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Minutes

of the
Annual Meeting
of the
FAI General Aviation Commission
(GAC)

held in Larnaca, Cyprus
on Saturday, 3 November 2012
at the Palm Beach Hotel

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1. Welcome and Roll Call of the Delegates

The meeting of the General Aviation Commission (GAC) was called to order on Saturday, 3rd November at 09:00 by the GAC President Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas. He also welcomed Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General. Mr. Demetrakis Hadjidemetriou from the Aero Club of Cyprus welcomed all the delegates and wished a successful meeting.

A roll call of the delegates was taken by Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General

The following four proxies were approved: Luxembourg to Germany, France to Spain, Finland to Sweden and Norway to Denmark.

For the record, it was noted there were 24 votes present, including proxies.

This means for the voting: the absolute majority is 13 votes and 2/3 majority is 16 votes.

Apologies received from the GAC Honorary President Sven Hugosson.

Mr. Delmas asked if anyone wished to make a declaration of a conflict of interest. No conflict of interests was noted.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Salzburg, Austria, on 19th November 2011, were accepted as written. The minutes were approved by the UK and seconded by Greece

4. Report on GAC activities during the year

Mr. Jean-Pierre Delmas reported (see Annex 04) on his first year as GAC president.

He also attended the Commission Presidents' Group meetings, the CASI meetings and the FAI General Conference. A summary of decisions taken at FAI GC will be presented by the FAI Secretary General.

The GAC President gave special thanks and congratulations to Spain on hosting a very well organized 18th FAI World Rally Flying Championship.

He also thanked Jiri Dodal as acting treasurer on behalf of the GAC Bureau, after elected treasurer, Janos Benedek, resigned due to work commitment.

5. Report on FAI activities during the year

Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General, reported the great news that Breitling signed up a sponsorship agreement with FAI. He also reported on the anti-doping campaign that will affect GAC in the future. He asked GAC to comply with the doping code.

He mentioned that FAI has 112 countries registered to date. He requested that the organizer of an international championship must make sure that the participating countries are in good standing in order to qualify for participation. Mr. Badan suggested that GAC should try to get more women into aviation and should nominate women to the IOC and so promote the participation of women in sport.

He stated that the bid for the World Air Games 2015 is now open for countries that may be interested. The ANR is listed as one of the disciplines at the WAG.

6. Past International Competitions

18th FAI World Rally Flying Championship, in Castellon Spain 2012

Mr. Jirí Dodal, President of the Jury, tabled his report (see Annex 6.1) on a very successful Championship held in Spain.

Reports were tabled by International Chief Judge Mr. Andrzej Osowski (see Annex 6.2) as well as from the Championship Director Mr. Jesus Mas (see Annex 6.3).

1st International ANR held in Bitburg, Germany

Mr. Jean Birgen tabled his report (Annex 6.4) on this First International ANR, on the Hans Gutmann Memorial Rally, as well on the Long Range Rally.

7. Subcommittee Reports

Rally Flying Subcommittee

Mr. Andrzej Osowski, Chairman of the Rally Flying Subcommittee, presented his report (see Annex 7.1).

He also proposed some changes to the Rules and Regulations for Air Rally Flying in the future FAI World and European Rally Flying Championships:

- There will be two divisions 1) the *Unlimited* division and 2) the *Advanced* division.
- There will be only 3 navigation tests instead of 4.
- There will be a Landing Trophy all divisions combined.

The proposed changes were approved and new Rally Rules Edition 2013 will be published.

Precision Flying Subcommittee

Mr. Rodney Blois, Chairman of the Precision Flying Subcommittee, proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for Precision Flying:

- The 1st of the 3 navigations will no longer be considered as a check navigation but as a test navigation.
- The final score for each pilot will be calculated with the best two test navigations.
- Wording amendments.

The proposed changes were approved and new Precision Rules Edition 2013 will be published.

Air Navigation Race Subcommittee

Mr. Maurice Ducret, Chairman of the Air Navigation Race Subcommittee, reported (see Annex 7.3) on the activities during the past year.

He mentioned that the Handbook for the ANR is on the website and an user friendly software was created. It was decided that the ANR will be introduced at the 9th FAI European Rally Flying Championship in Slovakia and at the FAI World Precision Flying Championship in Germany

Records Subcommittee

Mr. Art Greenfield, Chairman of the Records Subcommittee, proposed several changes to the specialized section #2 of the FAI Sporting Code, which is under GAC control:

- a. Electrically-powered aircraft now included in the specialised section #2 of the Sporting Code.
- b. Tilt-Rotor records removed from the specialised section #2 as they are covered by the specialised section #9 maintained by the Rotorcraft Commission, which accepted to keep current records valid. The proposed changes (see Annex 7.4).were approved.

8. Future International Competitions

9th FAI European Rally Flying Championship 2013

Mr. Jan Chudy, delegate from Slovakia, presented the final bid to host the 9th FAI ERFC 2013, in Dubnica nad Vahom, Slovak Republic, from the 4th to 09th August 2013 (see Annexes 08.1a, 08.1b, 08.1c).

The final bid was approved and accepted.

21st FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2013

Mr. Ralf Grunwald, delegate from Germany, tabled the final bid for hosting the 21st FAI WPFC 2013, in Bautzen, Germany, from the 8 to the 14 September 2013.(see Annexes 8.2a, 8.2b & 8.2c)

The final bid was approved and accepted.

19th FAI World Rally Flying Championship 2014

Mr. Osowski presented the local rules and regulations for the 19th FAI World Rally Flying Championship to be held in Torun, Poland. The final bid was tabled, approved and accepted. (see Annex 8.3).

Final details and dates will be presented at the next meeting.

10th FAI European Rally Flying Championship 2015

The delegate from Portugal presented a preliminary bid for hosting the 10th FAI ERFC in Portugal.

The official bid documents will be forwarded to the next meeting. (see Annex 8.4)

22nd FAI World Precision Flying Championship 2015

Croatia submitted a letter to indicate their interest to host the 22nd FAI WPFC in 2015, as well as the GAC meeting in 2014.

Formal bids will be presented to the next meeting.

Long Range Air Racing

Jean Birgen from Luxembourg will be arranging a LRAR.

More details will be announced as soon as possible.

9. Finances

Treasurer's report

Mr. Jiri Dodal, acting GAC Treasurer, presented a financial report from 2011 to 2013 (see Annex 09.1) and reviewed the income and expenditures during 2011-2012 (see Annex 9.2). The report was approved.

Budget for 2013

Mr. Dodal also presented the proposed budget for 2013.

Large discussion lead to following trade-off : 2,000 € for software development (50-50 for Rally and ANR), 3,300 € for making a video.

This video is aimed to promote all of our sports, especially on Internet and on the social networks. A Task Force, with representatives of UK (chair), Spain and Portugal, is in charge of collecting best practices from delegates and making the video.

The modified budget was approved. (see Annex 9.3).

10. Technical Representative Reports

Technical Advisor, GNSS

Mr. Ralf Grunwald GAC Technical Advisor, GNSS reported that the DG100 logger was approved. (see Annex 10.1).

Webmaster

Mr. Hans Schwebel reported for Mr. Chris Booyesen, GAC webmaster (see Annex 10.2).

Mr. Booyesen is unable to be the webmaster for the next year.

The delegate from Spain, Mr. Pedro Cabañero, thanked Chris Booyesen for his service over the last few years.

Environmental issues

Mr. Henry Lindholm, GAC representative to FAI Environmental Commission, reported on the meeting he attended .

World Air Games

Mr. Heini Schawalder will look into participation in the next WAG.

Long Range Air Racing

Mr. Jean Birgen reported (see Annex 10.3).

11. Awards

Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

Three candidates were submitted Claude Lelaie (FRA), Jiri Dodal(CZE), Igor Tselischev (RUS)

The Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma was awarded to Jiri Dodal from Czech Republic.

12. Other Business

Anti-Doping

The FAI has issued a new anti-doping policy and is establishing a Registered Testing Pool. Pilots listed in the RTP are subject to be tested all around the year.

The FAI Board designated 5 Air Sports commissions which have to nominate 4 pilots.

The GAC meeting agreed to invite the top 4 nations, according to team score of the last world championship, Czech Republic, France, Poland and Spain, to nominate one pilot each. The FAI Executive Board will then select two out of the four nominated pilots.

More details can be seen on the FAI website

13. Elections & Appointments

The commission held elections with the results as follows:

Election of Bureau

President Jean-Pierre Delmas
1st Vice President/Secretary Hans Schwebel
2nd Vice President/Treasurer (new) Jiri Dodal

Election of Subcommittee Chairmen

Precision Flying Subcommittee Rodney Blois
Rally Flying Subcommittee Andrzej Osowski
Air Nav Race Subcommittee Maurice Ducret
Records Subcommittee Art Greenfield

Election of Technical Representatives

CASI Jean-Pierre Delmas
FAI Environmental Commission Henry Lindholm
World Air Games Liaison Officer Heini Schawalder
New Webmaster Michel Frere
Technical Advisor, GNSS Ralf Grunwald
Technical Advisor, Long Range Air Racing Jean Birgen

Appointment of International Jury Members and Judges

The Jury and Judge lists were updated and approved.
(See official lists on web site)

14. Date and time of the next GAC Plenary Meeting

The President noted that it would require a 50% majority vote to hold the next GAC meeting outside of Lausanne (Switzerland) and that Spain wished to host the meeting in 2013.

The delegates voted to hold the next meeting in Cordoba, Spain, 1-4 November 2013.

15. Adjournment

The President thanked the Aero Club of Cyprus for a well organized meeting as well all the delegates for their input and adjourned the meeting at 18:00.

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