

Event Development Service (EDS)

MINUTES

18-21 March, 2015

2014 EDS Subcommittee:

Chair: Paolo Oggioni (ITA)

Members: Alex Nagorski (CAN), Lindsay Muir (GBR), Sabrina Handl (GER), Andy Baird (USA), Zydrunas Kazlauskas (LAT), Les Purfield (GBR), Maury Sullivan (USA)

PRESENT: Paolo Oggioni, Andy Baird, Maury Sullivan. (Lindsay Muir and Les Purfield joined after their other committee meetings ended)

OBSERVERS PRESENT:

Sandor	HIDAS	Hungary
Lajos	BARCSA	Hungary
Sandor	VEGH	Hungary
Martine	BESNAINOU	France
Tom	MIKLOUSIC	Croatia
Christian	KALOUSDIAN	Brasil
Marina	KALOUSDIAN	Brasil
Valdemir	TAVEIRA	Brasil
Felicity	CLEGG	South Africa
Jerzy	CZERNIAWSKI	Poland
Yury	MITYAGIW	Russia
Luc	VAN GEYTE	Belgium
Patrick	KEARLEY	Switzerland
Benoit	PELARD	France
Maury	SULLIVAN	USA

1. Roll call, apologies for absence: Alex Nagorski, Sabrina Handl

2. Review of 2014-2015 Sanction Events Completed and Actions to be Taken

- 2014 – 21st FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Rio Claro - Brazil (17 Jul – 27 Jul)
Discussed – Event was well run. Issues leading up to the event have been discussed previously. Competition Direction issues are being discussed in other committees
- 2014 – 2nd FAI Junior Hot Air Balloon Championship, Vichy – France (31 Aug – 06 Sep)
Discussion: meeting was good. Competition was good. Discussion about increasing the age limit to 30. This is being raised in another committee. The current age limit makes it very difficult for pilots who were not born into a ballooning family to compete in a world championship.
- 2014 - 58th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett, Vichy - France, (27 Aug - 04 Sep)
Martine: France has been fined 8000 CHF for missing deadlines, despite putting on very good events. The deadlines did not impact the quality of the events. Martine feels that this has not been done in the past or since.
- 2014 – 1st FAI Women's Hot Air Balloon World Championship, Leszno – Poland (08 Sep – 13 Sep)
Event organization was good. Questions remain about the competition director, authority of safety officer and communication with weather officer.
- 2014 – Tochigi

Event organization was good.

- 2014 – Sporting event Canowindra International Balloon Challenge and Australian Nationals
Not much feedback. Indications are that the event was well organized and successful.

3. Review of planning status for Sanctioned Events for 2015-2016

a) Sanctioned Category One Events

- 2015 – 19th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Debrecen – Hungary
Paolo: things going well so far. Organization seems very good. Has not had any complaints.
Sandor Hidas: Changes to sanction application (1) asked to change # competitors to 105 -- approved by Bureau, (2) Safety Officer changed because original safety officer was elected to Jury. Gyorgy Punka – balloonist and career with aviation authority, (3) Deputy event director will be Garry Lockyer. Other arrangements and planning is going well.
Introduced Vice Mayor of Debrecen. Third competition in decade. City supports competition/event.
- 2015 – 3rd FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Drenthe – Netherlands
Communication has been fantastic. Changed the location (only a few km away) which was approved by the bureau. Planning seems to be going well and the organizing committee seems to be well staffed. Mathijs is the Event Director.
- 2015 - 59th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett - Pau, FRANCE
Paolo Oggioni:
Not much information on file, but plans seem to be going well. Gas supply issue has been resolved.
Martine Besnainou:
Site preparations are ongoing.
Three hydrogen providers are working together to provide the quantity of H2 needed.
The hotel is already booked.
Last year website development was slow (managed by the local organizer). The FAI is now taking care of the website for this and future events. The website is not yet online.
The invitation process is also being handled by the FAI and this is behind schedule.
Normally the performance bond and sanction fees are paid by the local organizer. Last time it was paid by the French NAC. This year the NAC has not yet received an invoice from the FAI.
Martine is concerned that they will be assessed penalties for these three items (website, invitation process and late payment of the fees).
- 2015 – FAI World Air Games, Dubai – UAE
AX event: Dec 1 to 6th
BX event: Dec 8th to 11th
Pilots are welcome to arrive 2 or more days before the event and may stay longer. All expenses in country are provided by the UAW for a team of 1+2 (AX) and 1+3(BX).
Transportation will be provided from certain hubs around the world. The location and number of hubs per region is to be determined.
Invitations have been increased to 70 (68 plus 2 local) for AX and 13+1 for BX.
- 2016 – 2nd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Birštonas – Lithuania
Paolo: No information available
- 2016 – 22nd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Saga – Japan
Paolo: Going very well. They have applied for a CAT1 for the practice event.

b) Sanctioned Sporting Event

- 2015 – Coupe d'Europe de Montgolfieres- Coupe de Monde des Dames, Mainfonds – France
Paolo: Sanctioned by the Bureau
Martine: Direct Jacques Bernardin, Alison Odell / Kalus Friedrich
- 2015 – Canowindra International Balloon Challenge, Canowindra – Australia
Paolo: Sanctioned by Bureau

4. Sanction applications

a) Category One

- 2016 - Saga International Balloon Fiesta, FAI Pre World Hot Air Balloon Event, Saga – Japan
Paolo: Plans going well and communication is good
- 2017 – 4th FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship, Leszno – Poland
Paolo: Plans going well and communication is good
Organizer's Agreement was presented to Chairman during committee meeting.

b) Sporting Event

5. Intention to Bid

- 2016 - 60th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett – Germany
Paolo: asked bureau for an extension to name location – which was granted. City has now been nominated: Gladbeck
- 2018 intention to bid FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship WHABC
 - (1) Leon, Mexico
Received 1 ½ years ago. No information or communication since.
 - (2) Wloclawek, Poland
Received and intention to bid in January of 2015
- 2018 intention to bid for 3rd FAI Junior Hot Air Balloon Championship JWHABC Mondovì, Italy
Received intention to bid
- 2018 intention to bid for 3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Canowindra, Australia
Intention to bid has been received

6. Open Discussion

- Maury Sullivan – New document for bidding process
Maury presented documents to make the sanction application process better, including greatly enhanced guidance for event organizers. The documents were reviewed and discussed.
Motion by Paolo: Motion to approve and adopt the “Event Sanction Application Instructions” as presented.
Second: Maury Sullivan
Motion Passed
Motion by Paolo: Motion to approve and adopt the “FAI FIRST CATEGORY EVENT SANCTION PROCEDURES” as presented.
Second: Les Purfield
Motion Passed
- Alex Nagorski – Proposal for Sanction evaluation (to add to PowerPoint Presentation)
Discussion
- Claude Weber – Electronic Notice Board – see addendum
Discussion about the proposal.

7. Review deposits and payments process and any issues

- Test event CAT1 events – Performance Bond. We need to define the Performance Bond for CAT1 test events as it was not clear from last year's Plenary. My suggestion is that the event has a separate PB or the organizers can decide to pay the full PB for the main event in advance, when the test event is sanctioned.

Suggest new wording

Where a test event is sanctioned as CAT1, any remaining portion of the test event's performance bond may, at the organizer's request, be applied to the performance bond for the main Championship. Alternatively, the organizer may elect to pay the performance bond for the main Championship by the deadline for the test event. Any portion of the performance bond forfeited for the test event, would have to be replaced in time for the main championship.

8. Last year's tabled discussions

None. Recommendations from CSC last year are part of ongoing work for new sanction documents.

Proposed Motions for the 2015 CIA Plenary Meeting

- Motion 1 to amend the performance Bond and Sanction Fee requirements by adding the following paragraph for World and Continental Championships.
Where a test event is sanctioned as CAT1, any remaining portion of the test event's performance bond may, at the organizer's request, be applied to the performance bond for the main Championship. Alternatively, the organizer may elect to pay the performance bond for the main Championship by the deadline for the test event. Any portion of the performance bond forfeited for the test event, would have to be replaced in time for the main championship.
- Motion to adopt newly revised FAI FIRST CATEGORY EVENT SANCTION PROCEDURES Version 7.00, and EVENT SANCTION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS.

9. New Business

- Report from Brazil
Brazil would like to host a Continental Championship in Brazil in 2017.
This is past the normal deadline for presenting an intention and sanction application. EDS will need to receive a sanction application and all documentation as soon as possible and will have to be decided upon by the bureau or by Plenary 2016.

10. EDS Plans for 2015

- Updating EDS Documents
Ongoing
- 2015-2016 members:

Paolo Oggioni	(ITA)
Lindsay Muir	(GBR)
Les Purfield	(GBR)
Maury Sullivan	(USA)
Sabrina Handl	(GER)
Andrew Baird	(USA)
Alex Nagorski (consultant)	(CAN)
Zydrunas Kazlauskas	(LIT)
Christian Kalousdian	(BRA)
- Nomination of Chairman for 2015-2016
 - Nominations for joint Chairs: Lindsay Muir and Paolo Oggioni