

Air Sport General Commission

Report on Activities since the last General Conference held at – St Vincent Italy

The Air Sport General Commission over the last twelve months has comprised the 10 elected NAC's of Australia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA plus the representatives of the Air Sport Commissions.

The Air Sport General Commission Bureau has comprised:

Henk Meertens	President,	Australia
John Grubbstrom	1 st Vice President	Sweden
John Aldridge	Vice President	CIVL
Jean-Pierre Delmas	Vice President	France
Graeme Windsor	Vice President	IPC
Gillian Winter	Secretary	France

Appeals on behalf of the Russian NAC against decisions made by the International Jury at the World Parachuting Championships in Maubeuge (FRA)

The Commission received appeals from the representative of the Russian NAC on behalf of the Russian "Sky Panthers" team against decisions made by the International Jury at the World Parachuting Championships held in Maubeuge France.

An extensive process of setting up an International Appeals Tribunal was instigated to hear the Appeal. The Secretariat of FAI was subsequently advised by the Russian NAC that they no longer supported the Appeal. As a consequence the Appeal process was terminated.

Appeal from the Aero Club of Israel concerning events and rulings which occurred during the 12th F3C Model Helicopters European Championship – France.

The International Appeals Tribunal was established by the FAI Air Sports General Commission (CASI) in accordance with FAI Sporting Code General Section Chapter 9, upon the request of the Aero Club of Israel, to decide on an appeal filed against decisions made by the organiser and the International Jury of the 2008 European Championships for Model Helicopters held at Maubeuge, France in July 2008.

Tribunal Members nominated by CASI:

- Eilif Ness (NOR), chairman
- Antonis Papadopoulos (GRE)
- Nicholas Kalchev (BUL)

The decisions of the Tribunal as to the appeal were as follows:

1. *In respect of the Organiser's disqualification decision against the Israeli team, the Tribunal finds in favour of the Israeli Appeal, and directs FAI to officially revoke the decision as being unfounded, unjustified, unreasonable and not commensurate with the Sporting Code.*

2. *The Tribunal directs that a shared 6th place in the team standings be awarded the Israeli team, with no change to other placements or points.*
3. *The Appeals fee of CHF 2,000.00 to be returned to the Aero Club of Israel.*

Issues to be tabled at the forthcoming Air Sport General Commission meeting at Incheon – Korea include:

Continental Records – regarding the acceptance and definition of Continental records in the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code.

Awards Ceremony Protocols – a paper being tabled by the subcommittee of the Air Sport General Commission setting out recommendations for appropriate standards to be followed at FAI Competition Award Ceremonies.

Provision of insurance by Organizers – a proposed amendment to the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code by the Hellenic Aeronautical and Airsports Federation regarding terms and conditions of insurance cover offered by Events organizers.

International Air Sports Board recommendations – recommendations pertaining to the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code as a consequence of the recent staging of the World Air Games.

General Section amendments – recommendations from the FAI Secretariat for technical amendments to the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code

Standards of Distance Measurements – to review the adequacy of the distance measuring provisions of the General Section of the FAI Sporting Code.

Review of Section 11 Human Powered Aircraft – a considerable time has elapsed since the Commission reviewed Section 11 of the Sporting Code. A proposal for a review of Section 11 of the Sporting Code will be considered.

Support from FAI Secretariat

Once again I wish to acknowledge the considerable support & cooperation the Commission has received from the FAI Secretariat throughout the year.

In particular I express my appreciation for the invaluable council, understanding and assistance I have received from Max Bishop over many years who retires this year as Secretary General of FAI. I extend my very best wishes to Max and Angela in their future endeavours.

Henk Meertens
President FAI Air Sport General Commission