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FAI Ballooning Commission

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Plenary meeting was called to order at 9:10, 23 March 2012.

CIA President, Jean-Claude Weber, welcomed Delegates and thanked Subcommittee and Working Group members for their work during the past year.

He introduced and welcomed:

- Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General

Thanks to the local balloons who made this meeting possible with the help of the authorities and national aeroclub. The President asked local balloonists to convey our greetings to the national aeroclub and local authorities.

2. IN MEMORIAM

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

- Alan Blount (USA)
- Dr. Janet Folkes (GBR)
- Lorena Morlini (ITL)
- Stefan Makne (POL)

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Gabriela Slavec (Slovenia), Bengt Stener (Sweden), Ruth Wilson (Australia), Ricardo Aracil (Spain), Les Purfield (United Kingdom), Don Cameron (United Kingdom), Markus Haggenev (Germany), Michael Suchy (Czech Republic), Hubert Kusternigg (Austria), Felicity Clegg (South Africa), Aníbal Soares (Portugal)

4. DELEGATES ROLL CALL

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

CIA PRESIDENT			Jean-Claude WEBER (LUX)
CIA SECRETARY			Alex NAGORSKI (CAN)
FAI SECRETARY GENERAL			Jean-Marc BADAN (SUI)
*** Vice Presidents listed under their countries			
COUNTRY	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE	Subcommittee/Working Groups Members and Observers
AUSTRALIA (AUS)	IRELAND, Steve		
BELGIUM (BEL)	VAN GEYTE, Luc	PAENEN, Rudy	
BRAZIL (BRA)	BRITES, Leonel	ROMAGNOLI, Edson	KALOUSDIAN, Marina SARAN, Emiliano DA SILVA, Marluce DA SILVA, Ricardo PEREIRA, Louise MORALLES, Ricard Carry proxy from Argentina
CANADA (CAN)	LOCKYER, Garry		
CHINA (CHN)		LI, Tong	
CHINESE TAIPEI	MAI, Elsa		
DENMARK (DEN)	MUNDT, C	LARSEN, Kim	
ESTONIA			VACHT, Valdur
FINLAND (FIN)	PAKARINEN, E		
FRANCE (FRA)	BESNAINOU, M		

COUNTRY	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE	Subcommittee/Working Groups Members and Observers
GERMANY (GER)	SCHNEIDER, Uwe		Carry Proxy from Portugal
HONG KONG		CHAU, Andy	Carry Proxy from Malaysia
HUNGARY (HUN)	HIDAS, Sandor	VEGH, Sandor	Somogyi, Bela Carry Proxy from Norway
ITALY (ITA)	OGGIONI, Paolo		Carry Proxy from Slovenia
JAPAN (JPN)	ICHIYOSHI, Sabu	SOEJIMA, Hiromori	FURUKAWA, Hiromi (Obs) Carry Proxy from Mexico
LATVIA	GAILIS, Gints	CAKSS, Armands	Carry Proxy from Romania
LITHUANIA (LTU)	KOMZA, Robertas	KAZLAUSKAS, Zydrunas	SURKUS, Gintaras Carry Proxy from Slovakia
LUXEMBOURG (LUX)	WEBER, Claude		THIBO, Pit Carry Proxy from Switzerland
NETHERLANDS (NED)	DE BRUIJN, M		Carry Proxy from South Africa
POLAND (POL)	CZERNIAWSKI, J	IWANSKI, Arkadiusz	PALUCKI, Andrzej KUBIAK, Dr. Wkadylaw NOWAKOWSKI, Bartosz KUJAWA, Adam SACHAJDAK, Kacper
RUSSIA (RUS)	FUODOROFF, Stanislaw	NENASHEV, Vitaly	TYUKHTYAEV, Leonid
SPAIN (ESP)		FIGUERAS LEAL, Carles	
SWEDEN (SWE)	ÅKERSTEDT, H		
SWITZERLAND (SUI)			ANDRÉ Marc
UKRAINE	KARNAUKHOV, Vladimir	NIKOLAIEV, Oleksandr	LOBASHOV, Igor SEMENYSHYNA, Alexandra NIKIKAEVA, Iryna LASHCHURYNSKA, Oleksandra Carry proxy from Czech Republic
UK (GBR)	MUIR, Lindsay		BAREFORD, David
USA (USA)	SULLIVAN, M	LEVIN, D	BAIRD, Andy J BRADLEY, Troy Carry proxy for Chili
	Total		
	Total Attendees		
VOTING	Delegates Voting	22	
	Alternates Voting	3	
	Proxies	12	
VOTE Count		37	
Absolute Majority		19	
2/3 Majority		25	
Total CIA Members		50	
Percentage participating		72%	

5. PROXIES (11)

SLO to ITA
SUI to LUX
NOR to HUN
ARG to BRA
ROU to LAT
MAS to HKG
SVK to LTU
RSA to NED
CZE to UKR
POR to GER
MEX to JPN
Chili to USA

Voting representative /substitute :

- Mr. Andy CHAU (Vice-President of Hong Kong Balloon & Airship Club)
- Dr Elsa L.C. MAI (representative of Chinese Taipei)

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 AGENDA ORDER

Delegates were reminded that the agenda order would be established by the President (IR 3.6.1).

6.2. REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

Delegates were reminded of the procedures in respect of:

- Motions (IR 3.7)
- Rules of Debate (IR 3.8)

6.3. COUNTING COMMITTEE

Jean-Marc Badan (FAI) and Jurgita Kazlauskas (LTH) 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

None submitted

6.6. ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

The number of votes required to achieve an Absolute Majority was declared as 19

The number of votes required for a New Motion (2/3 Majority) was declared as 25.

The Chair announced the numbers for the absolute and two-thirds majorities and that these numbers will only change as a result of delegates arriving late or leaving early who formally notify the chair.

6.7. FAI CODE OF ETHICS

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

All FAI Commissions and other legislative and executive organs of FAI should have as a standing item on their meeting agendas "Declaration of Conflict of Interest", in order to provide a formal opportunity for people to make disclosures of potential conflicts.

7. MINUTES OF THE 2011 PLENARY MEETING

7.1 **Motion:** The Minutes of the 2011 Plenary meeting be approved:

On a Motion from the Chair
Minutes were approved unanimously

7.2 POINTS FOR ACTION FROM 2011 PLENARY

The Chair stated that Subcommittee actions would be taken during the Subcommittee Reports. 'Points for Action' from 2011 Plenary Meeting

Appendix 1

8. CIA BUREAU ACTIONS

The Chair reported on the actions taken by the Bureau in the previous 12 months. The complete file includes the report as published in the Autumn CIA Newsletter and the Bureau Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 20, and Thursday March 22, 2012.

Bureau Action
Bureau Meetings

Appendix 2
Appendix 2a

There were no questions

9. CIA PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON FAI ACTIVITIES

Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General reported on item #9 and 10 together, therefore there it was not necessary to have a President's report.

10. REPORT ON THE FAI ACTIVITIES AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE – Belgrade, Serbia Oct 2011

Jean-Marc Badan, FAI Secretary General reported on 105th FAI General Conference - 2011

Key points:

- The FAI is implementing a Regional Vice Presidents program to better represent regions, especially developing ones.
- An Expert Groups concept is being implemented to be used when specialize skills are needed for specific projects.
- Sports Strategy (4 level Pyramid diagram)



- More marketing of events
- Creation of a Swiss based company to develop, promote and market new events
- Commissions could create subsidiaries to the main Swiss Marketing company
- FAI Office moved to MSI complex which hosts many other international sports organization
 - Jean-Marc Badan hired as the new Secretary General in October 2011
 - New Senior Sports Manager – Rob Hughes
 - New IT Manager starting May 1, 2012 – Visa-Matti Leinikki
 - Marcel Meyer the main records person is retiring at the end of June
 - Hoping the tribulations in the office will settle down
 - May 2011 – old server crashed
 - New Website introduced on October 2011
 - New website needs to improve performance
 - CIA needs to work at further improving their web site in close cooperation with the FAI IT and Communication Managers
 - Will be introducing new collaborative tools for committees (to exchange messages, documents)
- Sporting License Database
 - Have encountered problems with security and therefore delayed
 - New software being implemented for 2012
- Will be introducing an updated Organizers Agreement for events
- Antidoping
 - Will be developing rules for FAI airports
 - International competitors must check that their medications do not appear on the WADA anti-doping list; if they do, competitors must obtain a TUE prior to competing – see FAI website for details: <http://www.fai.org/anti-doping-programme/therapeutic-use-exemptions>
- Air sports need to evolve their competitions to be more attractive to competitors, the public and media

Next FAI General Conferences

16 – 21 October 2012, Antalya, Turkey

11. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES Attachment 5

Delegates should return the CIA ANNUAL STATISTICS questionnaire to the Secretary so that current information is available on ballooning around the world. Verbal reports were given by attending delegates and written ones were provided by the following at the meeting.

CIA Annual Statistics questionnaire results

Attachment 9

Country Delegate Reports – see list at the end of the Plenary minutes.

Country	Written Report	Statistics Received
ALBANIA		
ARGENTINA		

Country	Written Report	Statistics Received
KUWAIT		
LATVIA	received	received

ARMENIA		
AUSTRALIA (AUS)	received	received
AUSTRIA (AUT)	received	received
AZERBAIDJAN		
BAHRAIN		
BELARUS		
BELGIUM (BEL)	received	received
BOZANIA and HERZEGOVINA		
BRAZIL		
BULGARIA		
CANADA (CAN)	received	received
CHILE		
CHINA (Peoples Republic of)	received	received
CHINESE TAIPEI		
COLUMBIA		
CROATIA (CRO)		

LEBANON		
LIECHTENSTEIN		
LITHUANIA (LTU)		received
LUXEMBOURG (LUX)		received
MALAYSIA		
MALI		
MEXICO		
MOLDOVA (Republic of)		
MONACO		
MOZAMBIQUE		
NEPAL		
NETHERLANDS (NED)		received
NEW ZEALAND (NZL)		
NORWAY		
OMAN		
PAKISTAN		

Country	Written Report	Statistics Received
CUBA		
CYPRUS		
CZECH REP (CZE)	received	received
DENMARK (DEN)		
ECUADOR		
EGYPT		
EL SALVADOR		
ESTONIA		
FINLAND (FIN)		
Former Yugoslav Rep of Macdeonia		
FRANCE (FRA)		received
GEORGIA		
GERMANY (GER)		received
GREECE		
HONG KONG		
HUNGARY (HUN)		received
ICELAND		
INDIA (IND)		
INDONESIA		
IRAN		
IRAQ		
IRELAND (IRE)		
ISRAEL		
ITALY (ITA)	received	received
JAPAN (JPN)	received	received
KAZAKHSTAN		
KOREA (KOR)		
KOREA (Peoples Democratic Rep.)		

Country	Written Report	Statistics Received
PALESTINE		
PARAGUAY		
PHILIPPINES		
POLAND (POL)		received
PORTUGAL	received	received
QATAR		
ROMANIA		
RUSSIA (RUS)		
SAN MARINO		
SAUDI ARABIA		
SERBIA (SRB)		
SINGAPORE		
SLOVAK REPUBLIC		
SLOVENIA (SLO)	received	received
SPAIN (ESP)	received	received
SURINAME		
SWEDEN (SWE)		received
SWITZERLAND (SUI)	received	received
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC		
THAILAND		
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO		
TURKEY (TUR)		
UKRAINE (UKR)	received	received
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES		
UNITED KINGDOM (GBR)		received
USA (USA)	received	received
UZBEKISTAN		
VENEZUELA		

12. REPORT OF THE JURY BOARD **Appendix 3**

Hans Akerstedt reported on the work of the Jury Board.

CIA Jury Board		Event Juries 2012			
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Event/place	Date	Jury	Lev	Nat	Position
20th World HAB Championship	17-25 August	Risto JALAVA	S3	FIN	President
Battle Creek, USA		Gary BRITTON	S5	USA	Member
ED: David Levin	2012	Zoltan PALHEGYI	I4	HUN	Member
Contact: davidnlevin@gmail.com					
http://www.balloonworlds2012.com/					

Event/place	Date	Jury	Lev	Nat	Position
56th COUPE GORDON BENNETT	31 Aug-8 Sep	Sandor HIDAS	I2	HUN	President
Ebnat-Kappel, Tossenbug, SUI		Claude WEBER	I5	LUX	Member
ED: Marcus Haggenev	2012	Jakob BURKHARD	S2	SUI	Member
Contact: Walter T. Vogel					
walter.vogel@aebi-schmidt.com					
www.gordonbennett2012.ch					

Event/place	Date	Jury	Lev	Nat	Position
2nd EUROPEAN HAB WOMAN CHAMPIONSHIP	18-22 September	Moniek vande VELDE	I3	BEL	President
		Jean Claude WEBER	S4	LUX	Member
Frankenthal, Germany	2012	Hans ÅKERSTEDT	S4	SWE	Member
ED: Mathijs de Bruijn					
Contact: Dolores Deimling: info@dollyair.de		-	-	-	-
http://www.womeneuropeans2012balloon.de					

Event/place	Date	Jury	Lev	Nat	Position
2011 TOCHIGI Hot Air Balloon Championship & 2011 Japan Honda GP final	20-25 November	Johann FÜRSTNER	I3	AUT	President
		Dave MORGAN	I2	GBR	Member
	2012	John DAVIS	E3	USA	Member
Tochigi, Japan					
ED: Les Purfield					
Contact: Hiromori Soejima					
hiropon@air-b.com		-	-	-	-

Jury Board Motions 2012
Additions to the Jury Handbook

MOTION 1

In chapter 2, item B, add:

In addition, the CIA COMPETITION OFFICIALS HANDBOOK (COH) is recommended. It contains rules for event organisers, advice on event rules and a penalty guide. The use of the COH is mandatory at all CIA events.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

MOTION 2

In chapter 3, add:

1.7. DOWNGRADING PROCEDURES

Jurors can be downgraded or get temporarily or permanently removed from the list by:

- their own request
- on request of the NAC
- For not following the principles and procedures of the Jury Handbook
- For poor performance as jurors
- For not meeting their obligations to attend events assigned

The downgrading/removal process may include:

1. Review of the situation by the Jury Board
2. Notification to the Juror by the Jury Board of action taken
3. Appeal process
4. Decision by the Jury Board
5. Final step: Notify the Plenary of Jury Board actions

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

MOTION 3

In chapter 3.1, after paragraph "General". Add following

Juries for the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett and/or Single Flight Long Distance Competitions

The Jury President shall attend the event and remain at the event location until the completion of the event.

Other members of the Jury may attend the event, and may leave the event location (i.e. return to their home) as approved by the Jury President, and provided that they are highly available to confer as requested by the Jury President. Members of the Jury may be requested by the Jury President to travel to the event location and if requested shall do so. All members of the Jury are required to be present at the event location to hear a protest.

Jury Presidents must determine in advance how jury meetings will be held when members of the Jury are not at

the event location. Juries may make use of available technology (including audio/video teleconferencing) – set up and access methods should be known and tested in advance.

Jury Presidents must inform the Event Director that they will be using these provisions and make appropriate arrangements for lodging, meals, etc. Additional travel costs are the responsibility of each member of the Jury. Additional telecommunication costs may be covered by the organizers with their prior approval.

Jury Presidents using the above provisions are required to describe their effectiveness and to suggest modifications and/or improvements in their Jury Report.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

MOTION 4

Approval of new jurors and upgradings

New, Entry level:	Deividas Pinkevičius, LTU and Igor Lobashov, UKR
Upgrade to BX qualification	Luc Van Geyte, Belgium
Upgrade to Intermediate	Jean Claude Weber, Luxembourg

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

On a motion from the Chair the Report was approved unanimously

13. REPORT OF THE OFFICIALS SUBCOMMITTEE

Appendix 4

Martine Besnainou reported on the work of the Subcommittee.

On a motion from the Chair the Report was approved unanimously

14. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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Appendix 5

Hiromi Fukurawa (JPN) discussed the work of the Public and Media Relations Subcommittees efforts in 2011-12. Donatella has been working with Faustine Carrera, the FAI Communication Manager to provide information on CIA Events for the Latest News on the Website.

The Public and Media Relations Subcommittee has identified a number promotional projects it will work on over the next year, including updating the CIA Web pages, regional reporting from around the work and possibly a CIA newsletter if material is collected. needs timely information and photos and contributions from event organizers.

The Chair thanked the PMR SC for their work this last year and for their plans for the future.

On a motion from the Chair the report was approved unanimously

15. REPORT OF THE EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE
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Appendix 6

Paolo Oggioni (ITL) reported on the work of the Event Development Service. Previously sanction events along with new sanction applications were reviewed. Event sanction applications will be handled later in the Plenary meeting.

EDS Work during 2011 included:

- Keeping an eye on every CIA event from planning to final reports
- Continuous work with Organizers to help with FAI/CIA procedures and trying to foresee and avoid future problems for the events
- Cooperative work with FAI office
- Organization of EDS documents and organizational schemes/tables
- Development of new proposals for CIA Fees and financial schemes
- Interaction with other SCs
- Designing the new Sanction Application document (working doc)
- More than 1500 emails received and replied
- More than 2000 hours of work dedicated to EDS issues
- Technical Delegate and not Event advisor

Other EDS proposals will be handled later in the agenda.

On a motion from the Chair the EDS report was approved unanimously

16. REPORT OF THE RECORDS SUBCOMMITTEE

Appendix 7

Hans Akerstedt (SWE) reported on the activities of the Subcommittee during the year.

Detail discussion can be found in the Subcommittee minutes but some highlights of the Subcommittees work over the last year are:

- Merging of sub-classes BA and BR into one sub-class
- Proposal for new sub-class for cluster/elastic balloons.
- Records handled in 2011
- No badge claims in 2011
- Classification of the Cameron GB1000 gas balloon (article in 2011 CIA Autumn Newsletter)

There was some discussion about variable sized balloons.

- There have been requests from pilots flying those types, including cluster balloons to be recognized for records.
- Comment by the FAI Secretary General that we should not discourage new types of flying but rather be involved in their development

A motion to change the categories for Airships will be presented by the Statutes and Sporting Code working group.

On a motion from the Chair the Report was approved unanimously

17. REPORT OF THE SAFETY AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Appendix 8

Rudy Paenen (BEL) gave the report of the Safety and Education Committee as Bengt Stener could not attend the CIA Conference.

Motion:

That the updated Safety Officers Handbook be accepted by the Plenary

Attachment 5

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Motion:

That CIA assist the 12th International Youth Camp with a monetary donation of 2.000 Euro.

Attachment 6 and 7

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

On a motion from the Chair the Safety and Education SC report was approved unanimously

18. REPORT OF THE COMPETITORS SUBCOMMITTEE

Appendix 9

Andy Baird (USA) reported on the work of the Competitors Subcommittee (CSC Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the SC notes.

Key comments:

- Discussion on standardizing the competitors survey
- Discussion about automatic entries into the World Championship from other World Championships like the Women's and Juniors. Rules SC will work with CSC on this topic.
- Worlds Ranking List will be updated after the 2012 World Championship.

On a motion from the Chair the Competitors SC report was approved unanimously

Uwe Schneider (GER) reported on the work of the Rules Subcommittee.

AA/AM Working Group

Appendix 10a

Working Group report presented. See Working Group minutes for details.

MOTION to accept AAWG modifications to 2011 GBMER and adopt a new version GBMER 2012.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

MOTION to accept AAWG and Event Director modification to the 2012 Toggenburg Switzerland Gordon Bennett rules.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

On a motion from the Chair the Report was approved unanimously.

AX Working Group

Appendix 10b

Working Group report presented. See Working Group minutes for details.

Motion: that the content of SI and SII of 2012 rules for World Championship, Junior World Championship, Women's European Championship and World Ballooning Trophy is approved (adaptations to AXMER2012 to be done in next weeks).

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Motion: that the AXMER are approved as presented.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved .

Against – 1, Abstained – 3

On a motion from the Chair the Report was approved unanimously.

BA/BX Working Group

Appendix 10c

Working Group report presented. See Working Group minutes for details.

Motion: to approve version 15 of BX MER.

Attachment 8

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

On a motion from the Chair the Report was approved unanimously.

Scoring Working Group

Appendix 10d

Working Group report presented. See Working Group minutes for details.

Motion: That the updated Competition Operations Handbook Version 2012A be approved.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Motion: That the Scoring Working Group update the Competition Operations Handbook to reflect all changes to the 2012 AX MERs and that the updated document be submitted to the Bureau by April 30, 2012 for approval and use at events in 2012.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved

Against – 3, Abstained - 4

On a motion from the Chair the Report was approved unanimously

Statutes, Bylaws and Sporting Code Working Group

Appendix 10e

Working Group report presented. See Working Group minutes for details.

Motion 1.

It is proposed to combine current sub-classes BA and BR into one sub-class and to introduce a new sub-class, BM.

Current definitions

2.2 CLASS B: AIRSHIPS

2.2.1 Class B airships shall be divided into four sub-classes each containing ten categories according to size. The sub-classes are the following:

- 2.2.1.1 Sub-class BA: Airships which obtain at least 80% of their static lift from a lighter-than-air gas, and which are not included in sub-class BR.
- 2.2.1.2 Sub-class BX: Airships which obtain their static buoyancy solely as a result of heating air. The envelope may contain no gases other than air and the normal products of combustion.
- 2.2.1.3 Sub-class BR: Airships which obtain at least 80% of their static lift from a lighter-than-air gas, and in which the complete outer envelope is formed by a rigid framework.
- 2.2.1.4 Sub-class BT: All other airships, including those in which more than 20% of the lift is obtained from the thrust of the power source.

Proposed new definitions

- 2.2 CLASS B: AIRSHIPS
- 2.2.1 Class B airships shall be divided into four sub-classes each containing ten categories according to size. The sub-classes are the following:
 - 2.2.1.1 Sub-class BA: Airships which obtain at least 75% of their static lift from a lighter-than-air gas.
 - 2.2.1.2 Sub-class BX: Airships which obtain their static buoyancy solely as a result of heating air. The envelope may contain no gases other than air and the normal products of combustion.
 - 2.2.1.3 Sub-class BM: Airships which obtain their static buoyancy both from a lighter-than-air gas and the heating of air and gas by an airborne heater.**
 - 2.2.1.4 Sub-class BT: All other airships, including those in which more than **25%** of the lift is obtained from the thrust of the power source.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Motion 2

Junior Category Sporting Event

At its meeting in Birstonas on Wednesday March 21, the CIA Bureau agreed, on a proposal from the RSC S1 WG to propose to the CIA Plenary.

The motion will be discussed and voted on in item #21 of the Plenary.

On a motion from the Chair the Rules Subcommittee report was approved unanimously

20. NEW TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE	Appendix 11
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Claude Weber presented his groups work on the purchase and use of the comprehensive flight logger as an investment by the CIA.

- Logger financial model and statement for 2011 **Appendix 11a**
- A support and information web site has been set up at: <http://www.balloonloggers.org/>

Discussion:

- Loggers in pool to date = 90
- Regarding the use of the loggers, the NTSC is very happy to note that all feedback is very positive.
- The competitors have widely accepted the devices.
- From the beginning, the NTSC has tried to assist as much as possible by publishing guides and tutorials on the loggers website www.balloonloggers.org
- The recent interactive online tutorial created by Mathijs de Bruijn was highlighted, as it is very helpful for pilots that have never flown with these loggers. www.balloonloggers.org/tutorial
- The meeting members all agreed that there is need to go on in this effort and post even more guides and tutorial, both for competitors and officials.
- After short discussion it was unanimously agreed that the logger project development and test phase is completed and FAI-loggers are fully ready for use in any CAT1, including continental and world championships.
- Therefore the NTSC **recommends that FAI-loggers to be used in all CAT1 events.**

Motion 1: to continue to invest or accept sponsorships to create a pool of 110 devices.

Discussion: The CIA will purchase 20 more loggers but NTSC not asking for funds.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Logger Approval Process

In 2009 the CIA plenary decided to put a logger approval process in place. A motion was voted to make the use of approved loggers mandatory in CAT1 events as soon as a list of approved loggers is available. The NTSC has worked out the practicalities of the process and agreed on an application form and approval document. The application form will be published on the CIA and NTSC website.

Therefore the **NTSC makes a call to all officials and organizers willing to get their logger approved** and added to the list.

A first list of approved loggers will be presented to the CIA plenary in 2013 and a date of effect for all CAT1 events voted at the same plenary.

On a motion from the Chair the New Technology Subcommittee report was approved unanimously

21. APPROVAL OF SC S1 DISPOSITION CONCERNING THE 'JUNIOR' CATEGORY SPORTING EVENTS

Motion (brought forward from Plenary Item # 19)

Junior Category Sporting Event

At its meeting in Birstonas on Wednesday March 21, the CIA Bureau agreed, on a proposal from the RSC S1 WG to propose to the CIA Plenary to make the following changes to the Sporting Code Section 1:

5.1.1.	Old	Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either the general or feminine category of Sporting Events. In the feminine category all persons on board of the aerostat must be female and representing the same NAC, except for competition officials.
	New	<p>Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either of the following categories of Sporting Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General, with no gender or age limitation;- Feminine, where all persons on board of the aerostat, except for competition officials, must be female,- Junior, where all persons on board of the aerostat, except for competition officials, must be aged less than 27 years the year of the event
5.1.2.	Old	Unless an article refers specifically to a gender category or either World, Continental Regional or Special International Sporting Event, it applies to all.
	New	Unless an article refers specifically to an age or gender category, or either World, Continental Regional or Special International Sporting Event, it applies to all.
5.3.2.	Old	World Championships in the same sub-class and gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
	New	World Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
5.3.3.	Old	Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class and gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent, or in the same year as a World Championship in that sub-class.
	New	Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age or gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Paolo Oggioni (EDS Chair) opened the discussion with a summary of the discussion from the 2011 Plenary and the motion that was agreed to:

2011 Motion: *To accept the investigation of new Performance Bond scheme in place of the deposit scheme for all FAI sanctioned events.*

The CIA implement performance bonds which require event organizers to make a deposit into an FAI escrow account at the time of sanction approval and signing of the FAI Organizers Agreement. They would be a tool for the CIA to ensure organizers are meeting their commitments when hosting CIA sanctioned events. The performance bond could be cash or an instrument of credit. The process would be implemented starting with events granted sanctions at the 2013 Plenary. All figures are suggestions and will be set for the 2012 Plenary to vote.

Within this context EDS modified the FAI Organizers Agreement as per the above motion and now includes:

Refund Conditions:

In the event of any circumstances set forth below, the FAI may retain all or part of the Performance Bond, as follows:

- If the International Jury decides to terminate the Sporting Event in accordance with the provisions of FAI Sporting Code General Section paragraph 4.3.2.4., thus invalidating the Event, 100% of the Performance Bond shall be retained.
- If the President of the International Jury decides to interrupt the Sporting Event in accordance with the provisions of FAI Sporting Code General Section paragraph 4.3.2.4, in order to allow the Jury to consider the Organizer's failure to abide by the FAI regulations, and if the Event is restarted, then 20% of the Performance Bond shall be retained for each full day or part thereof lost due to interruption, but the amount retained may not exceed 75% of the Performance Bond. For this purpose a "part" of a day is a period including one flight opportunity.
- If the report from the Jury (ref CIA Jury Handbook Chapter 3, paragraph 3.3) confirms that, although the provisions of FAI Sporting Code General Section paragraph 4.3.2.4 were not invoked, the Organizer was in breach of a Contractual Commitment, then 20% of the Performance Bond shall be retained for each separate such breach, but the amount retained may not exceed 75% of the Performance Bond.
- If the International Jury decides the Organizer has not met the full obligations to Officials or CIA and FAI representatives, as agreed upon in the Sanction Application or formal agreements with individuals, the FAI may retain the outstanding amount. The full amount retained will be forwarded to the individuals involved.
- If the International Jury decides the Organizer has not met the full obligations to Competitors or prevents one or more Competitors to fly part or all of the event, the FAI may retain part or all the Performance Bond and the amount referred to the entry fee paid by the Competitors will be forwarded to the individuals involved.
- In the case that the organizer does not meet deadlines established and published in the event Sanction Application an appropriate penalty may be applied. The key deadlines are:
 - Invitation process. The penalty is 10 CHF per day if the start day as defined in the Sanction Application is delayed.
 - Submission of championship rules to the CIA Rules Subcommittee for review 60 days prior to the CIA meeting the year of the event. Late penalty is 10 CHF per day.
 - Creation and maintaining an event website containing current information for competitors, officials, sponsors, media and the public starting 1 year before the start of the event or 30 days after the sanction is granted for Events being held at the same year of the sanctioning. Late penalty is 10 CHF per day.
 - Sending results and at least 3 pictures to FAI within 24 hours of the closing ceremony. Late penalty is 100 CHF per day.

Motion 1:

To adopt the new amounts for the Sanction Fee to be valid for all CIA events applying for sanction in 2013.

TYPE OF EVENT	Sanction Fee (old - 2001)	Sanction Fee (Base minima)
World Championships		
Hot Air AX – General	5.000 – 10.000	1.500
Hot Air AX - Women or Junior	--	1.500
Long Distance Flight (Gordon Bennett)	1.000 – 1.500	1.000
Airships, Gas & Rozier	1.000 – 1.500	1.500
Continental Championships		
Hot Air AX – General	2.000 – 3.000	1.500
Hot Air AX - Women or Junior	--	1.500
Airships, Gas & Rozier	500 – 1.000	1.500
All other Category One events	1.000 – 2.000	1.500
CIA Sporting Event	500	1.000

EXPLANATION of the SANCTION FEE (CHF)

The Sanction fee will be 50 CHF multiplied for the exact number of competitors invited and declared in the Sanction Application Document approved by the Plenary. If the Base minima was not achieved then the base minima will be applied.

Example:

- For a World event with 100+3 teams the Sanction Fee will be $103 \times 50 = 5.150$
- For a Worlds Youth event with 30 invitations $30 \times 50 = 1.500$
- For a Worlds BX with 25 invitations $25 \times 50 = 1250 < 1.500 \rightarrow$ SA will be 1.500
- For a GB with max 20 invitations $20 \times 50 = 1.000$
- For a GB with max 15 invitations $15 \times 50 = 750 < 1.000 \rightarrow$ SA will be 1.000

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Motion 2:

To adopt the new amounts for the Performance Bond (Deposit) to be valid for all CIA events applying for sanction in 2013.

TYPE OF EVENT	Deposit scheme (old)	Performance Bond (New Proposal)
World Championships		
Hot Air AX – General	10.000 - 20.000	18.000
Hot Air AX - Women or Junior	10.000 – 20.000	8.000
Long Distance Flight (Gordon Bennett)	5.000 - 10.000	7.000
Airships, Gas & Rozier	5.000 - 10.000	7.000
Continental Championships		
Hot Air AX – General	10.000 - 20.000	14.000
Hot Air AX - Women or Junior	10.000 – 20.000	7.000
Airships, Gas & Rozier	5.000 - 10.000	5.000
All other Category One events	3.000 - 5.000	5.000
CIA Sporting Event	Not required	Not required

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Motion 3:

To change the deadlines for the payment of the Sanction Fee and the Performance Bond. The new deadlines would be:

- The Sanction Fee to be paid when the Sanction is granted.
- The Performance Bond to be paid before the invitation date as approved in the Sanction Application. The invitation process will not start unless the Performance Bond has been received. Failing to abide may lead to the cancellation of the event.

On a motion from the Chair the Motion was approved unanimously

Discussion and overall comments on the three motions:

- The three motions relate to each other so should be discussed at the same time, even if they are voted on separately.
- Due to the proposed change of payment dates for the Performance Bonds, the Sanction Fee motion was modified to accommodate the new logic.
- Performance Bond not related to expenses
- Proposing that the Performance Bond is due before the start of the invitation process.
- CIA is involved in the invitation process so it is a logical point of control. If there is Performance Bond payment, then the invitation process cannot start and therefore the viability of the event can be in question.
- On the request of the USA Delegate, the motions and table from the PowerPoint presentation were printed for the delegates and will be discussed after lunch.

23. FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

23.1 FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP)

The CIA representative David Bareford (GBR) – Report received

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23.2 FAI Aviation & Space Education Commission (CIEA)

No report received

25.3 FAI Environmental Commission

The CIA representative Steve Ireland did not attend the meeting and has not received the minutes, so cannot comment. Will forward information to the Bureau later.

23.4 FAI Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems (CANS)

Verbal report provided by CIA Representative Mathijs de Bruijn (NED).

There are many highly technical items being discussed that are not relative to ballooning. We should continue to watch their work to see if any items come up that may affect ballooning.

One item to watch is the increasing use of UAV's. Military using and training in Europe. Also more new media using them so there is a danger if they are flying near balloons. In Italy NOTAM's are issued when the UAV's are being flown.

Another item is that the night warning lights on windmills are set up to be activated by the proximity of transponder.

23.5 Europe Air Sports

No news received

FAI in contact with Europe Air Sports but no specific information to report.

No volunteers from the Plenary.

23.6 CASI

Jean-Claude Weber has been the representative to CASI for several years, but the organization has not been active in recent years. Hopefully, the new CASI President will make the group more active.

There has been some discussion in FAI to disbanding CASI but it has not been well received by the FAI membership. So it appears that CASI will continue and be more active.

Nominations for Commission representatives for 2012:

FAI Medico-Physiological Commission

David Bareford (GBR)

FAI Aviation & Space Education Commission

The President will ask Volker Löschorh (GER) if he is willing to continue.

FAI Environmental Commission

Steve Ireland (AUS)

Europe Air Sports

Bureau looking for a candidate and will appoint

FAI Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems (CANS)

Mathijs de Bruijn (NED)

CIA Representative to CASI.

Jean Claude Weber (LUX)

Reports approved and nominees elected unanimously

24. ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS

There being no other nominations from the floor the following were elected as Chairs of the CIA Subcommittees for 2012 by acclamation:

<u>SUBCOMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>
Jury Board	Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
Officials	Martine Besnainou (FRA)
Public and Media Relations	Donatella Ricci (ITL)
Record	Don Cameron (GBR)
Rules	Uwe Schneider (GER)
Safety and Education	Bengt Stener (SWE)
Event Development Services	Gabriela Slavec (SLO) and Paolo Oggioni (ITL)
Competitor	Andy Baird (USA)
New Technology Subcommittee	Claude Weber (LUX)

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

Plenary Meeting resumed at 09:00 Saturday, March 24th with the voting on the European and World Championship bids

25. DISCUSSION ON CIA ORGANISATION, STRATEGY, GOALS AND STRUCTURE

The CIA President presented the CIA organisation, strategy, goals and structure ideas he would like the Plenary to consider for the future.

Considering the vast pool of knowledge, experience and expertise sitting around this table, I tell myself that it is impossible for us not to succeed in what we set out to do, whatever it is. However, and this is an absolute condition, we must know what we want to achieve, and in what respect.

Let me tell you right away: This is an effort to change the ways the working elements of the CIA, our SCs and WGs, do business today and what their responsibilities are and should be in the future.

I am not going to entertain you or trying to convince you to believe that what I am saying is the absolute truth, but I would like to point out to you a few problems we are facing today and which do not seem to have reached our cortex, and that are bound to create severe shortcomings in our activity in the future.

I am talking about what we do today, how we do it, and what we should in my view do in the future.

I think that we can all agree that our SCs and WGs are putting a lot of effort into their mission, that some are more or less prolific, that generally we efficiently (but not necessarily effectively) deal with day to day business (or business as usual), and that we are not really creative when it comes to “inventing” new ways to organize and run our activities.

Some of our SCs or WGs are already now in “overload mode” because we ask too much of them, but what we ask them to do is generally purely administrative (EDS, Rules, Records). So where do we expect them to find the time and energy to tackle the new missions that we need to consider if we want to succeed, and where do we expect to find the people to help us?

We need to analyze what we do today, to find out what is necessary and what we should do to keep up with the developments in our activities, or even to be part of the development. I must admit that I am quite concerned that ballooning is risking to be left behind and slowly but certainly will disappear into insignificance if we do not react to the new challenges and adapt our Organisation, Strategy and Structures to place our activities at least on the same level of competence than our “competitors” in air sports.

We need to develop new ways to organise and run successful events, attractive to the event organisers, the media, and last but not least, the public. I see this as the CIA’s new mission, and I will try to formulate with your help a CIA

resolution that I hope we can take after this discussion, (maybe today or maybe tomorrow), and that would show our grass-roots pilots, the FAI officials, the sport event business people and our NACs that we recognize the urgency to be inventive, creative and pro-active, and that we intend to get serious in creating and promoting activities that will appeal to all concerned.

As we have heard from the Secretary General, FAI is starting to actively look into developing the prospects for air sports events, and I believe that the recent initiatives concerning the “FAI Sports Strategy” go into the right direction.

Quoting FAI Executive Board director Bob Henderson:

There is now a significant amount of movement in this area: the FAI plan to form a Sports Marketing Agency is moving forward – delivery of the business plan is at the meetings in May – 2 air sports are moving ahead with creating commercial entities to enable their marketable sports products to develop and engage with sponsors; another opportunity is being worked on by the FAI in cooperation with external organisations; and there are other initiatives.

We need to discuss how the FAI Sports Marketing Agency should interface with the ASCs and what support you would all expect from this commercial arm. There is a serious need, I believe, for us to all share our plans and to understand how they can be linked and, especially, to ensure that we do not unwittingly engage with diverse sponsors who are sharing the same market space – right now this seems not to be so but there is a growing list of potential sponsors and partners that is rapidly closing the available gaps! Having a robust debate about how we work together around commercial activities needs to happen to ensure that we coordinate and develop our best opportunities. This area of sports business seems, to me at least, as being the key to the future development of the FAI as a whole.

Finally we need to discuss how the Cat 2 events can be incentivised to promote the FAI as a body. The original concept was the Gold, Silver and Bronze FAI events; is this the best way to do this – we have never had that discussion; if it is not, what can we do to enhance the Cat 2 events; how important are the Cat 2 events to initiatives around increasing membership (or at least stemming the membership decline!)?

An example of what can be done in the CIA is the creation of an airship promotion brochure presented by the BX WG chairman Pit Thibo. Please see the appendices. **Appendix 13**

The chair then proposed to the Plenary to

- support the FAI Sports Strategy project and to mandate him to convey this to the FAI Air Sport Commission Presidents’ Meeting in May,
- approve the set up of a WG with the aim to come up with proposals at the 2013 Plenary on how to improve the CIA’s organisation, structures and goals in order to add value in respect of event development

The chair requested a show of hands to indicate if the delegates supported these initiatives.

This resulted in unanimous support.

26. SANCTIONED EVENTS

26.1 UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY SANCTIONED EVENTS

Event Name	st 1 FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship
Places / Dates	Marijampole, Lithuania (22-27 May 2012)
Type of Event	AX – Category one, World Championship

Sanction Fee	5000 CHF		
Deposit	10000 CHF		
Rules	Rules received		
Event Director Zoltan Pahlegi (Hun)	Deputy Director Robertas Komza (Lit)	Safety Officer Jerzy Czerniawski (Pol)	
Jury Members	Hans Akerstedt (Swe), Vladimir Karnakov (Ukr), Martine Besnainou (Fra)		
Entry Fee	300 Euro		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee : paid	Deposit (Invoices sent)

Event Update: Deposit process needs to be completed, correct amounts sent to FAI offices and invoices sent to organizer. See with Cosette if payment has arrived.

Event Name	20th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship		
Places/Dates	Battle Creek, USA (17-25 August 2012)		
Type of event	AX – Category one (World Championship)		
Sanction Fee	5000 CHF		
Deposit	10000 CHF		
Rules	Rules received		
Event Director David Levin (USA)	Deputy Director Maury Sullivan (USA)	Safety Officer Ted Watts (USA)	
Jury members	Risto Jalava (Fin), Gary Britton (USA), Zoltan Palhegyi (Hun)		
Entry fee	1245 USD		
SA Ok	OA Signed, Appendix pending	Sanction fee (Paid)	Deposit (Paid)

Event Update:

- All moving ahead well.
- Event being dedicated to Alan Blount
- Observers: 60% non-American, 40% American
- Website going well
- Using BFA loggers
- Implementing Orange PZ – will be explained at general briefing
- Invitations – round 1 – only 56 out of 66 places filled
 - Asking Plenary to approve using a 3rd round of invitations (May 5 – 31) and a reserve list so they can reach the 103 competitor numbers.
 - Will also have a standby list for competitors who have missed entry deadlines
 - Reserve list would have priority over the standby list.

USA Motion seconded by Germany

To authorize a 3rd round of invitations to the 20th World Hot Air Balloon Championship with a deadline of May 31st and a reserve list with a deadline of June 15th.

Motion carried unanimously

Event Name:	2nd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship		
Places/Dates	Frankenthal, Ger (17-22 September 2012)		
Type of event	AX – Category one (Continental Championship)		
Sanction Fee	2000 CHF		
Deposit	10000 CHF		
Rules	Rules received		
Event Director Mathijs DeBruijn (Ned)	Deputy Director David Levin (USA)	Safety Officer Klaus Hartmann (Ger)	
Jury members	Moniek Vande Velde (Bel), Jean Claude Weber (Lux), Hans Akerstedt (Swe)		
Entry fee	400 Euro		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee (paid)	Deposit (paid)

Event Update:

- Plans are moving ahead well
- Lord Mayor gives his appreciation for hosting the event in Frankenthal
- Showed some slides of the event location
- Presented the organization team
- Showed invitation process
- Germany had a motion ready to request lowering of the deposit for the 2nd Women's European Championship but because of the now accepted new sanction fee and Performance Bond schedule, the motion was NOT put forward.
- Discussion on which loggers to be used: CIA or others
 - Event Director initially wanted to use his own loggers since he felt the competitors may not be ready for the CIA loggers.
 - Extensive comments from other delegates on topic resulted in a call for a vote of the delegates

The chair requested a show of hands if the delegates supported the use of CIA loggers for this event. This resulted in a majority of 23 countries supporting the proposal. As a result CIA loggers will be used at the 2nd Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship.

Event Name:	56th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett		
Places/Dates	Toggenburg, Swi (31 August - 8 September 2012)		
Type of event	AX – Category one		
Sanction Fee	1000 CHF		

Deposit	10000 CHF		
Rules	Standard to be applied		
Event Director Markus Haggenev (Ger)	Deputy Director Christian Stoll (Sui)		Safety Officer Peter Brader (Sui)
Jury members	Sandor Hidas (Hun), Claude Weber (Lux), Jakob Burkhard (Sui)		
Entry fee	400 Euro		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee (paid)	Deposit (paid)

Marc Andre (SUI) provided overview of the planned event:

- There was a slide presentation on the region in a hilly region in the east of Switzerland.
- Launch area
- 22 Teams from 11 countries.
- Invitation process will end on March 31st
- Event dedicated to the memory of Eduard Spelterini, a Swiss Aviation Pioneer
- Web page has been on line for a while
- Will have live camera tracking during the event

26.2 SANCTION PROPOSALS

Event Name:	World Balloon Trophy		
Places/Dates	Echternach, Lux (11-15 July 2012)		
Type of event	AX – Category one		
Sanction Fee	1000 CHF		
Deposit	5000 CHF – permanent deposit		
Rules	Standard to be applied		
Event Director Claude Weber (LUX)	Deputy Director Garry Lockyer (CAN)		Safety Officer Stefan Handl (GER)
Jury members	Bengt Stener (Swe), Martine Besnainou (Fra), Jakob Burkhard (Swi)		
Entry fee	400 Euro		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee (paid)	Deposit (paid)

The Plenary approved the event unanimously

Event Name:	12th Debrecen Cup Int. Hot Air Balloon Competition		
Places/Dates	Debrecen, Hun (8-12 August 2012)		

Type of event	AX – Category one		
Sanction Fee	1000 CHF		
Deposit	5000 CHF		
Rules	Rules will be checked by AX Working Group since they arrived late. Rules SC will handle approval process.		
Event Director Ihor Lobasov (Ukr)	Deputy Director David Paal (Hun)	Safety Officer Laszlo Meszaros (Hun)	
Jury members	Jakob Burkhard (SUI), Nancy van Huffel (Bel), Ferenc Nadhazi (Hun)		
Entry fee	150 Euro + 500 for propane		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee ()	Deposit (paid)

The Plenary approved the event unanimously

Event Name:	Tochigi Hot Air Balloon Int. Championship		
Places/Dates	Tochigi, Jap (20 – 25 November, 2012)		
Type of event	AX – Category one		
Sanction Fee	1000 CHF		
Deposit	5000 CHF – Permanent deposit		
Rules	Rules based on old MER's. AX WG and Rules SC will review later.		
Event Director Les Purefield (UK)	Deputy Director Debbie Spaeth (USA)	Safety Officer Hans Akerstedt (Swe)	
Jury members	Johann Furstner (Aut), Dave Morgan (GBR), John Davis (USA)		
Entry fee	60.000 Yen		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee ()	Deposit (paid)

The Plenary approved the event unanimously

Event Name:	57th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett		
Places/Dates	Nancy, Fra (22-31 August 2013)		
Type of event	AX – Category one		

Sanction Fee	1000 CHF		
Deposit	10.000 CHF		
Rules	Standard to be applied		
Event Director Markus Haggenev (Ger)	Deputy Director Martine Besnainou (Fra)	Safety Officer Stefan Handl (Ger)	
Jury members	Next plenary		
Entry fee	750 Euro		
SA Ok	OA Signed pending	Sanction fee ()	Deposit (to be paid)

The Plenary approved the event unanimously

FAI Category two - Sporting events

- 2012- 4th Stuttgart Linde Open 24hr Gas Balloon Race (*11-13 May, Stuttgart - GER*)
 - Sanction Fee to be paid,
 - Deposit not required
- 2012 European Hot Air Balloon cup “Feodosia –Air Brotherhood 2012” (8-12 Sept., Feodosia - *UKR*)
 - Sanction Fee to be paid,
 - Deposit not required
- 2013 5th Stuttgart Linde Open – Gas balloon Race (*Stuttgart, Germany*)
 - Application withdrawn

These CAT2 events will have to be approved by the CIA Bureau on a proposal from EDS.

27. CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR AND EVENTS OPEN FOR PROPOSAL

- World and Continental Championships of the same sub-class, age and gender category shall not be held closer to each other than approximately two years.
- Continental Regional Championships in the same sub-class, age and gender category shall not be held more than once a year on the same continent, or in the same year as a World Championship in that sub-class.
- White background indicates event bids accepted for that year
- Grey back ground indicates NOT open for bid in that year

			2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Hot Air Balloons (AX)	General	World	USA-sanctioned		Brazil - sanctioned		OPEN
		Continental		Poland - sanctioned		Hungary-Intention OPEN for bids	
	Women's	World			Poland - sanctioned		OPEN
		Continental	Germany-sanctioned	NOT OPEN		OPEN	
	Junior	World	Lithuania-sanctioned				OPEN
		Continental				OPEN	
Gas Balloons (AA)	General	World					
		Continental					
	Women's	World					
		Continental					
	Junior	World					
		Continental					
	Gordon Bennett	World	Switzerland-sanctioned	France - sanctioned			
Hot Air Airships (BX)	General	World					
		Continental					
	Women's	World					
		Continental					
	Junior	World					
Continental							

27.1 BIDS**A) 18th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship**

Bids from Poland and Hungary

Presentations were made on Friday March 23rd after the afternoon coffee break so that delegates would have a chance to consider and talk about the options. Voting took place on Saturday morning.

Event Name:	18th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship (BID)		
Places/Dates	Debrecen, Hun (10-18 August 2013)		
Type of event	AX – Category one (Continental Championship)		
Sanction Fee	3.000 CHF		
Deposit	10.000 CHF		
Rules	Next Plenary		
Event Director Ihor Iobasov (Ukr)	Deputy Director Garry Loker (Can)	Safety Officer Laszlo Meszaros (Hun)	
Jury members	Next plenary		
Entry fee	150 Euro logers – 550 observers		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee ()	Deposit (paid)

Event Name:	18th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship (BID WINNER)		
Places/Dates	Wloklawek, Pol (28 August-7 September 2013)		
Type of event	AX – Category one , (Continental Championship)		
Sanction Fee	3.000 CHF		
Deposit	10.000 CHF		
Rules	Next Plenary		
Event Director Mathijs de Bruijn (Ned)	Deputy Director Eugenius Komars (Lit)	Safety Officer (?)	
Jury members	Next plenary		
Entry fee	350 Euro logers – 800 observers		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee ()	Deposit (paid)

**On a motion from the Chair the Poland won the bid:
Secret vote results: Poland = 21, Hungary = 17**

**On a motion from the Chair to select the logger only or observer options, the logger option won.
Secret vote results: Loggers only = 23, Observers and loggers = 9, Abstained = 5**

The 2013 European Hot Air Balloon Championship will take place in Wloklawek, Poland with loggers.

B) 1st FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship

Event Name:	1st FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship		
Places/Dates	Leszno, Pol (8-13 September 2014)		
Type of event	AX – Category one, (World Championship)		
Sanction Fee	5.000 CHF		
Deposit	10.000 CHF		
Rules	Next Plenary		
Event Director Mathijs de Bruijn (Ned)	Deputy Director Jerzy Borowski (Pol)	Safety Officer Jerzy Czerniawski (Pol)	
Jury members	Next plenary		
Entry fee	200 Euro loggers – 1200 observers		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee (to be paid 24/03/2012)	Deposit (To be paid before 01/01/2014)

On a motion from the Chair the sanction was approved unanimously

**On a motion from the Chair to select the logger only or observer options, the logger option won.
Secret vote results: Loggers only = 23, Observers and loggers = 9, Abstained = 5**

The 2014 1st FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship will take place in Leszno, Poland with loggers.

C) 21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship

Bids from Brazil and Lithuania

Presentations were made on Friday March 23rd after the afternoon coffee break so that delegates would have a chance to consider and talk about the options. Voting took place on Saturday morning.

Event Name:	21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship (BID WINNER)
Places/Dates	Sao Carlos, Bra (18-27 July 2014)
Type of event	AX – Category one, (World Championship)

Sanction Fee	5.000 CHF		
Deposit	10.000 CHF		
Rules	Next Plenary		
Event Director Mathijs de Bruijn (Ned)	Deputy Director David Levin (USA)		Safety Officer (?)
Jury members	Next plenary		
Entry fee	300 Euro loggers – 800 Euros observers		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee ()	Deposit (paid)

Discussion: the Brazilian Delegate stated that the event organizer would provide free transportation for balloon equipment from Frankfurt, Germany to Sao Carlos. Initially the number of balloons would be limited to 50 but later on in the meeting (after questions and discussion from the Plenary floor) the delegate said the aircraft could accommodate 70 sets of equipment (basket, burners, tanks, envelope and fans).

Two days after the end of the event the equipment will be shipped back to Frankfurt, Germany.

Event Name:	21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship (BID)		
Places/Dates	Birstonas, Lit (18-27 July 2014)		
Type of event	AX – Category one, (World Championship)		
Sanction Fee	5.000 CHF		
Deposit	10.000 CHF		
Rules	Next Plenary		
Event Director Claude Weber (Lux)	Deputy Director Dominik Haggney (Ger)		Safety Officer Bengt Stener (Swe)
Jury members	Next plenary		
Entry fee	400 Euro loggers – 1000 Euros observers		
SA Ok	OA Signed	Sanction fee ()	Deposit (paid)

***On a motion from the Chair the Brazil won the bid:
Secret vote results: Brazil= 22, Hungary Lithuania= 15***

On a motion from the Chair to select the logger only or observer options, the logger option won after the second secret vote:

***Secret vote results #1: Loggers only = 16, Observers and loggers = 17, Abstained = 4
No clear majority so a second vote was needed
Secret vote results #2: Loggers only = 19, Observers and loggers = 15, Abstained = 3***

The 2014 World Hot Air Balloon Championship will take place in Sao Carlos, Brazil with loggers.

On a recommendation from EDS the Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship will be moved 1 year forward in the competition calendar so they do not collide with the World Championship.

28. CIA ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT, BUDGET AND INVENTORY

The Secretary presented the CIA Administration Account for the Year to 31st December 2011 and the expenses budget for the year to 31st December 2011. *(Details of the CIA Stock inventory were not available for the Plenary but included in these minutes)*

FAI Financial Report to the FAI
CIA Budget for 2011- 2012
FAI CIA Budget
CIA Stock Inventory

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On a motion from the Chair the Secretary's financial reports and budget were approved unanimously

29. AWARD OF MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMAS

29.1 Best Performance – Gas Balloons: There were no nominations

29.2 Best Performance – Hot Air Balloons:

The only nomination was: for Stefan Zeberli (SUI)

It was not accepted by the CIA because it came too late. There was some confusion on dates and FAI bylaws that were applied so the nomination will now be considered at the 2013 Plenary but as a 2012 nomination.

29.3 Best Performance – Rozière Balloons: There were no nominations

29.4 Contribution to the Sport: There were no nominations

The Plenary approved the proposal that the Bureau will form an Awards Working Group to review the CIA awards criteria, processes and historical implications of changing some awards.

30. AWARD OF SANTOS DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

There were no nominations

31. FAI AIR SPORTS MEDAL

No announcements

32. CIA HALL OF FAME

Appendix 15

1. CIA HALL of FAME website

The Hall of Fame website is operational and can be accessed at the following address:

<http://www.fai.org/cia-our-sport/hall-of-fame>

The Museum website contains links to the FAI and CIA websites. The CIA website shall have a link to the Museum website.

2. 2011 Nominations

The Selection Committee reviewed the new nomination received and decided to accept them.

- Tom Sheppard living
- Janet Folkes posthumous
- Isaburo Yamada posthumous

3. Missing Nominees and Inductees CVs and pictures

It was again noted that many CIA delegates have not followed up the CIA's request to provide the HoF Selection Committee with inducted or nominated national persons' CV and pictures. It was decided that President shall

send a reminder to all those delegates from whose countries we miss inductees' information. Hans Akerstedt to provide the relevant list to the President.

The Museum representative, Troy Bradley, agreed to provide the missing US information by the end of September 2012. Martine Besnainou promised to do the same for France.

4. 2011 Inductees

- **Thomas Sheppard, USA, living**
- **Tony Fairbanks, USA, posthumous**

There were no Museum Selection Committee Members proposals

5. Selection Committee members

CIA Selection Committee's proposal to the Plenary for the election of the CIA 3 members for 2012/2013 (the CIA President is an ex-officio member):

Hans Akerstedt, member
Martine Besnainou, member
Sabu Ichiyoshi, member

The Museum shall communicate the names of its Selection Committee members asap to the CIA President and Secretary.

On a motion from the Chair the report was approved unanimously

33. ELECTION OF CIA OFFICERS

a. President

There was 1 candidate for the position.

Jean-Claude Weber (LUX) was elected President by acclamation.

b. 1st Vice President

There was 1 candidate for the position:

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) was elected by acclamation.

c. 2nd Vice President

There was 1 candidate for the position: Uwe Schneider (GER)

Uwe Schneider (GER) was elected by acclamation.

d. 3rd Vice President

There was 1 candidate for the position: – Mark Sullivan (USA)

Mark Sullivan (USA) was elected by acclamation.

e. Secretary

There was 1 candidate for the position: – Alex Nagorski (CAN)

Alex Nagorski (CAN) was elected by acclamation.

34. ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERS

Note: The Presidents of the Subcommittees are listed here for information only, they were elected under minute 24.

SUBCOMMITTEES

WORKING GROUPS

RECORDS SUBCOMMITTEE (7)

Don Cameron (GBR) Chairman

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)

Giovanni Aimo (ITA)

Sabu Ichiyoshi (JPN)

Rich Jaworski (USA)

Lindsay Muir (GBR)

OFFICIALS SUBCOMMITTEE (8)

Martine Besnainou (FRA) Chairman
Hiromi Furukawa (JPN)
Steve Ireland (AUS)
Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Rupert Stanley (GBR)
Yury Mityagin (RUS)
Eugenius Koma (LTU)
Andy Chau (HKG)

**PUBLIC & MEDIA RELATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE (9)**

Donatella Ricci (ITL) Chairman
Hiromi Furukawa (JPN)
Sabrine Handl (GER)
Felicity Clegg (RSA)
Pit Thibo (LUX)
Olexandra Semenushyna (UKR)

EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (6)

Gabriela Slavec (SLO) &
Paolo Oggioni (ITL) Co-Chairs
Stella Roux Devillas (FRA)
Sabrina Handl (GER)
Alex Nagorski (CAN)
Andy Baird (USA)

SAFETY & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE (5)

Bengt Stener (SWE) Chairman
Rudy Paenen (BEL)
Stefan Handl (GER)
Petr Kubicek (CZE)
Felicity Clegg (RSA)
Andy Chau (Hong Kong)

JURY BOARD (4)

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) Chairman
Sandor Hidas (HUN)
Garry Lockyer (CAN)
Jean-Claude Weber (LUX)

SUBCOMMITTEES**CIA NEW TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE (7)**

Claude Weber (LUX) Chairman
Bengt Stener (SWE)
Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)
Steve Ireland (AUS)
Garry Lockyer (CAN)
Marc André, (SUI)
Lukas André, (SUI)

COMPETITOR SUBCOMMITTEE (7)

Andy Baird (USA) Chairman
Maury Sullivan (USA)
Sabrina Handl (GER)
Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)
David Bareford (GBR)
Thomas Fink (GER)
Paolo Oggioni (ITL)

WORKING GROUPS**WORLD RANKING LIST KEEPERS (2)**

Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)
Uwe Schneider (GER)

RULES SUBCOMMITTEE (4)

Uwe Schneider (GER) AX - Chairman
Garry Lockyer (CAN) Scoring
Mark Sullivan (USA) AA/AM and S1-WG
Pit Thibo (LUX) BX

AA/AM WORKING GROUP (5)

Mark Sullivan (USA) Chairman
Luc van Geyte (BEL)
David Levin (USA)
Stefan Handl (GER)
Gerald Stürzlinger (AUT)

AX WORKING GROUP (5)

Uwe Schneider (GER) Chairman
Mathijs de Bruijn (NED)
David Bareford (GBR)
David Levin (USA)
Claude Weber (LUX)

BA/BX WORKING GROUP (5)

Pit Thibo (LUX) Chairman
Stanislaw Fuodoroff (RUS)
Paolo Oggioni (ITL)
Jerzy Czerniawski (POL)
E. Komar (LTU)

STATUTES, BY-LAWS & SPORTING CODE

WORKING GROUP (5)

Mark Sullivan (USA) Chairman
Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
JC Weber (LUX)
Hiromori Soejima (JPN)

SCORING WORKING GROUP (5)

Garry Lockyer (CAN) – Chairman
Mathijs de Bruijn (NED)
David Bareford (GBR)
Bengt Stener (SWE)
Steve Ireland (AUS)

35. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

35.1 Charging Observers

As indicated last year the topic of organizers being able to charge observers not associated with CIA. People other than bureau, delegates, subcommittee and working group members. The Bureau is making this proposal to the Plenary.

Proposal from the Bureau to allow Plenary organizers to charge observers if they feel it is necessary. Amount to be negotiated between organizers and CIA.

Motion failed:

Vote was: Yes = 7, No = 19, Abstain = 4

35.2 Team Scoring Proposal

A proposal was received from and presented by Lithuania. Gintaras Surkus (LTH) gave a presentation on how the Team Scoring would work concurrent with regular individual scoring.

Some key points in the discussion:

- The cost would be a little computer time as well as another set of medals for the teams.
- Concept gives incentive for competitors to fly hard to the very end of the event.
- Used in other air sports such as parachuting and aeromodelling but the costs for medals became quite high since all team members would receive medals.
- Was used in the past in North American Championships.
- Gintaras will send his draft to the Rules SC chair.

- Some pro's and con's were brought forward by various delegates.
- Uwe has done some team scoring for posted results from continental and world championships

Suggestion from the Chair for the Rules SC to study and recommend how it could be implemented (rules, Sporting Code and costs). Results would be brought forward to the next Plenary. Rules subcommittee will take on the task.

No objections to the suggestion

36. NEXT MEETING

We have asked organizers who wanted to host the next Plenary to have their bid turned into the President at the beginning of the Plenary. On Friday evening Ukraine submitted a bid to host the 2013 Plenary but the chair was unable to analyse the bid and make copies for the delegates.

During the discussion, the Brazilian delegate said he is now prepared to submit a bid to host the 2013 Plenary in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and to provide full details within 2 weeks.

Some key points:

- We must enforce our rules regarding organizing Plenary sessions since we do not have time to study last minutes bids.
- USA said that we have only had one bad experience with a last minute bid.
- Expensive in Lausanne
- Every third year CIA should go to Lausanne.
- Olympic Museum in Lausanne will be under renovations in 2013 so will not be available for use.
- We should recognize the work that some people have done to prepare their bid and consider their bid.
- Approximate costs if we went to Lausanne would be about 6,000 CHF.
- It is important for the CIA to be visible around the world and not just in one area.
- People are not against moving away from Lausanne, just against not knowing what we are voting for.
- The Brazilian Delegate spoke up and proposed that Brazil host the 2013 CIA Conference. This made it two bids.

Question from the Chair: Do we accept late bids for hosting the 2013 CIA Conference?

Vote: yes = 23, no = 13, abstain = 1

The Plenary then listened to the bids:

1) Ukraine, provided a written proposal and presented their bid to host the CIA Conference in Kamianets-Podilskyi, Ukraine

- Can travel from the major airports - 500 km from Kiev (5 – 6 hours by train), or 300 from Lviv (4 hours driving)
- Organizers will provide bus transport at low cost to delegates.
- Can provide a social program in Kiev or Lviv so people can take a rest before traveling.
- Want to host the CIA Conference to promote ballooning in Ukraine.
- Many 3 or 4 star hotel. 20 – 60 Euros in 4 star hotels
- Meeting facilities are close.
- Planning lots of social events
- Encouraged delegates to come to Ukraine to promote ballooning in the country.
- Russia supports Ukraine to host the 2013 CIA Conference

2) Brazil had a short verbal proposal to host the conference in Rio de Janeiro. He noted that there are many hotels but they are not cheap.

First Decision: Need to have a majority vote to move out of Lausanne in 2013.

The Plenary decided to move out of Lausanne.

Vote: yes = 21,

Second Decision: Which bid to accept? Brazil or Ukraine

The Plenary decided to accept the Brazils invitation to hold the 2013 Conference in Rio de Janeiro.

Vote: Brazil= 20, Ukraine = 13, Abstain = 4

The 2013 CIA Conference will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

SC and WG – March 20 – 21, 2013

Plenary - March 22 – 23, 2013

37. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Following thanks to the Conference organisers, and wishes for a safe trip home, the Chairman closed the meeting at **17:00** on Saturday, 24th March 2012.

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NOTE: Some PowerPoint presentation files can be found separately on the CIA meeting Web site since they are very large files to download.