5 Official Bulletins (in agenda *Annex 57*) – amendment

All were in favour of this amendment.

It was pointed out that a template is being designed for Bulletins.

21.15 SC5, 4.3.1 (1) Judging Equipment & Identification (in agenda *Annex 57*).

All were in favour of this amendment.

It was noted that the minutes of the 2010 Plenary show that there is no obligation on the part of an Organiser in 2011 to use the IPC-contracted Judging & Scoring system.

The Organiser Agreement, Section 3, with Germany for the FCE at Saarlouis, 28th July – 07th August 2011, requires the Organiser to provide a system, and IPC respects the agreement which the Organiser has put in place for a scoring system.

The German Delegate, Dr. R. Exi Hoenle asked that this be recorded in the minutes.

21.16 4.3.5 (3) Meteorological Service – add after 'accuracy' 'and Canopy Piloting'. So that the clause reads *At the accuracy and Canopy Piloting landing area, the system referred to above must record both windspeed and direction.*

This amendment was unanimously accepted.

21.17 SC5, 4.4.3 Multiple FCEs (in agenda *Annex 57*).

All were in favour of this proposal.

21.18 SC5, 4.3.3 (1); 4.4.3 (5); 4.6.5 – These proposals had been approved in Judges Section of Plenary – see 20.4 above.

21.19 SC5, 4.6.6 – This change had been approved under Artistic Events

21.20 SC5, 4.6.10 – Identification (in agenda *Annex 57*)

All were in favour of this proposal.

21.21 SC5, 4.7.1 2) (in agenda *Annex 57*). Clarification of Jury Member's role

All were in favour of this proposal.

21.22 SC5, 4.7.1 10) (in agenda *Annex 57*).– Proposal to bring Jury travel and visa expenses into line with Judges' travel and visa expenses.

All were in favour of this proposal.

21.23 SC5, 4.7.1 10) (in agenda *Annex 57*).- Change to daily allowances breakdown

There was discussion on what some regarded as a too-rigid breakdown of the daily meal allowance. It was suggested that FAI be consulted, as to whether it would be acceptable, for accounting purposes, to have a lump-sum daily meal allowances payment, the receipt being for the total amount of the daily allowance and signed for by the claimant.

An amendment to the proposed change to 4.7.1 10) was made – that the breakdown be removed and that there be a €40 daily meal allowance, without a specified breakdown.

The Bureau was tasked with pursuing this possibility with the FAI office, having regard to FAI and Swiss Law accounting requirements.

21.24 SC5, 4.10 Minimum Participation (in agenda *Annex 57*).

All were in favour of this amendment.

22 IPC INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Note – all changes to IPC Internal Regulations and Sporting Code, Section 5, shall be incorporated into the 2011 versions of these documents and shall be posted on the FAI web site.

22.1 IR 4.1 IPC Bureau (agenda *Annex 59*) – changes of titles of Treasurer to Financial Secretary and Technical Secretary to Recording Secretary.

All were in favour of these changes of titles.

22.1 IR 3.4.1 Plenary Location – Lausanne – FAI had amended its By law at the FAI General Conference in October 2010. The new By law allows Commissions to decide, by a simple majority, to meet other than in Lausanne.

The point was made that the FAI GC does not itself meet in Lausanne and that Commissions should therefore not be required to do so. The term 'in the vicinity of' was also queried.

22.2 IR 5.4 Financial Secretary (agenda *Annex 59*)

This is a wording change only – change from Treasurer to Financial Secretary

All were in favour of this amendment.

22.3 IR 5.5 Recording Secretary (agenda *Annex 59*)

(i) Proposed change to the requirement to be elected Recording Secretary (5.5.1);

(ii) Clarification of the role of Recording Secretary (5.5.2);

(iii) Voting Rights 5.5.3 - The proposal as in agenda *Annex 59* was changed to read *The Recording Secretary, if not a Delegate or Alternate Delegate, will have no voting rights.*

All were in favour of (i), (ii) and the amended version of (iii), as noted above.

22.4 IR 4.7 – Term of Office

As there was no change in Term of Office proposed, a decision was not needed.

22.5 IR 5.7 – Change of Title (agenda Annex 59).

Change title of World Games Technical Delegate to World Games Liaison Officer.

It was explained that this change of title has come about due to FAI taking over WG co-ordination (see 5.1 – World games, above)

All were in favour of this amendment.

22.6 IR 5.9 – Resignation of an Officer (agenda Annex 59).

All were in favour of the changes proposed, including the additional last paragraph concerning election for a post vacated during a two-year period.

22.7 IR 5.10 – Situation where a Bureau Member is replaced as Delegate by his country and the position where he is reinstated before the Bureau term is over. – The approved text for 5.10 was accepted.

22.8 IR 6.2.4 – This was deferred and addressed at a later time. **See 24.1 below.**

22.9 Preamble to Internal Regulations

A clause will state that where 'he' is used it also applies to 'she',

All were in favour of this addition to the IRs.

22.10 Leonardo da Vinci Diploma (agenda Annex 67 and further amendments).

The Bureau, at its mid-year meeting, reviewed the criteria for nomination for this award.

On reflection, these criteria were, in many cases, deemed by the Bureau to be too low and would have the effect, if not amended, of diminishing the value of the award. The qualification criteria were amended at meetings in Bar, Montenegro. The voting system for this award was also amended. The amended criteria and voting procedure were distributed to Delegates in hard copy.

On a vote, all Delegates accepted the more recent proposal.

This will appear in the 2011 Internal Regulations which will be posted on the FAI web site.

22.11 Faust Vrancic Medal (agenda Annex 59) – Proposal that the resume must not exceed 250 words.

All were in favour of this amendment.

22.12 Gold Parachuting Medal (agenda Annex 59) – Proposal that the resume must not exceed 250 words.

All were in favour of this amendment.

22.13 Finance Working Group changes – These were of a 'housekeeping' type only.

All were in favour of these changes.

22.14 List of Jurors for 2011. The Chair of the SCWG, G. Winter, presented the list of Jurors for 2011 and advised the Delegates of changes to the list. The 2011 Jury list is appended to these minutes as **Annex D.**

22.15 The nomination of Juries and FAI Controllers for FCEs in 2011 and some 2012 appointments was presented to the Plenary and the motion to approve the list was passed unanimously.

JURIES & FAI CONTROLLERS 2011 – 2012

13th FAI World Para Ski Championships Gosau, Austria 28 February – 05 March 2011	
Jury	FAI Controller
Richard Buzz Bennett – President	Doris Merz-Hunziker
Lidia Kosk	
Igor van Aperen	

The appointments for the 2011 FAI Para Ski World Parachuting Championships were approved at the 2010 IPC Plenary meeting held at Lausanne, Switzerland, and are given here for information.

6th FAI Canopy Piloting World Cup & 2nd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships Klatovy, Czech Republic 22 – 27 August 2011	
Jury	FAI Controller
Marylou Laughlin – Jury President	Jacqui Bruwer
Alberto Martin Paracuellos	
Barry McAuley	

6th FAI European Cup & 3rd Junior EC in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Kikinda, Serbia 18 – 28 August 2011	
Jury	FAI Controller
John Smyth – Jury President	Igor Tiorlo
Rainer Exl Hoenle	
Lindy Rochow-Williams	

17th FAI Formation Skydiving World Cup & 10th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships and 8th FAI Artistic Skydiving World Cup & 7th FAI Artistic Skydiving European Championships Saarlouis, Germany 28 July – 07 August 2011	
Jury	FAI Controller
Graeme Windsor – Jury President	Sylvia Wagner
Larry Bagley	
Sara Sacchet	

European Championships in FS and AE Prostějov, Czech Republic, Dates to be confirmed, 2012	
Jury	FAI Controller
	Niels-Christian Levin Hansen

Mondial 2012 Dubai, United Arab Emirates 27 November – 05 December 2012	
Jury	FAI Controller
	Alberto Martin Paracuellos
	IPC Controller – J&S
	Gillian Winter

These nominations were accepted unanimously.

President Windsor thanked the Sporting Code Working Group, specifically Chair Gillian Winter and Secretary Richard *Buzz* Bennett for the very big workload they had undertaken during 2010.

23. Chief Judges for 2011 FCEs

23.1 The following Chief Judges, and a Chief of Judge Training, were proposed:-

<i>Event</i>	<i>Chief Judge</i>	<i>Chief of Judge Training</i>
6 th FAI European Cup & 3 rd Junior EC in Freefall Style & Accuracy Landing Kikinda, Serbia, 18 – 28 August 2011	Günter Berendt	
8 th FAI Artistic Skydiving World Cup & 7 th FAI Artistic Skydiving European Championships, Saarlouis, Germany 28 July – 07 August 2011	Alya Ananina	
17 th FAI Formation Skydiving World Cup & 10th FAI European Formation Skydiving Championships, Saarlouis, Germany, 28 July – 07 Aug. 2011	Elisabet Pettersson	
6 th FAI Canopy Piloting World Cup & 2 nd FAI European Canopy Piloting Championships, Klatovy, Czech Republic, 22 – 27 August 2011	Etienne Bosch	Silvia Wagner

The above list was approved unanimously.

The 62nd IPC Plenary adjourned at this point, to re-convene at 08:00 on Sunday 30th January 2011

Sunday 30th January 2011.

The count, conducted by J-M B. showed 28 votes, plus 6 proxies.

These numbers indicated: - Simple majority - 18 votes; Two-thirds majority - 23 votes.

24 IPC INTERNAL REGULATIONS (continued from 22 above)**24.1 IR 6.2 & IR 7 Composition of Committees & Working Groups**

This item had not been in the agenda; the matter/problem arising at this Plenary.

The SCWG drafted a proposal relating to composition of Committees and WGs.

It would require a two-thirds supporting vote to admit this item for discussion at the Plenary.

On a vote taken, there were no objections, no abstentions and all were in favour of

discussing the proposal. This decision to allow the meeting discuss the SCWG proposal

had been taken on Saturday 29th January.

A paper was distributed noting the proposed changes to the makeup of Committee in the following:- 6.2; 6.2.1; 6.2.2; 6.2.3; 6.2.4; 6.3.1; 6.3.2; 6.3.3; 6.4; 6.5.

Changes were proposed to Working Groups in the following:- 7.2 (1); 7.2. (2); 7.2 (3);

7.2 (4); 7.2.1; 7.2.2; 7.3.1 1), 2), 3), 4); 7.3.3; 7.4.

All of these changes regarding the changed structures of Committees and Working Groups were approved unanimously and will appear in the 2011 version of the IPC Internal Regulations which will be posted on the FAI web site.

24.2 Proposal on Bureau Interim Decision (agenda *Annex 60*) – This matter had already been dealt with and it was withdrawn by the proposer, Rainer *Exi* Hoenle.

24.3 Proposal to amend Internal Regulations (agenda *Annex 61*) – The proposer, R. Exi Hoenle, spoke to this proposal. President Windsor stated it was not necessary to put machinery into place to have a vote of no confidence. Normal procedure leaves the possibility for this, in any organization, at any time.

A vote was taken, resulting in 1 for, no abstentions and a clear majority against the proposal.

24.4 Proposal for Modification of Internal Regulations (agenda *Annex 62*) – The Proposer, R. Exi Hoenle spoke to this resolution. Following discussion the proposer withdrew the motion.

24.5 Proposal re IR 3.7.3 re publication of all Jury reports and Decisions in the Plenary Agenda (*agenda Annex 63*). The proposer, R. Exi Hoenle, spoke to this resolution and he felt that Jury decisions ought be published on the web site and in the Plenary agenda. G. Winter explained that a file is kept of all Jury decisions file and the decisions are seen by Committee Chairs and SCWG who pick up on anything which needs attention. FAI Representative J-M. Badan suggested not to publish on the public web site but perhaps on the new protected site which is to be set up. A vote was taken on the proposal:- 2 in favour, 6 abstentions, majority against. The proposal was therefore lost.

25. ASIANIA

25.1 ASIANIA Report for 2010. ASIANIA President, Mubarak Al Swailim presented his report in hard copy. The comprehensive report listed the large number of events conducted by ASIANIA in 2010 and events in which ASIANIA was involved. The events in which ASIANIA would be involved in 2011, and the aim of holding a Safety Symposium in Jeddah in June 2012 were noted as was the membership status and aims for the coming year.

Mubarak Al Swailim stated that ASIANIA works towards increasing participation in international parachuting events and that since its foundation its membership has increased. FAI membership for ASIANIA countries is also insisted upon and in closing Mubarak Al Swailim thanked the plenary for the decision to go to Dubai for Mondial 2012.

25.2 President Windsor thanked Mubarak Al Swailim for the great work of the organization, stating that he had seen its steady growth over the years and its increased activity. Such regional development was welcome and encouraged by IPC, which will also support COLPAR, the organization for Latin American parachuting associations and federations.

26. AWARDS

26.1 General. President Windsor said that it was disappointing that no nominations had been made for the FAI Gold Parachuting Medal, the Leonardo da Vinci Diploma or the Faust Vrancic Medal. While these awards should not be devalued, it was important to nominate people for them, as they were prestigious for the recipient and for his or her country. He asked that in future years nominations for these awards be considered by the Delegates' countries.

26.2 Phillippe Schorno Trophy (agenda *Annex 68*) – G. Winter presented this item and stated that the award would be for the World Champion Team in VFS. The trophy, donated by the French Parachute Federation, be called the Fiona McEachern Trophy, in memory of Fiona McEachern, late Chair of the Formation Skydiving Committee of IPC, The first beneficiaries would be the winners of the first VFS World Championships held in 2010, who happen to be the French Team. A vote was taken. There was 1 abstention, and all others were in favour of adopting the Fiona McEachern Trophy.

27. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

27.1 Czech Republic 2012 event. The Czech Delegate, Emil Franek, spoke about the Czech Republic bid to host the 20th FAI World Formation Skydiving Championships and 9th FAI World Artistic Skydiving Championships at Prostějov in September 2012 (agenda Annex 34). As the UAE Mondial bid for 2012 had been accepted by the Plenary, the Czech Republic now wishes the bid to be the Open European Championships in FS and AE. The FS Committee reported that it was split 50/50 as to whether to accept this. The AE Committee stated that it had nothing against such a change but that it feared a small attendance.

A vote was taken. The result was 32 for, 2 against, no abstentions.

The proposal to hold the event as the Open European Championships, with the details as in the original bid, was therefore accepted. The bidder mentioned a possible change of dates in the bid, see para 31.

27.2 Bid to host Mondial in 2014. Bosnia-Herzegovina signaled its intention to bid to host a Mondial in 2014. A presentation was made. The venue would be Banja Luka, a town of 250,000 people, with the airfield 5km from the town centre and a 2nd airfield a further 5 km away.

Helicopters would be used for the competitions; types - Gazelle, Bell 212, MiL 17

1,500 people were catered for in the town at championships in 2010.

The prospective Organiser will ask for a team to visit in 2011 to look at the facilities.

President Windsor thanks Bosnia-Herzegovina for their presentation and stated that IPC looked forward to getting the bid.

27.3 Extension of Once-off Judges' Payment. M. Laughlin wished to propose that the proposal re the one time payment of Judges' expenses (see **20.9** above) be extended to cover those Judges who were at the CP event at Kolomna, Russia in 2010.

As this item was not on the Plenary agenda it required a supporting two-thirds majority vote to allow it be discussed. A two-thirds majority supporting vote was achieved and the item was admitted to the Plenary agenda.

M. Laughlin again asked that the previous motion include those Judges who were in Kolomna

A vote was taken on the proposal. The result was 29 for, 4 abstentions. The proposal was therefore carried.

28. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The list of Committee and Working Group Chairs, Deputy Chairs and Members was shown to Delegates, confirmed and was accepted unanimously.

The listing is appended to these minutes as **Annex E**.

29. ELECTION TO POSITION OF RECORDING SECRETARY

29.1 Election of Recording Secretary. The position of Recording Secretary had fallen vacant as L. McNulty was no longer Alternate Delegate for Kenya and so he could not, under the older Internal Regulations, hold the post. An election was therefore required to fill the position, under the newly-adopted IRs and the changed FAI By laws.

Nominations - L. McNulty was nominated by R. Bennett. President Windsor confirmed that the Irish NAC had confirmed that it had no objection to L. McNulty being proposed for this post. As there were no other nominations L. McNulty was elected by acclaim.

30. FUTURE IPC PLENARY MEETINGS

30.1 Bid from Argentina to host the 63rd IPC Plenary Meeting in 2012.

The Argentinean Delegate, Gustavo Eduardo Reyes, presented a bid (agenda *Annex 69*) to host the 63rd IPC Plenary Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2012, with an additional day being included for the meeting of the Bureau and Committee and Working Group Chairs.

The Argentinean Delegate provided the following additional details:

- a. Additional days would cost 70 Euros per person per day.
- b. There would be sufficient rooms for Committee meetings (the original bid stated two).
- c. The distance from Airport to the venue (Hindu Centre) is 50 km and the approximate cost by car is 13 Euros.
- d. A room would be provided for the Bureau meeting of Tuesday, 7th February 2012.

There were a number of questions, which were answered:-

Q. No extra days are allowed at the centre. What about early arrivals or late departures?

A. Perhaps this can be arranged

Q. is it possible to cater for the extra day (Tuesday) for 15 people?

A. Can arrange for 15 people for Bureau meeting on the Tuesday, in the centre or in a hotel close by.

The proposal was put to a vote. A count at this point showed that there were then 32 votes, (2 delegates had left the meeting) including proxies and 22 were in favour of the bid from Argentina. The 2012 IPC Plenary meeting will therefore take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 7th – 12th February 2012.

30.2 Letter of Intent from South Africa (agenda *Annex 70*). South Africa confirmed its intention, in its Letter of Intent, to host the 2013 IPC Plenary meeting. No further information was necessary at this time.

31. FAI EUROPEAN FS & AE CHAMPIONSHIPS

See 27.1 above. Niels-Christian Levin Hansen was appointed FAI Controller. The dates for this event are to be decided by 1st March 2011.

32. ADJOURNMENT

President Windsor thanked Vojo Vujisić and the NAC of Montenegro for their great work in organizing the 62nd Plenary Meeting in Bar. He thanked the Delegates for their dedication, hard work and attention during the Plenary and stated that the Bureau will continue to work on behalf of IPC and will consider, at a later stage, whether a mid-year meeting will be necessary.

The IPC Plenary Meeting concluded.

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LIST OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATE DELEGATES AND OTHER ATTENDEES.

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