



FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE Ballooning Commission

CIA Bureau Meeting Report – Plenary 2012

Tuesday March 20, 2012 at 18:00

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Thursday March 22 at 16:15

at the Royal Residence Hotel, Pakalnės St. 3, LT- 59206 Birštonas, Lithuania

JC Weber, (JCW)	President
Hans Akerstedt, (HA)	1 st vice-president
Uwe Schneider, (US)	2 nd vice-president
Mark Sullivan, (MS)	3 rd vice-president
Alex Nagorski, (AN)	Secretary
J-M Badan (JMB)	FAI Secretary General (on Thursday March 22 only)

1. Review of 2010-2011 Bureau Actions
No action required.
2. Review of CIA Plenary 2011 minutes
No action required.
3. Review of Plenary meeting arrangements
No action required.
4. Call for nominations for FAI Expert Groups
FAI will call for experts. Alex Nagorski is prepared to become a member of the IT expert group if called.
5. Policy on cancellation of FAI Sporting Events
Reminder that the new FAI policy on event cancellation was now in force.
6. Organiser Agreement Problems
JMB informed the Bureau that the new FAI Sports Manager's (Rob Hughes) priority task would be to revise the FAI Organiser Agreement. The OA will have a common part for all air sports, and separate schedules that may be adapted to the specific air sports requirements.

A) AX Worlds 2012 USA

Although discussions were difficult and took a long time, the issue could be satisfactorily settled with the help of the US delegate and Andy Baird, who had been appointed spokesperson by the organizer.

Mark Sullivan suggested that, to protect the participants rights, organisers could be required to agree to a scheme where the pilots' entry-fees would be paid into an FAI escrow account.

Although this would prevent organisers to use the pilots' cash to finance their operations, Mark felt that well organized organisers would not be deterred if an intelligent reimbursement system could be set up.

JMB informed the Bureau that IPC required the deposit to be paid 30 days prior to the event.

B) GB 2012 Switzerland

The problems with the Swiss GB 2012 organisers did not concern money issues, but only legal aspects. After very long and hard discussions, the Swiss NAC finally agreed to step in and signed the OA for the GB 2012.

7. Doping Risk Assessment questionnaire

This is ongoing process.

8. Unpaid FAI Bill / UAE - Abu Dhabi / 2007 CIA Plenary

JCW suggested that if the FAI EB could not find a solution to settle the issue with the UAE, then the CIA should decide to withdraw the Ballooning Sporting Powers from the UAE.

9. FAI Air Sports Strategy

JCW explained the FAI efforts in respect of event development. This issue will be presented to the Plenary.

10. Off-site Juries in CAT1 Events

The Bureau agreed to the proposal that Jury Board should look into the off-site Juries for one-flight, long distance gas balloon events, and make a proposal to the Plenary.

11. CIA Medals, ordering of new CIA stock items

Waiting for offer to decide.

12. Review of Plenary Agenda and New Business

a. In Memoriam

No new additions to the list presented.

b. EDS proposal for new sanction fees and performance bonds

This being a Plenary Agenda item, it will be presented at the Plenary.

c. CIA Budget for the year 2013

No discussion. To be presented to the Plenary.

d. UK proposal Montgolfier Diploma – Best Performance

JCW informed that the UK delegate had agreed to withdraw the motion if the subject was to be taken up by the AWARDS Working Group to be created by the Bureau.

There was discussion on a number of topics in regard to awards:

- What is “Best Performance”?
- What are the impacts on historical award nominees?
- The CIA should be able to make nominations since many NAC’s are not actively making nominations.
- There was agreement that there is a need to create a Bureau Working Group to develop an awards strategy to be presented to the 2013 Plenary.

e. CIA Conference – Registration fee for Observers

This issue will be discussed by the Plenary. The Bureau agrees to propose that Conference organisers would in the future have the option to charge OBSERVERS (accompanying persons only, not delegates, alternate-delegates, SC and WG members) a participation fee. It was noted that many other ASC have already a participation fee in place.

f. Team Scoring proposal – Lithuania

To be discussed by the Plenary.

g. CIA Organisation. Strategy, Goals and Structure

JCW informed the Bureau that this will be presented to the Plenary, and that he will ask for the Plenary’s approval to set up a Bureau WG to study the CIA’s Organisation.

h. Events: Avoiding Conflicting event dates (Worlds, Continentals, GB2010, various Categories)

No discussion

i. Tochigi Rules situation

The RSC has decided to test the rules at another event (David Levin), and delegated the approval to the AX WG.

Uwe expressed concerns about people changing the MER's too much.

j. FAI Medals

Mark Sullivan asked how the Americas Challenge gas balloon event could receive FAI medals. This would require a change to the FAI Bylaws.

k. Date and place of next CIA Plenary

JMB informed the Bureau that the room rental charges for a Plenary to be held in Lausanne would amount to 4,650.- CHF. The dates would be 19-23 March 2013.

i. PayPal system now being used by FAI

13. AOB

a. JMB informed the Bureau that PayPal payments to FAI are now possible.

b. Bureau decisions 2011 – 2012

In view of the RSC's recent changes to the Sporting Code – Section One for Junior Category Category One Events, the Bureau decided to amend the REPORT ON CIA BUREAU DISCUSSIONS & DECISIONS 2011 – 2012 by adding a new item as follows:

9. March 21, 2012

Sporting Code – Section One changes for Junior Category Category One Events

On a proposal from the CIA RSC Statutes and Sporting Code Working Group, the CIA Bureau has decided to modify its decision of August 3, 2012 (item # 5 above) and to propose the following Sporting Code – Section One changes to the 2012 CIA Plenary Meeting for adoption.

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.