



MINUTES

Of the annual meeting of the

FAI Ballooning Commission e-Plenary

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1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Plenary meeting was called to order via zoom meeting at 9:00, 17 March 2021. CIA President, Mark Sullivan, welcomed Delegates and thanked Subcommittee and Working Group members for their work during the past year. He introduced and welcomed:

- Jean-Claude Weber - CIA President of Honour
- Markus Haggenev – FAI Secretary General
- Wolfgang Lintl - CIMA President –

Markus Haggenev was invited to give an introductory speech.

2 IN MEMORIAM

The Plenary Meeting then commenced with a moment of silence in respect of the recently departed members of the ballooning community.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:
Branko Ambrozic (SLO) for first day only

4 DELEGATES ROLL CALL

CIA OFFICERS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATE DELEGATES, SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS ATTENDANCE.

Registrations 2021 e-Plenary

CIA President	Mark Sullivan (USA)		
CIA Secretary	Sanne Haarhuis (NED)		
FAI Secretary General	Markus Haggenev		
CIA President of honour	JC Weber		
CIMA President	Wolfgang Lintl		
Country	Delegate	Alternate delegate	Subcommittee/Working Group members / observers
AUS	Steve Ireland		Andrew Robertson
BEL	Luc van Geyte		Rudy Paenen
BRA	Marcos Antonio Bonimcontro		Marina Kalousdian
CAN	David Gleed		Jonathan Perron-Clow
CHN		Tong LI	
CRO	Igor miklousic		
CZE	Jan Suchy		
ESP	Ricardo Aracil		
FIN	Max Sevelius		
FRA	Benoit Pelard	Olivier Cuenot	Martine Besnainou
			Eric Decellieres
			Vincent Gounon
			Guillaume Kuntz
GBR	Lindsay Muir	David Bareford	Don Cameron
			Leslie Purfield
GER	Uwe Schneider	Sylvia Meini	Christian Michel
			Sebastian Eimers
			David Strasmann

HKG		Andy Chau	
HUN	Peter Molnar		Imre Makkay
			Zoltán Pálhegyi
			Sandor Takacs
			Peter Willand
			Peter Zsoldos
ITA	Paolo Oggioni		
JPN	Sabu Ichiyoshi	Hikomori Soejima	Katsura Endo
			Hiromi Furukawa
KOR	Eun Young Roh		
LAT	Ivars Grinbergs		Gints Gailis
LIT	Zydrunas Kazlauskas		Rokas Kostiuskevicius
LUX	Claude Weber		Claude Sauber
MKD	Borche Paunovski		
NED	Sanne Haarhuis	Erwin Pellegrom	
POL		Arkadiusz Iwański	
RSA	Richard Bovell		
RUS	Yury Mityagin	Vladimir Karnaukhov	Ilona Gizatullina
			Ivan Menyaylo
SLO	Branko Ambrozic		
SVK	Juraj Brezan		
SWE	Stener Bengt	Hans Akerstedt	John Grubbstroem
SWI	Marc Andre		
UKR	Ihor Lobashov		
USA	Andrew Baird	Sam Parks	Gary Britton
			Lynn Sullivan
			Maury Sullivan
			Troy Bradley
			Kimberly Magee
			Mick Murphy
			Debbie Spaeth
FAI	Markus Haggenev		

FAI Members List of delegates – current list on <https://www.fai.org/page/cia-delegates>

Delegates were reminded that they should return the CIA ANNUAL STATISTICS questionnaire and their delegates report to the Secretary so that current information is available on ballooning around the world. There were no delegates who at this moment wanted to give a verbal report.

5 PROXIES

Received none

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 AGENDA ORDER

Agenda item 11 Jury Board is moved to Agenda item 20A

6.2 REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

Delegates were reminded of the procedures in respect of:
Motions (IR 3.7)

Rules of Debate (IR 3.8), delegates are encouraged to speak once on each topic.

Items not on the agenda need 2/3's majority to be discussed but no decision may be made on these items.

Zoom procedures explained by Claude Weber.

6.3 COUNTING COMMITTEE

Markus Haggenev and Lynn Sullivan (USA) were nominated as the Counting Committee (IR 3.11.4)

Approved by the Plenary unanimously on a motion from the Chair.

6.4 CIA POLICY DOCUMENTS

The Delegates were reminded of the CIA Policy Documents in force for the meeting.

6.5 NEW BUSINESS

Cia President: any bid or intention to host the next plenary meeting should be presented in writing before the start of the next online plenary session.

6.6 ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

If a secret vote needs to be held, this will be done with Election runner. The majorities will be based on the number of votes casted per vote.

6.7 VOTING PROCEDURES

Marc André explained the online voting system "election runner" procedure.

Before the next plenary session, the latest nomination form for all nominees for CIA officers must be returned to Markus Haggenev by email.

6.8 FAI CODE OF ETHICS

The FAI Code of Ethics applies to the CIA meeting. CIA members concerned should declare their respective conflict of interest to the FAI General Secretary.

6.9 DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

No domestic arrangements were announced.

7 MINUTES OF THE 2019 PLENARY MEETING

The minutes were presented. No discussion followed.

Minutes were approved as presented unanimously

8 CIA BUREAU ACTIONS

The Chair reported on the actions taken by the Bureau in the previous 24 months. The decisions have been send to the delegates after decisions were made throughout the year and can be found in the documents section of the CIA webpage.

There are 3 documents:

Bureau Decisions 2019

Decisions based on 2020 plenary agenda.

Bureau Decisions 2020

9 REPORT ON FAI ACTIVITIES

Mark Sullivan, CIA President reported on FAI activities and meetings.

Marc André, CIA 3rd Vice President reported on the New Technology within FAI.

10 REPORT ON THE 2017 FAI GENERAL CONFERENCE

E-conference December 2020

Markus Haggeney presented and reported on the FAI activities and FAI General Conference with a very thorough presentation.

JC Weber (LUX):

1. What are the future projects, what is the outlook?
2. Will there be an extra-ordinary General Conference?

Markus Haggeney:

1. Right now, this year and most likely next year, there is a focus on restabilizing the organization and assist members and commissions.
There is one project running WCAR competition which is the follow up for the Red Bull airrace.
2. This is not on the radar. Statutes WG will be going back to work and based on this there may be a proposal to run one.

Next FAI General Conferences

11-13 november 2021

11 JURY BOARD

This agenda item was moved to agenda item 20A

12 OFFICIALS SC REPORT

The chair asked the plenary to accept the officials SC meeting report.

Officials meeting report
Event Director Application Form (Annex B)
Attachments with the report (Annex C)
Annex D
Annex E

Attachment 1
Attachment 2
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Attachment 4
Attachment 5

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Steve Ireland (SC Chair) gave an introduction to the motion. The SC got feedback that the signature of the NAC president / Secretary General was a hurdle for people to get their CAT1 event director application form signed and therefor proposes to change that to a signature from the NAC delegate.

Motion:

To approve the change in wording on the CIA Event Director Application Form from "Signature of the NAC President / Secretary General" to "Signature of the NAC delegate".

The motion was accepted unanimously

13 EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE SC REPORT

The chair asked the plenary to accept the EDS meeting report.

EDS meeting report

Attachment 6

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

14 RECORDS SC REPORT

Lindsay Muir (Committee member) added to the report that 3 more silver badge requests came in from the Netherlands and these are approved.

Updated 2021 list of badge holders

Attachment 7

The chair asked the plenary to accept the Records SC meeting report.

Records SC meeting report

Attachment 8

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

15 SAFETY AND EDUCATION SC REPORT

The chair asked the plenary to accept the Safety and Education SC meeting report.

Safety and Education SC meeting report

Attachment 9

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Bengt Stener (SWE): The SubCommittee brings in the following motion due to concerns about health safety during events.

Motion:

Safety SC recommends that at least one test be performed before each competition on each participating person (pilot, crew, competition management and other officials) during 2021.

Marc André (SUI): The motion should specify what kind of test is requested (COVID). It is hard to request this kind of regulation for 2 reasons, costwise and as you don't know how regulations in countries are developing.

Andy Baird (USA): Is it going to be a recommendation or a requirement.

Bengt Stener (SWE): It is a recommendation.

Uwe Schneider (GER): It is strange to have a motion on a recommendation. It is something we agree on doing. So should be something we will send out a recommendation for instance. This is not a motion.

Claude Weber (LUX): This could be formulated as a recommendation instead of as a motion.

Bengt Stener (SWE): As it has been discussed the message that this is an important issue that should be on the radar is achieved.

The motion was withdrawn

Markus Hagganey (FAI): FAI will come out with a recommendation for events worked on by the medical commission.

16 COMPETITORS SC REPORT

The chair asked the plenary to accept the Safety and Education SC meeting report.

Competitors SC meeting minutes

Attachment 10

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Andrew Baird (USA): We will do a survey this year, you can expect that before the flying season starts.

17 RULES SC REPORT

The chair asked the plenary to accept the Rules SC meeting report.

Rules SC meeting minutes

Attachment 11

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Uwe Schneider (GER): The report is a summary of the working group reports.

17.1 AA WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Uwe Schneider (GER): Request for comments, there were no comments on the report.

AA working group meeting minutes

Attachment 12

Motion :

Motion to approve the rules for the Gordon Bennett that will be held in Poland, the current version of the GBMER will be used, no changes requested.

The motion was accepted unanimously

17.2 AX WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Uwe Schneider (GER): Request for comments, there were no comments on the report.

AX working group meeting minutes

Attachment 13

Motion 1:

To approve the AXMER as presented

Attachment 14

motion adopted unanimously

Motion 2: that the power to approve the rules, after AX-WG has checked the updated event rules with the adaptations to AXMER2021, be delegated to RSC

motion adopted unanimously

17.3 BX WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Uwe Schneider (GER): Request for comments, there were no comments on the report.

BX working group meeting minutes

Attachment 15

17.4 SCORING WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Uwe Schneider (GER): Request for comments.

Marc André (SUI): Working on COH update, there is still work that needs to be done, but we need more volunteers to finish this work. I call for volunteers in the community to take on some of this work. That will be very helpful. This needs to be done before next plenary otherwise we will just need to continue with the old COH. It doesn't work to wait for so long on a transition. Volunteers can contact me directly.

Uwe Schneider (GER): I hear no further comments or objections.

**Scoring working group meeting minutes
COH**

**Attachment 16
Attachment 17**

Motion :

Approve the update to the COH and publish it as COH 2021.

The motion was accepted unanimously

17.5 SPORTING CODE SECTION ONE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Uwe Schneider (GER): Request for comments, there were no comments on the report.

**SC S1 working group meeting minutes
Sporting Code**

**Attachment 18
Attachment 19**

Motion 1:

The changes to SC01 Chapter 5 5.6.3 as given below be approved with an effective date of 1st April 2021.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 2:

The changes to SC01 ANNEX 7 1.3 as given below be approved with an effective date of 1st April 2021.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 3:

The changes and deletions to SC01 relating to GPS as given below be approved with an effective date of 1st April 2021.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 4:

The changes and deletions to Internal Regulations Chapter 12 as given below be approved with an effective date of 1st April 2021.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Les Purfield (GBR): Jean-Claude Weber and Les Purfield will be working on rewriting the Internal Regulations in the coming year.

18 NEW TECHNOLOGIES SC REPORT

CIA President: Gives the floor to NTSC chair Claude Weber.

Claude Weber (LUX): Made a presentation on the work from the NTSC and about its vision of the future and how to move forward. **Attachment 20**

Lindsay Muir (GBR): Presentation says NTSC will need 2 successful events, the report says 3. How big an event will NTSC use to approve the logger for a CAT1 event. As there have been so little events over the past months. There is a concern how much experience pilots will have with this new technology going to a WC, not having flown a lot and not having experience with the technology.

Marc André (SUI): The request for the use of the new system came from the event. NTSC at this point hasn't released the system to be used at CAT1 event yet.

Claude Weber (LUX): First the system needs to be released. Then it needs to be accepted by the rules SC. We will only release it when we feel confident that it is reliable enough that it can be used in a CAT1 event.

Hiromori Soerijama(JPN): Happy with the idea of a balloon live contest. Does this contest organized by the CIA effect the World Ranking List?

Claude Weber (LUX):This kind of contest is exciting but also has down sides that need to be experienced and looked at. Therefor we don't right now want this to be a CAT1 event, but just run it as an experiment with prizes for the winners. We might think about that in the future but not right now. This will now not be integrated in the World Ranking List. A country is free to decide this event will count towards their National ranking.

Hiromori Soerijama (JPN): As there are so many local effects influencing the results that I wouldn't want these results used for an official purpose. But it's a good experience and it should happen.

David Gleed (CAN): How will the Balloon Live App and Sensor work in areas without good cell phone coverage?

Claude Weber (LUX): You do not need coverage of internet while in flight, you need it when you start. After the flight you go back to the competition centre and then you can upload the information when you do have internet connection.

The chair asked the plenary to accept the New Technology SC meeting report.

NTSC meeting minutes

Attachment 21

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

To accept the investment (CHF 19500) to develop the Balloon Live Scoring module (phase 1-3).

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 2:

To accept the investment (CHF 1600) to host the World Ranking List on watchmefly.net.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 3:

To approve the Balloon Live App and Sensor for use in CAT1 events after final release by NTSC.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 4:

To approve that CIA becomes the organiser of the Balloon Live Contest.

The motion was accepted unanimously

19 PUBLIC AND MEDIA RELATIONS SC REPORT

The chair asked the plenary to accept the PMR SC meeting report.

PMR SC meeting minutes

Attachment 22

PMR SC attachment

Attachment 23

PMR SC attachment Guidelines to Organize Balloon Youth Camps

Attachment 24

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Debbie Spaeth (USA): Emphasizes on how youth camps are a part of the future of our organization. From the camps in the past an impressive number of pilots and PUT are people that have been to these camps.

David Gleed (CAN): How many applications do you expect in 2022?

Debbie Spaeth (USA): 4 countries so far that have camps traditionally, they all plan on doing something in the coming year and I expect them to apply next year. We have given between CHF 500 and CHF 1500 in the past.

Marc André (SUI): Are you expecting to always use the maximum amount? If you only get 1 application, how much would you give?

Debbie Spaeth (USA): PMR is happy to add a guideline that the maximum amount per country will be CHF1000.

Claude Weber (LUX): Do we need to adjust the motion with the CHF1000 per country. As next year you will ask approval of the scholarships in the plenary and you could specify then.

Debbie Spaeth (USA): We can put the maximum per country in the guidelines. So it doesn't have to be changed in the motion for this year.

Motion 1:

PMR SC motion that the CIA Plenary reinstate CIA funding of the Balloon Youth Camp scholarships for 2022, using CIA Reserve funds.

Suggested Budget – CHF4000 to be shared among applications received from Balloon Youth Camp Organizers. – Maximum (1) scholarship per country or camp organizer.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Debbie Spaeth (USA): Kim Magee (USA) has updated the document (that was attached to the agenda) with help of recent camp organizers. The document can help organizations that organise Youth Camps.

Motion 2:

PMR SC motion to approve the Updated CIA document “Guidelines to Organize Balloon Youth Camps”2021 Edition, Effective 31 March 2021.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Debbie Spaeth (USA): PMR wants to work with all the other SC on getting together all the documents that are developed around the CIA SC to help organizers with their events. Next year the SC wants to present these in a more workable fashion, so that the documents are up to date and easy for organizers to use. She asks organizers to let the PMR SC know if they ran into any difficulties finding documents.

PMR SC attachment
PMR SC attachment

Attachment 25
Attachment 26

DAY 2

20 EVENT AND ORGANISER SUPPORT SC

The chair asked the plenary to accept the Event and Organiser support SC meeting report.

Event and organiser support SC meeting minutes

Attachment 27

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Maury Sullivan (USA): Presentation about the vision and background of the SC.

Attachment 28

JC Weber (LUX): Will the workshop be mandatory for organizers or is it just an encouragement for people to participate.

Maury Sullivan (USA): Suggestion is that if a country has not ran a CAT1 event before it would be mandatory, otherwise it would be highly recommended.

Motion 1:

Support a CIA Workshop for Event Organizers, International Balloon Event Symposium, for the sharing of knowledge, ideas and best practices for organizers of CIA-Sanctioned events.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Debbie Spaeth (USA): Kim Magee (USA) has updated the document (that was attached to the agenda) with help of recent camp organizers. The document can help organizations that organise Youth Camps.

Motion 2:

OES will organize a one-day Event Organizer Workshop to be held in conjunction with the 2022 Plenary, with expected attendance by a member of the organizing committee of any upcoming CIA Sanctioned Event.

Sanne Haarhuis (NED): Where or how do you plan to do this in conjunction with the 2022 plenary?

Maury Sullivan (USA): It would be suggested that SC and WG do a lot of their work via zoom prior to the plenary week so that we make time available for this event to be held before the plenary.

Sanne Haarhuis (NED): I do worry that it will take up a lot of time from the committee meetings and wonder if we would like to add a day to the WG and SC time before the plenary to get all the work done.

Maury Sullivan (USA): It would be better not to have people need to take another day of time to attend the plenary. People may not have the time to do that.

Claude Weber (LUX): This is a great idea, and this committee is doing great work and it is great that Maury is bringing in the experience he already has in this from the US. I fully support this motion.

Andy Baird (USA): It is to be determined at a later time when exactly this is going to take place, but the motion suggests that it is going to take place in the time we normally have assigned for SC and WG and plenary. Is that correct?

Maury Sullivan (USA): That's correct.

Marc André (SUI): Are you willing to do an online request to the delegates to see what they prefer?

CIA President: We will question the delegates about that directly after we voted on the motion.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Paolo Oggioni (ITA): It is also good to ask the future organizers of the plenary if they would have time to organize an extra day of SC and WG and plenary. It is not only delegates but also the plenary organizers that need to be taken into account.

Inventory non-binding vote 1:

Would the delegates prefer a 5 day plenary and have this symposium run as a separate day. When you agree, raise your hand.

Andy Baird (USA): Just to clarify, we are raising our hand if we support the idea of holding the symposium in an additional day, an extra day to the normal plenary schedule?

CIA President: Yes, raise your hand if you support the idea of adding a day to our 4 days schedule.

In favor: 16 hands up

Inventory non-binding vote 2:

Who would prefer to have it integrated in our normal 4 day schedule.

In favor: 14 hands up

Maury Sullivan (USA): Just to clarify, the bureau is accepting bids from countries to organize the 2022 plenary as Lausanne is out, is that correct?

CIA President: The bureau has asked if any country is interested in organizing the 2022 plenary. So far we haven't received a full bid, but there is interest in organizing it. If that is the case. The bureau will ask the plenary permission to make a decision on it.

Andy Baird (USA): It will not be a requirement for delegates to attend this symposium. Only for those people who are wishing to attend this symposium that would need to come a day early. Is that correct?

Maury Sullivan (USA): That would be the downfall of having an extra day. In the normal routine it would have a better attendance and more people would see the benefits of the symposium. And indeed delegates not wanting to attend would not have to attend.

20A JURY BOARD

The chair asked the plenary to accept the Jury Board meeting report.

Jury Board meeting minutes
Jury Selection proposal
Jurors list 2021

Attachment 29
Attachment 30
Attachment 31

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted

Les Purfield (GBR): Apologies from Hans Ackerstedt for the reports being late. Hans has stood down as president from the Jury Board after 22 years, he will remain a member of the Jury Board. Thank you, Hans, for all your efforts.

Juries approved 2020 by CIA Bureau for 2021 events

5th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Leszno, Poland. 9 – 14 Aug 2021.

Jury chairman: Garry Lockyer (CAN)

Members: Lindsay Muir (GBR) Tomasz Kuchinski, (POL).

64th FAI Gordon Bennett Race, Wroclaw, Poland..19 – 23 August 2021

Jury chairman: Thomas Fink (GER)

Members: Hiromi Furukawa (JPN) Robertas Komza (LTU).

22nd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Szeged, Hungary. 13 – 18 Sep 2021

Jury chairman: John Grubbström (SWE)

Members: Linas Kavolius (LTU) Ilona Gizatullina (RUS).

Motion 1:

New and upgrades jurors

Marc André, SUI, Jason Jones, USA and Kim Magee, USA

Backlog from 2020:

Luc van Geyte, BEL, upgrade to intermediate level.

Martine Besnainou, FRA, removed from CIA jurors list.

The motion was accepted

There was one objection from FRA

Les Purfield (GBR): Background to motion 2. In 2019 there was a proposal from the Jury Board that juries would be selected by the Jury Board without a preproposal from the event organizers. This was rewritten and proposed to the bureau in 2020, but decided it was too similar to what was proposed in 2019 and asked to bring a new proposal to this plenary. Jury Board encounters problems with the proposals for juries from the event organisers.

The change we suggest is:

At the CIA Plenary meeting the year before the year scheduled for the Event, for World- and Continental Championships, and at the CIA Plenary meeting the year of the event, for all other CAT1 events, including the Coupe Gordon Bennett, the CIA Jury Board shall

- select from the proposed Jurors (if any) the eligible Jury President and Members, according to their qualifications, their experience, their availability and the number of Juries they served on during the previous two years,
- retain the non-selected eligible Jurors (if any) as alternate Jury Members to serve in case of necessary replacement,

If the organisers fail to propose any event Jury Members or if they fail to provide the proposed Jury Members' written acceptance confirmations, the Jury Board shall select the Jury President and/or Jury Members from the CIA Approved Jurors list from all eligible juror levels, according to their qualifications, their experience, their availability and the number of Juries they served on during the previous two years,

The CIA Jury Board shall recommend the selected Jury and alternate Jury Members (if any) for appointment to the CIA Plenary.

JC Weber (LUX): This change is needed because in the past many organizers would suggest names of people they had not contacted or enquired if they were willing and able to fulfill this position. Leaving the Jury Board with a lot of work.

Claude Weber (LUX): Question about the ED being responsible for the reimbursement of Jury expenses. This is hard to monitor as the ED can encourage the organizer to do so, but how can he be responsible and what will be the consequences.

JC Weber (LUX): The jury is concerned with the competition part of the event and the jury shouldn't be chasing an organizer. Therefore the one they are in contact with the ED is responsible.

CIA President: If an organizer doesn't comply with the reimbursements that will come back to the bureau and can effect the return of performance bond.

Motion 2:

Jury Handbook

To approve the proposed changes to Chapter 2 - Jury Appointment and Procedures. Attachment 27

The motion was accepted unanimously

21 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF SC AND WG CHAIRS

No other nominations from the floor the following were elected as Chairs of the CIA Subcommittees for 2021 by acclamation:

SUBCOMMITTEE

Jury Board
Officials
Public and Media Relations
Records
Rules
Safety and Education
Event Development Services
Competitors
New Technology

CHAIRMAN

Les Purfield (GBR)
Steve Ireland (AUS)
Debbie Spaeth (USA)
Troy Bradley (USA)
Uwe Schneider (GER)
Bengt Stener (SWE)
Lindsay Muir (UK)
Andy Baird (USA)
Claude Weber (LUX)

On a motion from the Chair the Subcommittee Chairs were approved unanimously

22 FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

22.1 FAI MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION (CIMP)

The CIA representative David Bareford (GBR) reported on the commission meeting and on the work they are doing researching the effects and costs of medical examinations.

22.2 FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

No report - The CIA representative Steve Ireland (AUS) gave a short verbal report. They are working on making airports more environmentally friendly with new technology.

22.3 FAI EUROPE AIR SPORTS

No report, we have no delegate

22.4 FAI CASI

See published CASI Meeting Minutes. CASI is made up of all the presidents of the different airports. They deal with issues like pilots from some countries being unable to participate in CAT1 event because of suspended nation issues and making country fees to FAI and sporting license fees more equal amongst countries

23 EDS SANCTIONED EVENTS – NEW APPLICATIONS

23.1 REPORTS ON CAT1 SANCTIONED EVENTS – 2020

- a) 3rd Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Poland, 2020 - Cancelled
- b) 24th World Hot Air Balloon Championship - postponed to 2022.
- c) 64th Gordon Bennett Race, Poland – postponed to 2021.

23.2 REPORTS ON SANCTIONED EVENTS – 2021/2022/2023

- a) 5th FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Leszno, Poland. 9th – 14th August 2021.

Arkadiusz Iwański (POL): Shared information about the expectations and how things are moving forward for this event.

Steve Ireland (AUS): It is unlikely that this event will be available for pilots from all over the world because of COVID restrictions.

Lindsay Muir (GBR): The issue of how to deal with COVID related restrictions this year has been discussed in and between different SC. There is no conclusion yet on how to deal with this.

Arkadiusz Iwański (POL): The rules say that 4 countries is enough to have a valid competition.

Lindsay Muir (GBR): It is true this is written in the Sporting Code, but we would want to look into long term effects of not all countries being able to participate due to these regulations.

Hikomori Soejima (JPN): The go – no go date is in the middle of June, that doesn't give enough time for shipping. An earlier decision would be appreciated.

Arkadiusz Iwański (POL): We agree that informing pilots earlier would be better, but when we think that we can have an event with 4 countries and this will be a valid event, then there is no need to cancel the event. I do think we need to set good deadlines on go – no go dates.

Lindsay Muir (GBR): We are in a difficult time where we cannot forecast what is going to happen. It might be better to just cancel all the events of this year. As many countries will not be able to participate.

CIA President: It is better for our sport if events do take place. I as a sportsman would rather have that an event does take place even when I can't participate. It should be our goal to support events and making them happen.

Steve Ireland (AUS): I recommend this event to be postponed as it will most likely be that only EU countries can attend. A generous go – no go date would be appreciated.

David Gleed (CAN): Concern that it is not only pilots who cannot go to the event but also officials.

Marc André): We are here to support events. It is better to have events than to have no events when they can be done COVID safe. We do not to look into long term effects with regard to invitation procedures.

Hikomori Soejima (JPN): We need to be aware that the results of this year will have an effect on the next years invitation process.

Lindsay Muir (GBR): This is something we are definitely looking into.

JC Weber (LUX): FAI/CIA can not cancel an event but it can pull a sanction from an event. The event can still happen but will not be sanctioned as CIA CAT1 event anymore. The 4 countries « rule » from

the Sporting Code does not apply to this situation as it is not only the event organizer that has to make sure every country has an opportunity to participate but also the pilots countries regulations that influences that. Out of fairness reasons I think the CIA should have something to say about the minimum of countries that need to be present for a valid championship as this is a very different situation.

b) 64th FAI Gordon Bennett Race, Wroclaw, Poland. 19th – 23rd August 2021

Arkadiusz Iwański (POL): Presentation on the Gordon Bennett Race. Attachment 32

c) 22nd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Szeged, Hungary. 13th – 18th September 2021

Zoltan Palhegyi (HUN): Presentation on the European Championship. Attachment 33

d) 24th World Hot Air Balloon Championship - postponed to 2022.

e) Voting on invitation process Worlds 2022

Lindsay Muir (GBR): A new Sanction Application has been submitted.

Branko Ambrozic (SLO): The biggest change in the sanction application are a higher entry fee and a change in dates of the event and the invitation process. The organization is on track.

Claude Weber (LUX): The bureau already accepted the higher entry fee last year. We need a motion on accepting the new Sanction Application. And a motion on accepting a restart of the invitation process. With the acceptance from NAC's as well. This would mean new NAC's can join, but NAC's that are no longer eligible will no longer be able to accept the invitation.

Motion:

The CIA EDC Sub Committee recommends that the delegates present at the plenary meeting accept the revised sanction application from Slovenia to host the 2022 World Championship.

The committee also proposes that the invitation process be reset to allow for changes in eligible NAC's and entrants.

The motion was accepted unanimously

f) 65th Gordon Bennett Race, Switzerland – postponed to 2022.

Marc André (SUI): Presentation on the Gordon Bennett Race. Attachment 34

f) 4th Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship - postponed until 2023.

Steve Ireland (AUS): Confirms that the event is moving forward as presented in the sanction application. Sponsors are happy with the postponement and things are going well.

23.3 EVENTS TO BE SANCTIONED - CAT1

23.3.1 CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR AND EVENTS OPEN

- a) 2022 Women's Continental Championship – Open for bids
- b) 2022 Junior Continental Championship – Open for bids

Lindsay Muir (GBR): We do not have any bids for the 2023 European Championships. I want to ask for an extension of time limits for the bid process for this event.

Andy Baird (USA): I want to support this request for extension of time limits especially because of the implications of COVID on our events and sport in the last year. It is in the interest of our competitors to try to organize events. It is up to EDS to guard the quality of the events.

Ricardo Aracil (ESP): I agree with Andy we need to give organizers time to find sponsors in these difficult times.

Lindsay Muir (GBR): We would need full bid (Sanction Application with all details) before the end of September. We can't move beyond the end of September.

Motion:

If no bids have been received at the two year point the plenary may vote to extend the bidding period for a further 6 months, until the end of September.

At the end of September any ensuing bid file must be presented to the CIA Event Development Service (EDS) for evaluation.

EDS will recommend to the Bureau by the end of November, that any received bids are accepted or rejected, and that the accepted bids shall be added to the agenda of the next Plenary meeting which would take place 12 months before the event.

The motion was accepted unanimously

23.3.2 BIDS

2023 Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Bid (Poland)

Arkadiusz Iwański (POL): Presentation on the 2023 Junior World Championship bid. Attachment 35

The event was sanctioned unanimously

23.3.3 INTENTIONS TO BID

2024 World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Intention to bid submitted by Mallorca

DAY 3

We started with Lindsay Muir presenting the event officials for all the events. And a discussion on how to handle COVID-19 followed.

Event Officials

	Director	Director Deputy	Safety Officer	Jury	Comments
2021					
Junior Worlds	Eugenijus Komaz (LTU)	Gary Lacey (AUS)	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)	President: Garry Lockyer (CAN) Lindsay Muir (GBR) Tomasz Kuchcinski (POL)	Event, ED, DD, SO, Jury approved by Bureau 12/2019.
Gordon Bennett	Benoit Pelard (FRA) ,	Arkadiusz Iwański (POL)	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL),	President - Thomas Fink (GER) 2. Hiromi Furukawa (JPN) 3. Robertas Komza (LTU)	Event, ED, DD, SO, Jury approved by Bureau 2019.
Europeans	David BAREFORD (GBR)	Zoltán PÁLHEGYI (HUN)	Goran Grgič (SLO)	President - John Grubbstrom (SWE) Linus Kavolius (LTU) Ilona Gizatullina (RUS)	Event, ED, DD, SO approved 2019. Jury approved by Bureau
2022					
Worlds	Claude Weber (LUX)	Goran Grgič (SLO)	Nick Binder (AUT)	President - Les Purfield (GBR) Paolo Oggioni (ITA) Maury Sullivan (USA)	Event, ED, DD, SO approved 2018. Jury approved 2019
2023					
Women's Worlds	Gary Lacey (AUS)	Les Purfield (GBR)	John Wallington (AUS)	Debbie Spaeth (USA) Hiromi Furukawa (JPN) Ruth Wilson (AUS)	Event, ED, DD, SO approved 2019 Bureau approved Jury 2020
Junior Worlds	Eugenijus Komaz (LTU)	Gary Lacey (AUS)	Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)	To be approved 2022	Event, ED, DD, SO approved 2021.

All these event officials were approved

Lindsay Muir (GBR): Brings up concerns about how to deal with the implications from COVID on events, cancellations, pilots not being able to leave their countries, no-shows etc.

CIA President: Invites Markus Haggenev (FAI) to speak on this.

Markus Haggenev (FAI): FAI is faced with similar questions in all airports. We need to not only think about the competitors but also protect our organizers and keep our sport alive. We can give guidance to our organizers. We need events to keep our sports going. It is better to do something small than nothing at all. A commission could decide to want more countries to make a valid event. But it will be hard to change that for events that are already sanctioned. Most commission has decided to have the decision with the bureau together with the organizers. Mutual conversation between organizers and bureau. Other commissions see it is important to keep the sport going.

CIA President: Let the bureau deal with this. The bureau presidents.

Paolo Oggioni (ITA): Sportsmanship comes into this and maybe EU pilots can rent or borrow their equipments to pilots who cannot ship their equipment. Maybe we can collect names of pilots willing to do so, so we can help pilots.

Arkadiusz Iwański: I agree with need to do the sport and it is my job to work with the bureau and EDS. A guideline would be helpful.

Lindsay Muir (GBR): Respons to Paolo, it is hard to loan or borrow equipment with the current aviation rules in Europe.

Steve Ireland: Keep into mind the effect of countries not being able to attend on the invitation process of future events.

CIA President: Yes, we absolutely need to see how to handle this. EDS and competitors SC are good to come up with a solution that will be good for everybody.

Sanne Haarhuis (NED): Bringing it back to the bureau means that like in the past year the bureau will be working close with EDS and organizers. It is a cooperation.

Claude Weber (LUX): FAI president joined our meeting.

Zoltan Palhegyi (HUN): He would like to be invited when any decisions are made about the Europeans. To avoid problems in the future.

CIA President: Invites David Monks (GBR) FAI president to speak.

24 CIA FINANCIAL REPORTS

CIA secretary: Presentation on the financial documents that were provided.

Financial report 2019
Financial report 2020
2021 budget (bureau decision 2020)
2022 budget

Attachment 36

Markus Haggoney: From FAI perspective this is not a budget but a proposal that needs to be approved by the FAI General Conference.

Motion :

A motion to the Plenary to submit the CIA 2022 expense proposal.

The motion passed unanimously

25 AWARD OF MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMAS 2020

The Montgolfier Diploma for best performance Gas Ballooning was awarded to Krysstof Zapart (POL) and Andy Cayton (USA)

The Montgolfier Diploma for best performance Hot Air Ballooning was awarded to Kim Magee (USA)

26 AWARD OF SANTOS DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

No Nominees were presented.

27 NOMINATIONS FOR FAI AWARDS

CIA President: The past year and this year we have awarded an FAI airsports medal to 5 people who have made a big contribution to our sport.

Ricardo Aracil (ESP)

Marc André (SUI)
Erwin Pellegrom (NED)
Julius Venkus (LTU)
Andrew Robertson (AUS)

28 CIA HALL OF FAME

2021 Inductees:

- **Wilhelm Eimers (GER)**, Living
- **Jim Winker (USA)**, Posthumous

2020 Nominations:

- Vincent Leys (FRA)
- Wilhelm Eimers (GER)
- Ales Kubicek (CZH)

29 ELECTION OF CIA OFFICERS

29.1 ELECTION OF THE CIA PRESIDENT

There was 1 candidate for the position.

Mark Sullivan (USA) was elected by acclamation.

29.2 ELECTION OF THE CIA FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

There was 1 candidate for the position.

Claude Weber (LUX) was elected by acclamation.

29.3 ELECTION OF THE CIA SECOND AND THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

There were 3 candidates for the position: Marc André (SUI), Igor Miclousic (CRO) and Uwe Schneider (GER)

Uwe Schneider (GER) was elected.

and

Marc André (Sui) was elected.

29.4 ELECTION OF THE CIA SECRETARY

There was 1 candidate for the position.

Sanne Haarhuis (NED) was elected by acclamation.

30 ELECTION OF SC AND WG MEMBERS

SC	Members	SC	Members	WG	Members
PMR	Ruth Wilson (AUS) Marina Kalousdian (BRA) Jonathan Perron-Clow (CAN) David Strassmann (GER) Katsura Endo (JPN) Sanne Haarhuis (NED) Kim Magee (USA) Cameron Wall (USA)	Competitors	Paolo Oggioni (ITA) Gerald Stürzlinger (AUT) Uwe Schneider (GER) Maury Sullivan (USA) Tadas Gegevicus (LTU) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Sam Parks (USA) David Strassman (GER) Sylvia Meini (GER) Markus Kalousdian (BRA) Igor Miklosic (CRO)	AA	Marc Sullivan (USA) (Chair) Martine Besnainou (FRA) Luc van Geyte (BEL) Benoît Pelard (FRA) Gerald Stürzlinger (AUT) Troy Bradley (USA) Sebastian Eimers (GER) Marc Andre (SUI)
Records	Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) Don Cameron (GBR) Sabu Ichiyoshi (JPN) Lindsay Muir (GBR)	EDS	Paolo Oggioni (ITA) Maury Sullivan (USA) Andrew Baird (USA) Debbie Spaeth (USA)	AX	Uwe Schneider (GER) (Chair) Claude Weber (LUX) David Bareford (GBR) Maury Sullivan (USA) Sanne Haarhuis (NED)
Safety	Rudy Paenen (BEL) Andy Chau (HKG) Troy Bradley (USA) Benoît Pelard (FRA) David Gleed (CAN) David Strassmann (GER)	NTSC	Steve Ireland (AUS) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) Marc Andre (SUI) Bengt Stener (SWE)	BA	Luc van Geyte (Chair) Jerzy Czerniawski Rokas Kostiuskevicius Oscar Lindström Sylvia Meini Pit Thibo (Expert)
Officials	Hiromi Furukawa (JPN) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Sanne Haarhuis (NED) Li Tong (CHN) Yuri Mityagin (RUS) Debbie Spaeth (USA) Ilona Gisatullina (RUS)	Hall of Fame	Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) Sabu Ichiyoshi (JPN) Martine Besnainou (FRA) Troy Bradley (Expert Advisor). The AAIBM Selection Committee members: Lynne Newton, Jacques Soukup, Mick Murphy	Scoring	Marc Andre (Chair) Erwin Pellegrom (Chair) Bengt Stener (SWE) David Bareford (GBR) Steve Ireland (AUS) Lynn Sullivan (USA)
Event Organizer Support EOS	Benoît Pelard (FRA) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Lindsay Muir (GBR) Chair EDS Mark Sullivan (USA) Debbie Spaeth (USA) Zoltan Palhegyi (HUN)	Jury	Jean Claude Weber (LUX) John Grubbström (SWE) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)	SC01	Mark Sullivan (USA) (Chair) Lindsay Muir (GBR) Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) Hiromori Soejima (JPN)

All members were approved.

Paolo Oggioni (ITA): The Awards WG is missing from this list.

CIA President: The bureau will approve the Awards WG.

31 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

32 DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Paolo Oggioni (ITA): Presentation on a proposal from Italy to host the next plenary. Attachment 32

CIA President: As we cannot vote on this proposal I would like to present the following motion.

Motion 1:

Shall we leave Lausanne for the next plenary.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 2:

To give the power to the bureau to negotiate with the relevant NAC of the next plenary.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Dates of the next plenary 16-19 March 2022

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