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Minutes

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1. Welcome and Roll Call of the Delegates

The meeting of the General Aviation Commission (GAC) was called to order Saturday, October 18, 2008 at 09:00 by Mr. Pedro Cabañero, GAC President. He welcomed all persons in attendance and then introduced GAC bureau members and Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, Sports & Development Director, FAI.

Mr. Lukáš Popelka, Chief Executive Officer, Aero Club of Czech Republic, welcomed everyone to Prague.

A roll call of the delegates was made by Mr. Art Greenfield, Secretary. He noted that two proxies had been received, as follows: Portugal to Spain and Egypt to Greece. For the record, it was noted there were 22 votes present, including proxies (see Annex 1).

Mr. Pedro Cabañero asked if anyone wished to make a declaration of a conflict of interest, and there were none. He then requested that everyone stand for a moment of silence to honor the following individuals who had passed away since the last meeting: Mr. Steve Fossett (USA), and Mr. Petr Touzinsky (Czech Republic).

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved, with the addition of two new items: the approval of international jury members & judges and the approval of new GNSS dataloggers.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in Gordon's Bay, South Africa, November 3-4, 2007, were unanimously approved.

4. Report On GAC Activities during the Year

Mr. Pedro Cabañero reported on commission-related activities during the year. He congratulated the organizers for a very successful combined Precision Flying and Rally Flying World Championships that were held in Ried, Austria, in July. The GAC Bureau held a meeting during the championships.

Mr. Cabañero informed the delegates that FAI had signed a contract with Red Bull earlier this year. The contract allows Red Bull to use the title "Red Bull Air Race World Championship" and to declare a World Champion each year. Known formerly as the Red Bull Air Races, the championships are now purely racing and do not include aerobatics. Sanction fees for the event will go directly to FAI, since GAC did not play any role in securing the contract. The Secretary General of FAI has forwarded an amendment to Section 2 of the FAI Sporting Code which would give the FAI General Conference responsibility for the Red Bull competition rules. This amendment will be considered later in the agenda.

5. Report On FAI Activities during the Year

Mr. Jean-Marc Badan, Sports & Development Director, FAI, noted that this was his first time attending a meeting of GAC and he was very happy to be here representing FAI. He began his report by showing a short video that highlighted the various air sports represented by FAI. The video was produced by Flying Aces Ltd. through an agreement with FAI. The video was a short

extract taken from a 13-episode series that was distributed to TV stations, and is available online at www.airsports.tv.

Statistics on FAI Activities for 2007

Mr. Badan reported that 264 records had been ratified in 2007, with nearly half of those being GAC records. Thirty-two championships were held in 2007, in 22 countries on 5 continents. There were 2,791 competitors from 70 different countries.

FAI General Conference

The FAI General Conference was recently held in St. Vincent, near Turin, Italy. During the conference, Mr. Pierre Portmann was re-elected as President, and the following Executive Board members were re-elected: Mr. Alvaro de Orleans-Borbon, Mr. Robert Clipsham, Mr. Bengt-Eric Fonsell, Mr. Jonghoon Lee, and Mr. Willi Arpagaus. Also elected to the Executive Board was Mr. Robert Henderson. Future conferences will be held in Incheon, Korea, in 2009, and in Dublin, Ireland, in 2010.

FAI Sporting License Database

Effective January 1, 2009, all FAI Sporting Licenses must be entered into the FAI centralized database. He noted that only those licenses contained in the database will be recognized.

FAI Technical Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems

The newly-formed FAI Technical Commission on Airspace and Navigation Systems (CANS) met for the first time on October 7, 2008, following the General Conference. This new commission will be responsible for determining the impact of regulatory actions on air sports and forming policies for dealing with such actions.

World Air Games (WAG)

The next World Air Games will take place in 2009, in Turin. Mr. Badan showed a short video of the test events that took place earlier this year and the virtual tracking being used for ballooning and gliding. Some of the biggest challenges facing the 2009 WAG will be conducting six air sport events at one venue and providing continuous entertainment for spectators. No GAC events will take place during the 2009 WAG. However, the Aero Club of Greece has proposed carrying a flame from Icaria to Turin. The GAC Air Navigation Race has been added to the list of air sports to take place during the 2011 WAG. GAC will be invited to appoint a liaison officer as soon as the 2011 organizer is selected.

6. Past International Competitions

18th World Precision Flying Championship and 16th World Rally Flying Championship

The combined 18th FAI World Precision Flying Championship and 16th World Rally Flying Championship were held in Ried, Austria, in July. Mr. Jiří Dodal, International Jury President, thanked the organizers and his fellow jury members and presented his report (see Annex 2).

7. Future International Competitions

19th World Precision Flying Championship

Mr. Krzysztof Lenartowicz presented the final local rules for the 19th World Precision Flying Championship to be held in Torun, Poland, 19-26 July 2009 (see Annex 3). The rules were unanimously approved.

17th World Rally Flying Championship

Mr. Milan Mazanovský, presented the final bid for the 17th World Rally Flying Championship to be held 9-15 August 2010, in Dubnica nad Váhom, Slovak Republic (see Annex 4). The final bid was unanimously approved.

European Rally Flying Championships

The European Rally Flying Championships will be held in Castellón, Spain, 6-12 September 2009. It was proposed to circulate the final bid and local rules via e-mail to GAC delegates. The proposal was approved, with 20 in favor, 2 abstaining.

World Precision Flying Championship and World Rally Flying Championship in 2012

It was noted that Hungary expressed an interest in organizing world championships for both Precision Flying and Rally Flying in 2012.

8. Subcommittee Reports

Air Navigation Race Subcommittee

Mr. Heini Schawalder, Chairman of the Air Navigation Race Subcommittee, reported on the development of ANR as a new GAC competition (see Annex 5). He announced that the first test competition was planned for 2009 in Switzerland, and that he believed ANR holds great potential for GAC.

Precision Flying Subcommittee

Mr. Johann Gutmann, Chairman of the Precision Flying Subcommittee, proposed several changes to the Rules and Regulations for Precision Flying (see excerpts in Annex 6). The proposed changes to paragraphs A.0.2, A.1.1.4, A.1.2.1.2, A.3.10, and A.9.1.3 were approved, with one abstention.

Mr. Gutmann also proposed that additional medals be awarded at Precision Flying Championships to the best individuals (top three) for the Navigation tests and also for the Landing tests. This would allow for a total of six additional medals to be awarded at each championship. The proposal was unanimously approved.

Rally Flying Subcommittee

Mr. Andrzej Osowski, Chairman of the Rally Flying Subcommittee, proposed several changes to the Rally Flying rules (see Annex 7). The proposed changes to paragraphs A 3.1.1, A 3.2.6, A 4.5, and A 4.6 were unanimously approved.

Records Subcommittee

Mr. Art Greenfield, Chairman of the Records Subcommittee, proposed changes to Section 2 of the Sporting Code, Annex 2, and Annex 3 (see Annexes 8 & 9). He noted that perhaps the most significant proposed change was to require that all records for Speed Over a Recognized Course be a minimum distance of 400 kilometers (regardless of where the start and finish points are located), and that all current records not meeting this requirement be retired on January 1, 2009. The proposed changes to paragraphs 3.1.3, 3.1.7.1, 3.1.9, 4.6.11.2, 4.6.12.2, Annex 2, and Annex 3 were unanimously approved.

9. Finances

Treasurer's report

Mr. Jiří Dodal, Treasurer, reviewed the income and expenditures during 2007-2008 (see Annex 10), and presented the proposed budget for 2008-2009 (see Annex 11). The budget was unanimously approved.

10. Media and Publicity

Mr. Hans Schwebel reported for Mr. Chris Booyesen, GAC webmaster. He requested that delegates send news or other information for the website to Mr. Booyesen so that he can add it to the site.

11. Awards

Charles Lindbergh General Aviation Diploma

Mr. Pedro Cabañero noted that no country had made a nomination for the Charles Lindbergh Diploma. However, the Bureau wished to nominate Mr. Krzysztof Lenartowicz for the award, and he made a motion for the commission to approve the nomination. The motion was unanimously approved, subject to approval by the NAC of Poland.

FAI Air Sport Medal

Mr. Cabañero noted that another award available to the commission is the FAI Air Sport Medal. He noted that the Bureau wished to nominate Mr. Jiří Dodal, and he made a motion for the commission to approve the nomination. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cabañero then presented the Air Sport Medal to Mr. Vagn Jensen, who had been nominated during the last meeting for his outstanding services to the commission. Mr. Jensen thanked the commission for the honor.

12. Other Business

Responsibility for GAC World and Continental Championships Trophies

Mr. Jiří Dodal noted that he had recently conducted an inventory of GAC trophies. Some of the trophies could not be located and others had been damaged. In order to remedy the situation, he proposed that GAC take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the document "GAC FAI World and Continental Championships Trophies Tracking" (see Annex 12);
- 2) Create a working group to reconstruct the list of GAC FAI trophies and the winners of those trophies;
- 3) Publish the trophies and winners on the GAC website.

The proposal was approved, with 17 in favor. The working group was established as follows: Mr. Ottar Teigland (Chairman), Mr. Milos Fiala, Mr. Vagn Jensen, and Mr. Andrzej Osowski.

Mr. Dodal also proposed that GAC assign a value to each trophy, in case it becomes damaged. This proposal was approved, with 13 in favor.

Mr. Art Greenfield noted that the document that was adopted made NACs responsible for the relevant trophies and raised the question as to where this document would be published for reference. It was agreed that the document would become an Annex to Section 2 of the FAI Sporting Code.

Approval of GNSS Flight Recorders

Mr. Jiří Dodal reported that two GNSS flight recorders had been tested satisfactorily during the recent championships in Ried, namely the Icaro Systems DG-100 and iLog type OP, ver. 1.1, manufactured by Quest Ltd. However, until the units are evaluated by Mr. Jan Hanekom, GAC technical advisor, they could not be approved for use.

Red Bull Air Races

Mr. Art Greenfield noted that delegates were sent a message from Max Bishop, FAI Secretary General, proposing an amendment to Section 2, paragraph 7.1, as follows:

The regulations summarize the general contents of the rules for competitions under G.A.C. responsibility. The detailed Competition Rules for these competitions shall be approved by G.A.C. ~~and will be issued as an Annex.~~ Rules for Red Bull Air Races are under the responsibility of the FAI General Conference.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

International Jury Members and Judges

The delegates made several changes to the list of international jury members and judges. The secretary noted the changes and advised the delegates that they would be posted to the FAI website.

GAC Events for 2009-2015

Mr. Andrzej Osowski presented a list of potential GAC competition events for the years 2009-2015 (see Annex 13). He asked delegates to note that bids have not yet been received for many of the events on the list.

13. Election of the Bureau and Technical Representatives

The commission held elections as follows:

Election of the Bureau

President.....	Mr. Pedro Cabañero
Vice President/Secretary.....	Mr. Art Greenfield
Vice President/Treasurer	Mr. Jiří Dodal
Precision Flying Subcommittee Chairman.....	Mr. Johann Gutmann
Rally Flying Subcommittee Chairman	Mr. Andrzej Osowski
Air Nav Race Subcommittee Chairman.....	Mr. Heinrich Schawalder
Records Subcommittee Chairman.....	Mr. Art Greenfield

Election of technical representatives

CASI representative	Mr. Pedro Cabañero
FAI Environmental Commission representative....	Mr. Henry Lindholm
World Air Games Liaison Officer	Mr. Heini Schawalder
Webmaster	Mr. Chris Booyen
Technical Adviser, GNSS.....	Mr. Jan Hanekom
Technical Adviser, Long Range Air Racing	Mr. Johann Gutmann

14. Date and Time of the Next GAC Plenary Meeting

Mr. Pedro Cabañero noted that two bids to host the next GAC meeting in 2009 had been received as follows: Tel Aviv, Israel, and Palma de Mallorca, Spain. Mr. Jean-Marc Badan explained that first the delegates would be asked to select a preference of Tel Aviv or Palma de Mallorca (by simple majority). Then, a 2/3 majority vote would be required to hold the meeting at that preferred location outside of Lausanne, Switzerland.

Mr. Yaron Efrat presented the bid to host the meeting in Tel Aviv, and Mr. David Mas Martinez presented the bid to host the meeting in Palma de Mallorca.

The commission delegates voted and selected Palma de Mallorca as an alternative to holding the next meeting in Lausanne. The delegates then voted to hold the next meeting outside of

Lausanne by the required 2/3 majority vote (20 in favor). Mr. David Mas Martinez thanked the delegates and noted that the meeting would be planned for November 6-8, 2009, in Palma de Mallorca.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Pedro Cabañero thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 17:20.

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