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# Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the  
**FAI Microlight Commission**

**held at the Hotel Aulac,  
in Lausanne, Switzerland**

on 13 and 14 November 2009

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Secretary: Keith NEGAL (GBR)  
FAI Secretary General Max BISHOP  
Delegates: Detailed in Annex 1

*Paragraph numbering reflects the numbering in the Agenda. Note there was no item 20.*

### **Microlight and Paramotor Sub-Committees**

The meetings of the Microlight and Paramotor sub-committees took place during the evening of 12 November.

#### **1. President's opening address**

CIMA President Tomas BACKMAN welcomed Delegates and Observers, especially new representatives from the Czech Republic, France, Japan and Korea.

#### **2. Paying tribute to the memory of Etsushi Matsuo**

Delegates stood in silence in memory of the former CIMA delegate for Japan, Mr. Etsushi MATSUO who was tragically killed in a road accident earlier in the year.

#### **3. Apologies and proxies**

France had a proxy from Kenya.

Belgium had a proxy from Lebanon.

Germany had a proxy from USA.

Sweden had a proxy from Austria on the first day, 13<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **4. Conflict of interest declarations**

Wojtek DOMANSKI (POL) declared a commercial interest in Dudek Paramotors.

#### **5. Minutes of 2008 Plenary Meeting**

The 2008 Minutes were considered and APPROVED by delegates.

#### **6. Matters arising**

Patrice GIRARDIN (FRA) criticised the manner in which the bid by Lebanon to host the 2009 World Championships was cancelled by the FAI Executive Board. The FAI Secretary General reiterated that this was because of concerns for the safety of competitors flying in the Bekaa valley.

#### **7. Report of FAI**

The FAI Secretary General Max BISHOP presented the FAI report:

The FAI General Conference had been held in Korea. FAI is very optimistic about the future of air sports in Asia.

New FAI members included Iran, Palestine, Qatar and Trinidad & Tobago.

The next FAI General Conference will be held in Dublin in 2010 when FAI President Pierre PORTMANN will step down.

The World Games were held in Taiwan with great success. FAI was represented at this event in parachuting.

The FAI World Air Games format as demonstrated in Turin was a good basis for the future but lessons had been learned. It was hoped that the next World Air Games would take place in 2011 in Odense (DEN).

Mr. BISHOP had previously announced his retirement and at the time of the meeting his successor had not been named. (*Post meeting note: Mr Stéphane DESPREZ has since been appointed.*)

#### **8. Delegates' reports**

See annexes 2x for National reports.

Jacek KIBINSKI (POL) in his capacity as CIMA delegate to the FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP) provided a report on the September 2009 CIMP meeting in Zagreb. This is included as Annex 3.

## 9. World Air games 2009, Turin. Jury Presidents report

Tomas BACKMAN (CIMA President & International Jury President) presented his report.

See annex 4

## 10. Future World Air Games 2011

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR) highlighted a lack of structure in the organisation at Turin which led to a competition which was not entirely the one envisaged by CIMA.

Delegates agreed that a Competition Director should be appointed by CIMA rather than by the local organizer, though of course this should be in consultation with the local organizer.

The Air Traffic Controllers at Turin were not used to air shows and experienced air show ATC should be considered in future. There is a strong argument to hold the event away from an airfield and instead in a stadium of some kind.

Tormod VEIBY (NOR) pointed out that competitors had been held in a back street during the Opening Ceremony and that they should be treated better in future. Mr. BISHOP agreed and explained that the Opening Ceremony was organised only 8 days beforehand due to uncertainties with the event budget.

Mr. MEREDITH-HARDY said he would write to the Secretary General explaining CIMA's position. Mr. BISHOP in turn suggested that there be a separate Event Organiser for each of the Microlight and Paramotor competitions.

### a. Appointing Liaison Officers.

The following CIMA - WAG Liaison Officers were appointed by delegates:

Paramotor WAG LO: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR)

Microlight WAG LO: Wolfgang LINTL (GER)

### b. Tasks

Keith NEGAL (GBR) explained that the British Microlight Aircraft Association had reservations about the pylon racing task, and aircraft possibly flying outside the flight envelope permitted in the UK. Mr. VEIBY countered, saying it was necessary to consider all forms of competition. Other sports proved that it was possible to hold events which may be considered dangerous to some but were relatively safe in a controlled environment when competing pilots were World class.

Mr. MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR) reminded delegates that the original intention for the microlight competition was to be similar to an equestrian 'three day event' incorporating navigation, economy and precision tasks. This was abandoned at an early stage of planning because the local organizers considered this impossible within the airspace restrictions of the Turin area. The agreed alternative was a long distance race followed by the pylon races, but the long distance race was unilaterally cancelled by the Turin organisers about 9 months before the event which meant that only the pylon races were staged at the event.

### c. Qualifying system

Mr. MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR) stated that he thought the qualifying series for WAG 2009 Paramotors had been quite a success but there was some distance to go to achieve the same thing with microlights which had been selected from nominations by NAC's.

Max BISHOP stated that it would not be known how many competitors would be invited to the Games in 2011 until the organiser agreement had been signed. He hoped that this would be in early 2010. (*Post meeting note: Odense, Denmark withdrew their bid in early 2010*)

Wolfgang LINTL (GER) stated that qualifying events should be held in a fair manner and suggested a rehearsal at the 2010 European Microlight Championships. Mr. NEGAL, who was submitting the GBR bid for 2010, said that this would not be possible in England for several reasons.

It was agreed that in any case all the rules and tasks and qualifying system for the next WAG should be reviewed by two subcommittees chaired by their respective WAG LO's:

The following were appointed by delegates:

Microlight WAG Subcommittee: Wolfgang LINTL (GER) Chairman.

Paul DEWHURST (GBR)

Tormod VEIBY (NOR)

Jacek KIBINSKI (POL)

Vladimir SILHAN (CZE)

Paramotor WAG Subcommittee: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR) Chairman.

Wojtek DOMANSKI (POL)

Alain BARTHERE (FRA, co-opted)

### **11. World Microlight Championships 2009, Jihlava (CZE)**

See annex 5 for the Jury President and Steward reports.

Jury, Steward and Team Leader reports stated that the event had been a success; in particular the new AMOD flight recorders which were used for the first time.

The Jury President Mr. LINTL expressed a personal opinion that the withdrawal of the French team had been unsporting. Mr. GIRARDIN did not consider such remarks to be befitting of the Jury President and that they should be presented as a separate item from the report to avoid confusion.

### **12. World Paramotor Championships 2009, Nové Mesto nad Metují (CZE)**

See annex 6 for the Jury President and Steward reports.

A significant advance in both of these world championships but in particular in WPC2009 was the use of the internet. This had greatly speeded up communication as well as reducing costs and the organizer's workload. It demonstrated the need for reliable and robust wifi systems at future competition venues.

Mr. MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR) recorded his disappointment with FAI's media partners, Flying Aces who have exclusive media rights but were present for just one half day of the ten day competition. He was concerned about the extent to which competition organizers were being forced to work with Flying Aces when local alternatives were more favorable. He believed that the contract between FAI and Flying Aces was to the detriment of air sports and to microlights and paramotors in particular.

### **13. Continental Microlight Championships 2010**

#### **i) European Microlight championships 2010**

The only bid was from GBR.

EMC2010 will take place at Sywell Aerodrome, Northamptonshire, England on 7-15 August 2010.

The bid was APPROVED by delegates.

The Local Regulations had been circulated and were APPROVED by delegates.

See Annex 7 for bid document and local regulations.

The following were nominated by the EMC 2010 organizers and APPROVED by delegates:

Stewards: Naaman TAM (ISR)

Gerhart GERECHT (LUX)

Roland SCHNEIDER (GER)

The following appointments were made and APPROVED by delegates:

Jury President Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (ESP)

Jury member Wolfgang LINTL (GER)

Jury member Tom GUNNARSON (USA)

Monitor: Vladimir SILHAN (CZE)

#### **ii) European Paramotor Championships 2010**

There were no bids. Mr. GIRARDIN explained that France was working on a new concept of competition but it was not yet ready. He asked the meeting to accept a 2 month delay so that France could work with the CIMA Bureau to approve the event.

Delegates agreed that France should work out a proposal to be submitted under 'Any Other Business'.

#### **iii) Asian Championships 2010**

There were no bids.

#### **iv) American Championships 2010**

There were no bids.

## 14. World Championships 2011

### i) Microlights

Bids were received from Spain (for Barcelona) and Israel (for Beer Sheva).

See Annex 8 for bid documents.

Delegates APPROVED the Israeli bid and the championships will be held in October 2011.

The following appointment was APPROVED by delegates:

Monitor: Antonio MARCHESI (ESP)

### ii) Paramotors

Bids were received from Korea, South Africa and Spain, though Spain withdrew.

South Africa was not represented at the meeting but some limited information was presented by Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR) on their behalf.

The organisers of the Korean bid promised free 4\* hotel accommodation and a contribution towards travel costs - \$500 for Asian competitors, \$1000 for European and \$1500 for African competitors.

See Annex 9 for bid documents.

Delegates APPROVED the Korean bid and WPC2011 will be held in Daejeon in October 2011

The following appointment was APPROVED by delegates:

Monitor: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

## 15. 2012 Championships

Due to the World Air Games being held every 2 years, it was proposed to alter the pattern of CIMA championships so that World Championships were not held in the same year as the World Air Games.

That the next World Championships after 2011 shall be in 2012 was APPROVED by delegates.

Future bids were promised by delegates for:

- i) World Microlight Championships 2012: Slovakia and Spain
- ii) World Paramotor Championships 2012: Belgium and South Africa

## 16. Championships beyond 2012

- i) European Paramotor Championships 2013: Estonia (to be confirmed)
- ii) Asian Continental Championships 2013: No bids.
- iii) Americas Continental Championships 2013: No bids.

## 17. Proposals from France

France had submitted several proposals to be considered by delegates. This is included as Annex 10.

To change the name of the commission from CIMA to CIMAP, thereby including the word 'Paramotor'. This was withdrawn after it was pointed out that CIMA had already decided to change its name to "CIMA – FAI Microlight and Paramotor Commission."

- A To create an Internal Regulations Working Group with the aim of producing CIMA Internal Regulations. This was APPROVED and the following were appointed:

Chairman: Patrice GIRARDIN (FRA)

Working Group members:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR)

Tormod VEIBY (NOR)

Rene VERSCHUEREN (BEL)

- B A proposal to move the date of the CIMA plenary meeting was withdrawn.
- C A proposal to change the size of the CIMA Bureau was withdrawn.
- D A proposal to extend the Bureau term of office to 2 years was REJECTED.

## 18. FAI Sporting Code, Section 10 - Proposals

The proposals and the resulting decisions are included as Annex 11.

## 19. Honours, medals and awards

### a. Colibri Diploma

The CIMA Bureau had proposed the Colibri Diploma (posthumous) be awarded to Mr. Etsushi MATSUO (JPN).

The citation is attached as Annex 12.

This was agreed unanimously.

### b. Ann Welch Diploma

Delegates considered eligible winners of the Ann Welch Diploma from a list of records ratified in the previous year.

The list is attached as Annex 13

This was put to a vote with the result that the Ann Welch Diploma shall be awarded to Mr. Armin APPEL (GER) for his flight in PF1Tm Distance over a closed circuit without landing of 343.6 km.

### c. Other award business

FAI Secretariat has prepared some very nice certificates to accompany Colibri Badges. NACs may order Badges + corresponding certificates from FAI Secretariat at a cost of CHF 7.50 + postage each.

## 21. CIMA Financial Report and Budget

This was presented by Keith NEGAL (Secretary) and is included as Annex 14a.

The financial report and budget were APPROVED by delegates.

*Post meeting note: The final 2009 accounts and budget are included as Annex 14b.*

## 22. Any Other Business

### i) French scoring system and request for bid deadline extension

France gave a presentation on their new scoring system for competitions. They further proposed to hold the European Paramotor Championships 2010 using this new system but no substantive details of this bid were available.

France asked for a 2 month extension of the deadline to submit a bid but this was REJECTED by delegates.

The new scoring system was discussed and then put to a vote. As this was an addition to the Agenda, a two thirds majority was necessary to carry the proposal. Delegates REJECTED the proposal.

### ii) CIMA Internet presence

Delegates discussed a paper which had been distributed before the meeting and which proposed the creation of a 'WIKI' on the CIMA website. This would enable delegates to contribute to the website directly thereby allowing a greater exchange of information.

See annex 15 for the paper.

As this was an addition to the Agenda, a two thirds majority was necessary to carry the proposal. Delegates APPROVED the proposal.

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN and Richard MEREDITH-HARDY were tasked by delegates to set up the WIKI.

### iii) CIMA Ranking System

Delegates considered a second paper which had been previously distributed; this proposed an experimental ranking system based on the CIVL model using data from the 2009 and 2010 seasons. The results would be presented to the CIMA Plenary 2010.

See annex 16 for the paper.

As this was an addition to the Agenda, a two thirds majority was necessary to carry the proposal. Delegates APPROVED the proposal. Agust GUDMUNDSSON (ICE) and Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR) were tasked to set up the ranking system.

### iv) Naming of aircraft in records

Delegates considered a third previously distributed paper; this outlined an inconsistency in the naming of trikes and paramotors in comparison with 3-axis aircraft.

See annex 17 for the paper.

FAI staff member Mr. Marcel MEYER had joined the session and explained the possible solutions. It was agreed that there should be 6 'aircraft information' data fields in each record entry.

As this was an addition to the Agenda, a two thirds majority was necessary to carry the proposal.

Delegates APPROVED the proposal. Mr. MEREDITH-HARDY (S10 Editor) was tasked to amend the record claim forms to reflect this new provision.

## 15) Election of Officers

President of Honour: Tomas BACKMAN (SWE)

President: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR)

1st Vice President: Wolfgang LINTL (GER)

2nd Vice President Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (ESP)

Secretary Rob HUGHES (GBR)

Microlight Sub-Committee Chairman: Tomas BACKMAN (SWE)

Paramotor Sub-Committee Chairman: Wojtek DOMANSKI (POL)

Section 10 Editor Rob HUGHES (GBR)

Section 10 sub-committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (CIMA President) Chairman.

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (ESP)

Tomas BACKMAN (SWE)

Jacek KIBINSKI (POL)

CIMA Representative to CIMP - Jacek KIBINSKI (POL)

CIMA Representative to CIACA - Keith NEGAL

CIMA Representative to CANS - Roger HOLM (co-opted, NOR)

Flight Recorder Approval Committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (CIMA President)

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (ESP)

Martin MARECEK (CZE)

Vladimir SILHAN (CZE)

Paramotor Precision Committee:

Roy BEISSWENGER (USA)

Rene VERSCHUEREN (BEL)

Ramon MORILLAS (co-opted - ESP)

## 16) Next CIMA meeting:

11 November 2010 - Subcommittees:

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Paramotor Sub-Committee – 14:00

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