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BILL MOYES' NOMINATION FOR FAI AIR GOLD MEDAL

The following text was sent to FAI last year.

When it came to the vote of FAI Vice-President, it was a very close call that needed a second round. Bill was then defeated by Russian Mikhail Mamistov.

CIVL Bureau feels that nominating Bill Moyes again is fully justified.

In 2012, FAI awarded its Air Gold Medal to the Australian John Dickenson, inventor of the Modern Hang Glider. This year, on the 50th birthday of the Modern Hang Glider, CIVL would like FAI to honour another great Australian: Bill Moyes.

As John Dickenson declared: "Bill Moyes developed the sport from a local phenomena to a worldwide thing of staggering proportion, and thousands and thousands of people are now flying because of what he's been doing."

Bill learned to fly in 1967 and stretched the Dickinson wing limits, breaking successive altitude and endurance records, being the first to fly off a mountain and soar on a ridge. In 1969, he started selling his own gliders and went around the USA, Europe and the Pacific, giving demonstrations, showing his trade, raising awareness, making followers, spreading the Dickinson wing, proving that it could soar, glide and go up like no others.

When CIVL was created, Bill became involved as a Delegate or Vice-President for 9 years. He played a vital part in changing hang gliding from a recreational activity into an internationally recognized sport.

In 1969, Bill Moyes founded Delta Wing Kites and Gliders, that became Moyes Gliders and grew to be the most successful hang glider manufacturer, still active today, having sold thousands of gliders, all having a reputation of combining safeness, sturdiness and performance.

Today, Bill Moyes still play an active role both in Moyes Gliders and in the hang gliding competition scene (he was part of the organization in the 2013 FAI World championship).