

FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

AIR SPORT GENERAL COMMISSION (COMMISSION AÉRONAUTIQUE SPORTIVE INTERNATIONALE (CASI))

MINUTES OF THE PLENARY MEETING HELD IN SANTIAGO, CHILE STARTING AT 09:08 HOURS ON 25 OCTOBER 2006 AND FROM THE ELECTION OF BUREAU MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 27 AFTER THE END OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Chairman: Dr Henry Lindholm (Sweden), CASI President
Present: List of attendees, Annex A

Paragraph numbers are the same as those in the agenda.

1. **Roll Call.** Eight air sports out of 10 were represented and six national members out of 10. Detail is in annex A. Apologies from Mr. Thierry Villey and Dr. Hanspeter Hirzel

2. **Departed friends.** The meeting stood as a mark of respect for those friends of FAI who had died since the last meeting. Mr. Bernard Lamy (France) long time organizer of Long Distance Air Rally Competitions within the GAC and Dr John McCann (USA) long time member of the Medico-Physiological Commission were honored by a moment of silence.

3. **Minutes of the last plenary meeting.** David Hamilton (CIG) pointed out that the Rotorcraft Commission had been represented at the Paris meetings by himself at the 11 October 2005 CASI and by Freddie Herbert at the 13 October CASI. With this change, the minutes were approved.

Action: Secretary

4. **Report on activities since the last Plenary.**

4.1 The three year rule (GS 8.1.3.6.1). The new wording on changes of Nationality (the "three year rule") had now been published. Annex B to the agenda refers.

4.2 Changes to GS 9.2, Appeals. The wording now included the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne. Annex C to the agenda refers.

5 **Solar-powered aero planes.** President Lindholm reported that Sporting Code Section 13 had now been published after some changes had been suggested by the CASI Bureau to the original draft by Pierluigi Duranti (*President of the FAI Commission Internationale des Amateurs Constructeurs d'Aéronefs (CIACA), the FAI Amateur-built and Experimental Aircraft Commission*). He confirmed the status of Section 13 as being the responsibility of CASI because the Air Sport Commissions were responsible for Sporting Codes, not the Technical Commissions. CIACA had delegated status from CASI to administer Section 13, as decided by CASI at the 2005 Plenary. He also noted the suggestions made by the previous CASI Secretary (Annex F to the Agenda) and proposed that these be forwarded to Pierluigi Duranti for consideration.

5.1 New Types of Aircraft and Status of CIACA. Sandy Pimenoff suggested that CIACA be given the status of an Air Sport Commission so that they could be completely responsible for Section 13 without CASI being involved. This was opposed by Jean-Claude Weber and President Lindholm. It was pointed out that when a new type of sporting aircraft appeared, it became the responsibility of CASI until one of the Air Sport Commissions was able to take over. This could be the General Aviation Commission or the Microlight Commission, depending on weight and size, or, if they could be operated as motor gliders, by the Gliding Commission. The Secretary General pointed out that another example was Human Powered aircraft, still administered by CASI because there were not enough of them for an Air Sport Commission to take responsibility. It was decided to continue the previous arrangement where CIACA acted for CASI in administering Sporting Code number 13 for Solar-Powered Aircraft. Meanwhile, the President would forward the suggestions of the previous CASI Secretary for consideration by CIACA for Section 13.

Action: President

6. Electrically-Powered Aircraft. An electrically-powered aircraft had been designed in Japan, powered by dry cell batteries (Annex G to the agenda). As it was an experimental design, it was suggested that CIACA should be asked to monitor such types of aircraft on behalf of FAI. Tor pointed out that an electrically-powered Motor Glider, the Antares by Lange Flugzeugbau, was flying and in production (*it has large-capacity rechargeable batteries and a glide ratio of about 1:50, see www.lange-flugzeugbau.de*). The Antares was flying to the rules of the Sporting Code for Gliding and when operating as a Motor Glider was the responsibility of the International Gliding Commission. On the new Japanese design, the President would refer it to CIACA for their consideration.

Action: President

7. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Records. The USA wished to discuss (Annex H to the agenda) the fee for UAV records. It is currently 1500 Swiss Francs (CHF) compared to only 100 CHF for all other record categories. This difference was originally because it was thought that large military and corporate UAV owners would have adequate funds to sustain such a fee. However, since that fee was implemented in 2001, only four UAV records have been set. Furthermore, since 2001 it has become apparent that many small UAVs are being designed, some not much bigger than model aircraft. The companies producing, and organisations operating, such small UAVs have limited funds. Henk Meertens proposed that the FAI homologation fee be the same for all records. After a vote (one against, all others for) the proposal to have the same fee for all records was approved.

Action: President

7.1 Difference between Small UAVs and Model Aircraft. President Lindholm said that the above discussion raised the matter of the difference between Small UAVs and Model Aircraft, so that there would not be any misunderstandings with the Model Aircraft Commission (CIAM). As an example he said that in Europe, the regulatory body EASA was understood to be using a weight of 150 kg as a starting point for regulating UAVs. After discussion, it was decided that a Working Group would address this issue and report to the next CASI Plenary. The members are to be Art Greenfield (USA), Chairman, Antonis Papadopoulos and a CIAM representative, initially to be the CIAM President Sandy Pimenoff.

Action: WG members

8. **Future Structure of CASI.** Papers had been produced by Sandy Pimenoff (Annex J) and the UK (Annex K2). President Lindholm said that the CASI Bureau generally agreed with the conclusions of the UK paper, that is, that the current composition of CASI was still suitable. He invited the UK Observer to speak. Ian Strachan summarised the Executive Summary of the UK proposal and suggested that although having 10 NACs to balance the 10 Air Sport Presidents was a compromise, it was a reasonable one that had stood the test of time. Both Air Sports and NACs were required because for the General Section (GS), CASI *decides*, whereas with Statutes and By-laws, the small Statutes Working Group *recommends*, in this case to General Conference. He suggested that the debate in 2005 on change of Nationality (the "three-year rule") showed CASI working well after an NAC (Italy) had made a formal protest. CASI had credibility in amending the GS in a tricky area, after a debate that involved both Air Sports and a selection of NACs. He suggested that a small Working Group would not have that credibility. Sandy Pimenoff then spoke to his paper and suggested that "members of CASI do not think that it (CASI) is very important" and mentioned the missing members at the present meeting. He thought that there should be more emphasis on the PresComs and their meetings such as the one held the day before. Discussion followed. Art Greenfield pointed out that Commission Presidents could depute another individual to represent them on CASI. President Lindholm asked the Secretary General about the involvement of CASI in the World Air Games process and it was said that CASI would be involved at the appropriate stage. Overall, it was decided to retain the present structure of CASI and not to ask for any change of By-laws.

9. **CASI Future Internal Organisation.** A general discussion took place on how work within CASI should be done. Henk Meertens said that Working Groups should consult within themselves before a report was drafted that reflected a consensus view. The IPC delegate wished to have more detail about CASI and the WAG. The Secretary General said that in the past, CASI had approved the general WAG rules and then the Air Sport Commissions approved the specific rules for their sport. The Spanish delegate wanted more attention to be paid to "more attractive rules for Sportsman" so that companies such as Red Bull did not take business that was that of FAI. In Spain, learning from organising the last WAG, the NAC had created an event called "Air Masters". In concluding this item, the President asked the Observers for any comments and it was suggested that the Spanish experience should be fed into the WAG organising body.

10. **CASI Future Areas of Activity.** Covered in previous items.

11. **CASI web pages.** There was no comment on the existing CASI web pages but delegates were asked if anyone would volunteer to edit them. The Spanish delegate offered to provide a Web expert.

Action: Spanish NAC

12. **Jury Matters.** Editor of the Jury Handbook, Jean-Claude Weber said that no amendments had been proposed.

13. **Any Other Business.**

13.1 Money for Projects. President Lindholm asked whether FAI money was available for small projects and the Secretary General replied that a case to the Executive Board would be needed and should be for a specific project.

13.2 Next Meeting - Policy. President Lindholm asked whether delegates agreed that the next meeting should be in the next General Conference period. Sandy Pimenoff suggested that there was an opportunity to have a CASI meeting after the mid-year Commission Presidents and Executive Board meetings. Henk Meertens said that outside the General Conference period his nation would not attend due to distance traveled. He also said that the decision to hold the CASI Plenary just before General Conferences had been made by CASI last year and he was surprised that the issue had been raised again. The Secretary General said that from his point of view, the date of CASI could be accommodated by the Secretariat. However, the General Conference period was very busy and he himself could not guarantee to be present at such CASI meetings. The vote was for the General Conference period, none against and one abstention. The FAI President spoke of the workload during the General Conference period and suggested that delegates to other organisations meeting at this time might have to meet at unsocial times in order to do the work.

13.3 Number of CASI VPs. Currently the CASI Bureau consists of a President, Secretary and two Vice-Presidents. Tor said that IGC had six VPs and suggested more for CASI. This allowed for absences and gave more credibility to Bureau decisions that might have to be taken between Plenaries. After discussion it was decided that CASI would have three VPs, one of whom would be designated First Vice-President.

14. Date and place of the next meeting. There would be a CASI meeting on 27 October 2006 immediately after the General Conference to elect the CASI Bureau for 2007 and to clarify any items not resolved at the 25 October Plenary. NACs due to retire in 2006 were France, Poland, Russia, Sweden and USA. Nations standing for election were Canada, Estonia, Poland, Serbia, France, UK, Sweden and the USA. *Note, after the meeting: at the General Conference vote for CASI delegates on 26 October, Russia was replaced by Canada, other CASI members being the same as before.*

MINUTES

CASI MEETING ON OCTOBER 27, 2006 DIRECTLY AFTER THE END OF THE FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

15. Election of CASI Bureau Members 2006/2007

President:	Henry Lindholm (Sweden)
1st Vice President	Tor Johannessen (Norway)
Vice President	Art Greenfield (USA)
Vice President	Robert Carlson (Canada)
Secretary	Gillian Winter (France)

Annexes: A. CASI delegates and attendees at the meeting of 25 October
B. Sporting Code General Section amendments for GS 2006

Annex A to minutes of the FAI CASI Plenary meeting held on 25 October 2006

LIST OF CASI DELEGATES AND ATTENDERS - 25 October 2006

BUREAU

President: Dr Henry Lindholm (Sweden)

VPs: Art Greenfield (also delegate for USA)
Tor Johannessen (IGC)

Secretary: Dr Thierry Villey (France), apologies for absence

DELEGATES (including Bureau members):

Airsport Commissions (10) - in order of Sporting Code number (GS para 1.4):

1. CIA, Ballooning, Jean-Claude Weber (Luxembourg), President, Ms Martine Besnainou(France)
2. GAC, General Aviation, Pedro Cabañero (Spain), President
3. IGC, Gliding, Tor Johannessen (Norway), vice president IPC President of Honor
4. CIAM, Aeromodelling, Sandy Pimenoff (Finland), President
5. IPC, Parachuting, Mr. Graham Winsor (AUS) vice president IPC
6. CIVA, Aerobatics, Heuer (USA), President, not present
7. CIVL, Hang Gliding, Flip Koetsier (Netherlands), President
8. ICARE, Astronautics, Segismundo Sanz Fernandez de Cordoba (Spain), President, not present
9. CIG, Rotorcraft, David Hamilton (UK), President
10. CIMA, Microlights, Tomas Backman(Sweden) , President (joined late)

Nations (10) in alphabetical order:

1. Australia, Henk Meertens
2. Czech Republic, Jiri Dodal
3. France, Dr Jean-Francois Schwartz, Dr Thierry Villey (not present)
4. Germany, Dr Jens A Plusczyk
5. Poland, not present
6. Russia, Sergey Kiselev (not present)
7. Spain, Mr. A Quintana Pereira
8. Sweden, Mr. John Grubbström
9. Switzerland, Dr Hanspeter Hirzel, not present
10. USA, Art Greenfield

OTHERS PRESENT (Status): Observers

Pierre Portmann, FAI President

Max Bishop, FAI Secretary General

Bengt-Eric Fonsell, FAI exec board member

Olaf Aamoth (Norway)

Bernald Smith (USA), Environmental Commission and Chairman IGC GNSS Committee

Ian Strachan (UK), Chairman IGC GPS Approval Committee

Antonis Papadopoulos (Greece)

Lars-Göran Andersson (Sweden)

Mrs Kim (Korea)

Proxies: Mr. David Hamilton stands in for Mr. Herbert

Not represented: ASCs: two, see above; Nations, four, see above

CASI votes - By-Law 5.2. This states that the CASI Delegates, each with one vote, are ten Active Members (NACs) to be elected by the General Conference, and the ten Presidents of the FAI Air Sport Commissions (or their duly appointed representatives). Once elected, the CASI President may no longer represent his Commission or NAC of origin. The CASI Secretary need not necessarily be a CASI delegate.

Contact details. Email addresses of delegates can be obtained through the CASI web site under "CASI Delegates", others through the FAI Secretariat and also through the FAI CASI email list casi-com@fai.org