

INTERNATIONAL HANG GLIDING COMMITTEE (C.I.V.L.)ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE HOTEL RIGEL, LIDO DI VENEZIA, ITALYON MONDAY 18TH AND TUESDAY 19TH JULY 1988

## MINUTES

Drawn up by Walter Neumark, temporary Secretary  
 Approved by Thomas B Bosshard, President of CIVL

## PRESENT:

Mrs Ann Welch	Honorary President of CIVL and Secretary for the revision of Chapter 7 (Sporting Code)
In the chair	Mr Thomas B Bosshard, President of CIVL (Switzerland)
Australia	Mr Bill Moyes, VP CIVL and Delegate
Austria	Mr Sep Himberger, Delegate
Brazil	Mr Pepe Lopes, Delegate
Denmark	Mr Torpen Tastrup
Finland	Mr Reini Valtonen, Delegate
France	Mr John Zalewski, Delegate Mr Stephane Vieilledent, Observer
Germany (FRG)	Mr Klaus Tanzler, Delegate
Greece	Delegate
Hungary	Dr Marton Ordody, VP CIVL and Delegate
Japan	Mr Yoshiki Oka, Delegate
Jugoslavia	Mr Zlato Vanic, Delegate
Norway	Delegate
Poland	Mr Miroslav Rodzewicz, Delegate
Switzerland	Mr Thomas B Bosshard, Delegate
United Kingdom	Mr Noel Whittall, Delegate Mr Percy Moss, Alt Delegate Mr Walter Neumark, Minutes Secretary
USA	Mr Richard T Heckman, VP CIVL and Delegate
FAI	Dr Cenek Kepak, Secretary General

Apologies were received from: Liechtenstein (proxy vote to Switzerland).

- 1 MINUTES of the meeting of 6/7 April 1987 at the FAI HQ in Paris were approved.
- 2 CURRENT AGENDA was discussed and approved.

### 3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President tabled his formal report dated August 1987, to the FAI Council.

He had long been concerned with the enormous CIVL workload which could not be progressed by one two-day meeting per year and by the President alone for the remaining 362 days.

The President is not paid by the FAI: he is a member of the FAI/IOC Coordination Committee, FAI Council, FAI CASI, FAI International Coordination Committee which each involve two meetings per year. In addition he attends the FAI General Conference. He usually attends all FAI Hang Gliding Championships although this year was not able to attend those in Australia and Italy, but did visit St Hilaire in France. CIVL matters impose a steady 5-10 hours work per week and the delays caused by the organisers of the European Championships in Italy and France imposed a further 5 weeks work.

He had appointed Ann Welch as his alternate for FAI meetings which he could not attend (she is also a member of the FAI working group revising the General Section). The President's major role should be to represent CIVL at the FAI, as our sport had suffered greatly when previous Presidents were not interested in this for several years. A large part of this work is in distributing codes and papers and answering questions which should really be done by FAI headquarters.

Our major task at this meeting is to discuss how to make CIVL more efficient by delegating the work load to members of CIVL who are prepared to work throughout the year (instead of 2 days). The most important aspect of this reorganisation is to ensure that the new Section 7 will be distributed by FAI HQ within 2.1/2 months from today, assuming we do our job at this meeting.

### 4 OLYMPIC MATTERS

*T Bosshard* reported on meeting with the President of the IOC, HE Juan Antonio Samaranch, attended by the President and General Secretary FAI and Presidents of CIVV, CIP and CIVL. This was followed by flying presentation of winch launched hang-gliders, parachuting and gliding, all within one half hour with no delays. Mr Samaranch had a flight in a Janus sailplane. There was no hang-glider III demonstration as the President IOC was already quite enthusiastic about these. As a result of the display, Mr Samaranch advised our President that he was arranging for the donation of an Olympic cup to be presented at the forthcoming Championships in Switzerland.

**Dr C Kepak** commented:

- (a) the presentation was excellent, and special thanks are due to the Swiss Aero Club and to the President of CIVL.
- (b) We must understand the IOC's point of view with regard to selection of air sports - the ability to attract spectators, media, TV and sponsors.
- (c) FAI Olympic Air Sports Promotion, leaflets distributed to 75 countries and individual members of the IOC.
- (d) To qualify as an Olympic sport, it must be practised in at least 50 countries (Parachuting 56, Hang Gliding 36 at present).
- (e) Parachuting will be a demonstration sport at Seoul in September 1988. Hang Gliding should aim to be an Olympic demonstration sport in 1996.
- (f) There is a possibility of acceptance by the end of the century.
- (g) We may not use the 5 ring Olympic symbol or print that Hang Gliding is Olympic. We may say that the IOC recognises the FAI as the World Authority for Aviation Sports.

**T Bosshard** CIVL must thank Werner Pfandler for producing the Olympic leaflet.

**M Whittall** Credit is due to the President of CIVL for the success of the flying demonstration.

**Report by the President of the Olympic Working Group,  
D Heckman**

The long term aim for Hang Gliding is to become an Olympic sport. Immediate aim: seek the support of the National Olympic Committee in each country. Two nations to approach their National Olympic Committees to present Hang Gliding as a sport.

Select 16 pilots and develop an Olympic format, scoring system, local regulations etc.

**Expenses:** suggest that organisers of FAI Hang Gliding Championships should contribute a proportion of entry fees (say US\$30-50 per pilot). The Greek delegate to CIVL should be appointed President of the CIVL Olympic Development Group.

#### **Discussion**

**Dr Kepac:** that the CIVL minutes should recommend that the FAI Council approach the President of the IOC to present Olympic Cups to the winners (M and F) of the FAI World Hang Gliding Championships (classes I and II) in Switzerland, and the class III Championships in Austria.

*J Zalewski* Raised the question of financial support from manufacturers, but doubted the chances of success.

It is hoped that Hang Gliding, with strong support from the Daedalus/Icarus legend and the work of the President of the Olympic Working Group of CIVL, will be a demonstration sport at the 1996 Olympics in Greece.

## 5 REVIEW - 1988 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### A Italy Belluno

*T Bosshard* read from the report of the Director:

Participation: 19 countries, 39 pilots (plus 9 guest pilots from Australia, Japan and USA), 5 bad weather days, 1 day no flying due to the presence nearby of His Holiness the Pope. Excellent weather forecasting supplemented by *Meteo* satellite colour pictures.

Results:           1 John Pendry GB  
                  2 Bruce Goldsmith GB  
                  3 Jess Flynn GB

Team: British, Class I only

The Director, Angelo Crapanzano, was only appointed one month before the championship and the rules/programme were completed in that same month. The Italian police invoked a 1939 Law prohibiting aerial photographs and seriously interfered with the FAI duties of the Jury and Stewards on several occasions. There were 5 protests to the Jury. The Italian and Greek teams did not have FAI Sporting Licences in spite of having made strenuous efforts to obtain them.

### Discussion

*T Bosshard* Spent one week with the Organizer's original Director two years ago and together worked out the local regulations. At the 1987 CIVL meeting the Italian delegate confirmed that everything was in order. Thereafter the appointed Director withdrew from the organisation taking all the approved documents with him. Three Italian delegates visited Thomas Bosshard in Zurich requesting him to appoint a non-Italian Director, and he had finally to write to the Italian Aero Club reminding them of their obligations as the NAC recognised by the FAI.

He summed up:

- 1 Individuals and organisations should honour their commitments.
- 2 The Italian Aero Club should have cancelled its commitment as soon as the appointed Director and experts withdrew.
- 3 With the benefit of hindsight, the President of CIVL should have cancelled the championship.

**B 1st FAI European Paragliding Championships and World Cup  
St Hilaire France 27/6 - 10/7 1988**

Walter Neumark (who was a member of the Jury) reported that the Director, Gerard Julien, and all his officials were excellent. The professional meteorologist (a soaring sailplane and Class I and III pilot) provided very accurate forecasts. Excellent hospitality, accommodation, packed lunches all contributed to a happy atmosphere and the organisers are to be congratulated. There were 7 protests to the jury; 5 accepted, 2 rejected.

Participants included teams from 12 European countries and Japan, as well as a lone woman entrant from Canada. There were several soaring distance race tasks of 10-12km, and out-and-return courses of up to 29.9km, which were more than half completed. These had not been envisaged when the rules were originally written; the pilots greatly preferred these to the alternative of downhill races and target tasks.

Results:           1 Gerald Maret (Switzerland)  
                      2 Thierry Barboux (France)  
                      3 Robert Graham (Switzerland)

Ladies:            1 Fabienna Lachatschwarz (Switzerland)  
                      2 Laurence Claret-Tournier (France)  
                      3 Miyuki Tanka (Japan)

Team:              1 Switzerland, 2 France, 3 Germany (FRG)

Many pilots expressed the wish that the number of entries should be limited, so that paragliding championships would not need elimination rounds, as these force the organisers to set two or even three short rounds per day in non-soaring weather, instead of one good soaring task (or rest day).

There were two injuries involving fractures during training and three during competition. There were no collisions. The incidents appeared to be due to pilot error.

Photographic evidence was successful only when all films were developed immediately, rather than waiting to see if there was a protest. Also, there were no aerial photographs of Turn Points at briefing, and some TPs were announced by map reference 3 minutes before the task. This is not satisfactory.

#### Irregularities

The Italian and Greek teams could not produce FAI Sporting Licences despite all their legitimate efforts to obtain them. A national of the organizer's country was on the FAI International Jury.

#### C World Championships Class I 1988 Australia

##### *Bill Moyes*

Participants: 29 Countries, 170 Pilots, total 170,000km flown in competition.

Results:           1 Rick Duncan (Australia)  
                  2 Bruce Case (USA)  
                  3 Steve Moyes (Australia)

Teams: 1 Australia, 2 USA, 3 United Kingdom

Two new countries, Czechoslovakia and USSR, both had two pilots in the finals. There were 16 protests, of which 10 were accepted and 6 dismissed.

Problems: Turn Point photograph interpretation.

#### Discussion

Films were not always developed in time. Suitable film viewing equipment not provided. One unfortunate Jury decision was due to this. Stewards erected several Turn Point structures in an effort to overcome location problems.

*T Bosshard* Thanks are due to all members of the organisation who contributed to the overall success.

#### 6 ELECTION OF WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN

##### A New Sporting Code. Section 7

Records	J Zalewski
Championships	A Welch
Scoring Systems	N Whittall
Jury, Stewards	T Bosshard
Definitions	R Heckman

- B Contract between CIVL and Organisers T Bosshard
- C Future organization of CIVL W Whittall
- D Paragliding safety and Championships W Neumark
- E Olympic development R Heckman

7 FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A 1st FAI World Paragliding Championships Köszen 1/16 July 1989 competition rules and an information package were distributed by S Hemberger, whose organization has been working for a full year.

Invitations to participate have been sent to governments of 156 countries.

The rules were based on those of St Hilaire and may have to be modified.

Discussion

The St Hilaire rules were the only unsatisfactory element of those championships and W Neumark, the CIVL working group leader on paragliding championships, was asked to discuss these with S Hemberger later (which he did, together with Y Oka).

B World Championships Class I and II, Fiesch, July 1989

(R Heckman took the Chair while T Bosshard reported)

Local Regulations/1st draft 10 July 1988 were distributed. They included a detailed list of all Turn Points for Out and Returns and Triangles and Distances. The tasks had been rehearsed during the Swiss Nationals in 1987 and would again be tested during the 1988 Nationals.

The draft regulations will be re-written to accommodate 120-140 pilots, to include 5 pilots from Brazil, 7 from the US and some from Japan. The maximum team size is 6 pilots total (not 6 each for class I and II).

Bosshard would prefer to have no elimination/cut, but if necessary a small cut would be used.

The area has the best weather for soaring flights in Switzerland and the holiday village 800-1000 bed accommodation and facilities are ideal for housing all teams and organization in the same place, and not spread out over the countryside. All FAI member countries will be invited.

Final local rules will be sent out at least three months before the event, providing two months for comment.

The entry fee is SFR1000 per person and includes accommodation, breakfast and packed lunch, free use of all facilities (swimming pool etc). Dinners are extra at SFR8.

Advertising for 'hard' alcohol (eg Whisky, Cognac but not wines or beer) and cigarettes, is banned by Swiss law.

Retrieval services for those without their own vehicles were estimated at SFR10 per day unless sponsorship could provide free cars.

The organisers have not yet found a main sponsor.

The Japanese delegate sought further details on Radio frequencies and types of radio and licences required under Swiss law. CB for ground only, Sailplane and Hang Glider frequencies in the VHF Air band of 118-136 Mhz. There was no clear answer about types of foreign radios permitted, or the Swiss station licence. It is hoped to offer approved radios for rent at about SFR200-250, more details will be given three months before the event.

#### A and B

Final Local Regulations cannot be prepared until the Organisers receive the final version of the Sporting Code Section 7.

#### C Czechoslovak bid for World Championship

*Dr Marton Ordody*, Delegate for Hungary, had carried out an official CIVL inspection of the site and reported that the site was suitable; there were some airspace problems which could be solved in time. He had provided the FAI Guide to championship organizers who would be capable of organizing an FAI Championship.

#### Decision

Unfortunately, no Czech Delegate had attended a CIVL meeting during the last two years and no official bid had been received by FAI headquarters or CIVL, and therefore it could not be considered.

#### D Yugoslavia European Championship for Class I only. Date 1990

Presented by *Zlato Vanić*, Delegate for Yugoslavia.

There are 200 pilots in Slovenia where Hang Gliding began in 1983 with its first national championships.

The site is near the Austrian and Italian borders with mountains providing 1500m height differentials.

The 1989 nationals will be used as a rehearsal and foreign pilots will be invited to participate. (The dates will not overlap the 1989 championships at Fiesch.)

#### Decision

CIVL provisionally agreed the bid provided that the NAC officially confirms the bid and the full draft local regulations are received by FAI and CIVL within 3 months (11 October 1988).

#### E Brazil World Championships 1991

*Pepe Lopez*, Delegate: Referred to 10 years of participation by Brazilian teams at FAI World Championships and that an FAI Championship was essential to encourage this FAI sport in the South American continent.

#### Decision

CIVL provisionally agreed the bid from Brazil provided that a formal bid was received in good time from the Brazilian NAC, and provided that the dates did not conflict with the French Air Games or the French European Championships of 1991.

#### F France World (*European?*) Championships 1991

*John Zaleski*, Delegate, made a verbal bid.

#### Decision

CIVL provisionally accepts this bid provided that it is received by FAI and CIVL before 19 September 1988 and that the dates do not conflict with the FAI Air Games in France.

#### G United Kingdom Tow-launched European Championship

*Noel Whittall*, Delegate. Regretted that he had to withdraw the bid.

#### United Kingdom Ladies European Championships May/June 1991

#### Decision

CIVL provisionally accepted this bid provided that the formal bid is received within two months.

## H France Air Games (Daedalus/Icarus) 1991

Was accepted by FAI General Conference in 1987.

- 1 To promote air sports in general
- 2 To get enthusiasts of 9 different air sports to the same place
- 3 To offer sponsors an unprecedented photo opportunity

The President of CIVL asked the French Delegate whether the President FFVL would agree to be the direct link between CIVL and the organisers of the Air Games.

Discussion on all bids A-H inclusive

*Dr C Kepac* reminded all organisers of FAI Championships that the FAI logo must appear on all Championship paper work and publicity material and more emphasis must be given to the FAI World Championship and FAI Sporting Licences.

He reminded organisers of the political problems which had ensued when invitations were sent to non-FAI member countries. Organisers must circulate details of any non-FAI competitors well in advance and they cannot compete if participating NACs protest.

The Greek Delegate raised the problem where National Aero Clubs, who were members of the FAI, refused to issue FAI Sporting Licences to Hang Glider Class I and III teams attending St Hillaire and Belluno.

*The President of CIVL* expressed his deep concern that some National Aero Clubs who were FAI members did not appear to recognise that Hang Gliding (Class I, II, III) were FAI sports with their own FAI Commission.

Various means to rectify this situation were discussed but Dr Kepac drew attention to FAI Statutes and that each Hang Gliding organisation must negotiate with its FAI member, the country's National Aero Club.

*The President of CIVL* reminded organisers that all FAI Championships should be open to Class II Hang Gliders and not confined to Class I.

He drew attention to the lack of bids for anything after 1991, and that there were no bids at all for Class III Paragliding for 1990, 1991 or 1992.

He suggested that a bid for a Championship in Greece as the home of Daedalus would be favourably received.

Some delegates suggested the adoption of greater flexibility in the 3-2-1 year rule.

*S Humberger*, Delegate. Stated: Let us not keep changing our CIVL rules and procedures - this is our most serious fault. It takes 3 years to organize suitable sponsorship and it is far better to have no FAI Championship for one or even two years, than a badly organised or insufficiently funded Championship.

Both the President and the United Kingdom Delegate proposed that some flexibility should be exercised over the full 3 year period provided that well prepared bids confirmed by their NAC are received within the next two months; these could be accepted for 1991.

## 8 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS/DECISIONS

### A Section 7

1 Records, Badges, Measurements, Barographs (FFVL proposal)  
*J Zaleski*: Records and Badges completed.

2 Championships  
*A Welch*: good progress - not complete.

3 Scoring Systems  
*N Whittall*: good progress - not complete.

4 Jury, Stewards  
*T Bosshard*: good progress - not complete.

5 Definitions  
*R Heckman*: completed.  
Class I HG controlled by weight shift only.  
Class II HG with primary rigid structures and movable control surfaces.  
Class III HG (Paragliders) with no rigid primary structure.

### Decision

All group leaders to send their revisions to the CIVL Bureau within 14 days. All revisions will be sent to all members of all working groups for comment back to the CIVL Bureau.

Intention: new Section 7 to be distributed within 2.5 months.

### B Olympics

*R Heckman*: see item 4 of these minutes.

## C Reorganization of responsibilities and work of CIVL

*N Whittall*: the responsibilities and work should be delegated in key areas:

Competitions and Safety Class I and II

Competitions and Safety Class III

Records

Olympics

The Records specialist should work closely with FAI headquarters in Paris.

CIVL meeting of two days is not enough. The next meeting should be for three days, preferably in winter. It should be thoroughly prepared (previous circulation of working papers) and without distractions.

The President needs the support of an effective Secretary. Continuity and stability is important for holders of office in CIVL and delegates to CIVL.

The present President of CIVL is responsible for magnificent achievements in spite of an overwhelming work load and the group hopes that he will continue to head the Commission.

## D CIVL contact with the Organisers of the 1991 Air Games in France

The Delegate for France was requested to ask the President of FFVL whether he would accept this appointment.

## 9 NOMINATIONS FOR THE FAI HANG GLIDING DIPLOMA 1988

There were two nominations:

- 1 USA, NAC for Richard T Heckman  
for services to CIVL from 1979-1988 and for the sport in the USA.
- 2 UK Royal Aero Club for Rick Wilson  
for services as Records Officer.

The UK Delegate, while regarding Rick Wilson equally worthy of the award, withdrew the nomination with the intention of re-submitting it next year.

### Decision

FAI Hang Gliding Diploma to be awarded to Richard T Heckman.

### Proposal for an annual Rogallo Gold Medal - Australia

This proposal was withdrawn when the problems of financing it became clear.

10 ELECTIONS

President	Mr Thomas B Bosshard	Switzerland
Vice Presidents	Mr Bill Moyes	Australia
	Mr Richard T Heckman	USA
	Dr Marton Ordody	Hungary
Secretary	Mr Noel Whittall	United Kingdom
Secretary for Section 7	Mrs Ann Welch	United Kingdom
VP.SPC.1 Competitions Class I,II		Dr Marton Ordody
VP.SPC.2 Competitions/Safety III		Mr Walter Neumark
VP.SPC.3 Records/Measurements/ Barographs etc		Mr John Zalewski
VP.SPC.4 Olympics		Mr Richard T Heckman

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Minutes of the FAI Council 9/10 June 1988

Item 9 Activities of the FAI Hang Gliding Commission  
Resolved: that CIVL advise the Council of a time scale considered desirable for the creation of a separate Paragliding Commission.

Resolved: that National FAI members urgently organise action to improve safety in Paragliding and to educate participants in this sport and the public generally on the best procedures.

The President of CIVL believed that Paragliding should remain within CIVL. CIVL rejects both resolutions (taken in the absence of the President of CIVL) as based on misunderstanding by those not directly involved. The Sporting Code for (Parascending) Paragliding Records and Badges is based on soaring flight performance and is completely compatible with, and has been incorporated in, the new Section 7.

Paragliding is completely integrated with Hang Gliding in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Yugoslavia, Japan, and partially so in Great Britain.

The proposed reorganisation is designed to eliminate the tendency of competition organisers to disregard advice from CIVL on FAI rules and procedures, and on increasing safety.

B Danish Old Masters Hang Gliding Meeting, July 1989

The Delegate from Denmark asked Delegates to let their Hang Gliding Associations know that pilots over 30 years of age would be welcome to come.

12 DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT CIVL MEETING

Bisham Abbey, Marlow, Bucks, England on 22/23/24 March 1989.

