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1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Plenary meeting was called to order at 9:00, 17 March 2017.

CIA President, Mark Sullivan, welcomed Delegates and thanked Subcommittee and Working Group members for their work during the past year.

He introduced and welcomed:

- Jean Claude Weber, FAI Executive Board - CIA President of Honour
- Mary Anne Stevens, FAI Executive Board
- FAI Sports and Events Director – Markus Haggenev

Thanks to FAI and Andy Chau for organizing this Plenary.

Thanks to FAI Lausanne and Annick Hauser for her help.

Thanks to all Bureau members for all their hard work throughout the year.

2 IN MEMORIAM

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

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ruth Wilson (AUS), Ismail Keremoglu (TUR), John Grubbstrom (SWE). FAI also received apology from Solbakken Arild – CIA Delegate for Norway

4 DELEGATES ROLL CALL

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

CIA PRESIDENT			Mark Sullivan (USA)
CIA SECRETARY			Paolo OGGIONI (ITA)
FAI Executive Board			Jean Claude Weber
FAI Executive Board			Mary Anne Stevens
FAI Sport and Events Director			Markus HAGGENEY
COUNTRY	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE	Subcommittee/Working Group
			Members and Observers
AUSTRALIA (AUS)	IRELAND, Steve		
AUSTRIA (AUT)	STÜRZLINGER, Gerald		HERNDL, Thomas FRAISL, Christoph
BELGIUM (BEL)	VAN GEYTE, Luc		Rudy Paenen
BRAZIL (BRA)	KALOUSDIAN, Markus		
CANADA (CAN)	LOCKYER, Garry		
CHINA (People's Republic of) (CHN)		TONG, Li	
CHINESE – TAIPEI (TPE)	L.C. MEI, Elsa		
CROATIA (CRO)	MIKLOUSIC, Tom		
CZECH REP (CZE)	SUCHY, Michael		
DENMARK (DEN)			Proxy to Italy
FINLAND (FIN)	SEVELIUS, Max		
FRANCE (FRA)	BESNAINOU, Martine		BENOIT, Pelard
GERMANY (GER)	SCHNEIDER, Uwe		MEINL, Silvia

HONG KONG		Andy Chau		
HUNGARY (HUN)				MESZAROS, Laszlo
ITALY (ITA)	OGGIONI, Paolo			
JAPAN (JPN)	ICHIYOSHI, Sabu	SOEJIMA, Hiropon		FURUKAWA, Hiromi
KOREA (KOR)				ROH, Eun Young
LATVIA (LAT)	GAILIS, Gints			
LITHUANIA (LTU)				Proxy to Canada
LUXEMBOURG (LUX)	WEBER, Claude			
NETHERLANDS (NED)	HAARHUIS, Sanne	DE BRUIJN, Mathijs		PELLEGROM, Erwin
NORWAY (NOR)				Proxy to Sweden
PHILLIPINES (PHI)				Proxy to Hong Kong
POLAND (POL)	FILUS, Withold			
RUSSIA (URS)		MITYAGIN, Yury		KARNAUKOV, Vladimir
SLOVAK REPUBLIC (SVK)	BREZAN, Juraj			PAVLINJEK, Matjaz
SLOVENIA (SLO)	BRANKO, Ambrozic			
SPAIN (ESP)	ARACIL, Ricardo			
SWEDEN (SWE)	ÅKERSTEDT, Hans	STENER, Bengt		
SWITZERLAND (SUI)	ANDRÉ, Marc			
UNITED KINGDOM (GBR)	MUIR, Lindsay	BAREFORD, David		PURFIELD, Les
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	BAIRD, Andy	PARKS, Sam		SULLIVAN, Maury BRADLEY, Troy SPAETH, Debbie WHITE, Cheri
		Day one	Day Two	
			8:30 am	
	Total Attendees	50		
	Total CIA Members	28		
VOTE Count	Delegates Voting	24	21	
	Alternates Voting	2	2	
	Members with voting rights	2	2	
	Proxies	5	4	
TOTAL VOTES		33	29	
Absolute Majority		17	15	
2/3 Majority		22	20	

NOTE: Two members with voting rights:

- Hungary
- South Korea

FAI Members List of delegates – March 2017

Attachment 01

5 PROXIES

- Thailand proxy to China (30 January 2017)
- Denmark proxy to Italy (15 March 2017)
- Lithuania proxy to Canada (16 March 2017)
- Norway proxy to Sweden (14 March 2017)
- Philippines proxy to Hong Kong (06 March 2017)

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 AGENDA ORDER

The chair states that the agenda may be changed and adapted to the needs of the delegates to show their presentations.

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), delegates are encouraged to speak once on each topic.
- Items not on the agenda need 2/3's majority to be discussed but no decision may be made on these items

6.3 COUNTING COMMITTEE

Hiromi Furukawa (JAP), Savannah Bradley (USA) were nominated as the Counting Committee (IR 3.11.4)

Approved by the Plenary unanimously on a motion from the Chair

6.4 CIA POLICY DOCUMENTS

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

6.5 NEW BUSINESS

Cia President: any bid or intention to host the next plenary meeting should be presented in writing before the lunch break.

6.6 ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

The number of votes required to achieve an absolute majority was declared as 17

The number of votes required for a New Motion (2/3 majority) was declared as 22

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

6.7 VOTING PROCEDURES

Described by CIA President as outlined in the FAI Statutes, By-Laws, and CIA IRs.

New document from FAI for nomination of candidates for any position will be distributed and must be returned before lunch break on the 18th march.

Secretary: By the end of day the nomination form for all nominees for various positions must be returned to Markus Haggenev .

6.8 FAI ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

Not applied during this meeting

6.9 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.

6.10 DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

Coffee brakes will be served just outside the meeting room

CIA Secretary: illustrates emergency exists, location of toilettes (on 5th floor), social activity (dinner).

Andy Chau: gave information about dinner.

Chinese Taipei arrived to change quorum to 34 members with absolute majority 18 and 2/3 majority is 23. These numbers will not change during the day unless a new role call is done.

7 MINUTES OF THE 2016 PLENARY MEETING

No discussion

Minutes were approved as presented unanimously

8 CIA BUREAU ACTIONS

Appendix 01

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 14, 2017.

Bureau decisions 2016-2017

Attachment 02

9 CIA PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON FAI ACTIVITIES

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

CIA President: many ASC's have the same problems that we have. Technology was one of the biggest problems. The word was given to Marc André to relate on some meetings that were done during the year.

Marc André: there was not too much to say as it was of the very initial meetings, discussions started on various matters to set down some common rules.

Discussion is ongoing.

10 REPORT ON THE FAI ACTIVITIES AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Bali - Indonesia, Oct 2016

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

FAI Executive Board Member, JC Weber: reported on CASI

Next FAI General Conferences

25 – 27 October 2017, Lausanne

11 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Delegates were reminded that they should return the CIA ANNUAL STATISTICS questionnaire to the Secretary so that current information is available on ballooning around the world. Statistics did arrive very late and practically all in the last week before the Plenary instead of 60 days before.

CIA Annual Statistics questionnaire results: Was not possible to prepare in advance as the Delegates statistics, that should have arrived 60 days before the Plenary, were not delivered in time . The Secretary received 75% of the national statistics during the week before the Plenary and 15% of them the night before the Plenary.

COUNTRY	Statistics	Country Reports
AUSTRALIA (AUS)	yes	yes
BELGIUM (BEL)	yes	yes
BRAZIL (BRA)	yes	verbal
CANADA (CAN)	yes	Yes + verbal
CHINA (People's Republic of)	yes	verbal
CROATIA (CRO)		verbal
CZECH REP (CZE)	yes	Yes + verbal
GERMANY (GER)	yes	verbal
ITALY (ITA)	yes	
JAPAN (JPN)	yes	yes
LATVIA (LAT)	yes	yes
LITHUANIA (LTU)	yes	yes
LUXEMBOURG (LUX)	yes	
RUSSIA (RUS)	yes	verbal
SLOVENIA (SLO)	yes	
SWEDEN (SWE)	yes	
SWITZERLAND (SUI)	yes	yes
UNITED KINGDOM (GBR)	yes	yes
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	yes	Yes + verbal

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Appendix 02

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE) reported on the work of the Jury Board. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

Event Juries 2017

Event/place	Date	Jury selected	Lev	Nat	Position
20th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship Brissac-Quincé, France ED: David Levin, USA CIA del.: Martine Besnainou martine.besnainou@wanadoo.fr Contact: ffa@ffaerostation.org	21-27 Aug	Bengt STENER Les PURFIELD Paolo OGGIONI	S5 S4 E4	SWE GBR ITA	Pres., appointed 2016 Appointed 2016 Appointed 2016

Event/place	Date	Jury selected	Lev	Nat	Position
4th FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship Leszno, Poland ED: Moniek vande VELDE CIA del.: Witold Filus Bogdan Prawicki - bogdanprawicki@wp.pl	4 – 9 September	Sandor HIDAS Jaroslav BARAN Tomasz KUHCINSKI	I3 I4 E3	HUN SVK POL	Jury president Jury member Jury member

Event/place	Date	Jury selected	Lev	Nat	Position
61st Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett	7-16 Sep	John DAVIS	I3	USA	Pres., appointed 2016
Fribourg, Gruyères, Switzerland		Claude WEBER	S5	LUX	Appointed 2016
ED: Markus HAGGENEY – GER		Hiromi FURUKAWA	E2	JPN	Appointed 2016
markus@haggeney.net					
CIA del: Marc André, marc.andre@netline.ch					
Contact: info@gordonbennett2017.ch					

Event/place	Date	Jury nominations	Lev	Nat	Position
10th FAI World Hot Air Airship Championship	15-22	Jakob BURKARD	S2	SUI	Jury president
Kreuth, Germany	February	Jean Claude WEBER	S2	LUX	Jury member
ED: Helmut Seitz	2018	Luc van GEYTE	E3	BEL	Jury member
CIA del.: Uwe Schneider					
Contact: Helmut Seitz					
office@airshipchampionship.de					

New Jurors 2017

Li Tong, CHN	New Entry
Sylvia Meinl, GER	Entry level + BX
Deividas Pinkevicius, LTU	Intermediate level + BX qual.
Stefan Handl, GER	BX qualification.
Ilona Gizatullina, RUS	BX qualification
Mike Meinl, GER	BX qualification

On a motion from the Chair the new entries were accepted unanimously

Risto Jalava, Finland has asked to be retired after many years of good service to CIA and after many valuable jury reports and suggestions.

List of Jurors for 2017

Attachment 03

Key points discussed

- No discussion

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

13 REPORT OF THE OFFICIALS SUBCOMMITTEE

Appendix 03

Steve Ireland (AUS) reported on the work of the Subcommittee. Detailed discussions and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

Question from the chair: should the new members to the event directors list be approved by separate motion?

Answer from the CIA President: no, they will be approved when the minutes of the officials SC are approved.

Markus Haggeney: I am misising from the list of officials

Steve Ireland: *apologies, we will add him*

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Chief Observer list 2017

Attachment 04

14 REPORT OF THE EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE**Appendix 04**

Les Purfield (GBR) reported on the work of the Event Development Service.

MOTION: *To re-open, due to special circumstances, the bid process for the 2019 FAI European HAB Championship.*

Discussion:

CIA President: What is the EDS recommendation?

Chair: that we observe the sporting code and there are no bids available.

CIA President: I think we should follow the recommendation of EDS as it is not fair to other bidders to take last minute bids and we must follow our rules. The recommendation is the correct course.

Chair: The recommendation is quite clear. There are no bids for 2019, the sporting code is quite clear bids must be received two years before, we did not receive any therefore there will be no event in 2019.

Mathijs de Bruijn (NED): first, to thank Les and the Bureau for the effort put in to get the Europeans 2017 in France. Thank you very much. I do realize it is a pain in the neck for all organizations, you EDS and everyone involved in checking all that documents having these late bids. Having said so there is no doubt that if we go home and say to our competitors there is no bid because somebody didn't do his homework in time that's not going down well. So, my suggestion last year was that we should increase the sanction fee, if you are late one year its double, if you are late more than one year its triple, and I think that's the way to do it. So just go for the sanction but you have to pay twice the sanction fee and I think if you put a scheme on that people will be in time probably.

Claude Weber (LUX): so, we had one exception made and I think that exception will be made more often and I think that is not good. One exception may have been ok but now we have to go back to the rules, stick to the rules, as Les said and in this case, we need to change the rules, adapt the rules or whatever it is not here to discuss that, but so far I think its good thing to not make the exception the rule.

Martine Besnainou (FRA): I still think that our job is to organize sport events championships, and if we don't have one for any reason, being late or a bid we need to organize almost last minute we need to consider it. When we see the Gordon Bennet they have 16 months to organize a very complicated event, why we cannot accept that for a European or junior world we have one year less to organize it but can have it.

Garry Lockyer (CAN): just a couple of points of clarification. This year's European was not the only exception in granting sanctions outside of the plenary. There have been numerous, so, it's not a single exception. Hungary actually submitted a bid in time for 2019, they subsequently learnt of a change in financing and withdrew as early as they could, very shortly after that they found another location and indicated that they would like to make a bid next year, which under the rules is too late. If they would go ahead with their bid it would be a new location in Hungary, not Debrecen, probably doesn't have a history of balloon event, certainly not at the level that we require. So, if we wait for next year the possibility of a test event is very slim, so I would say high risk. There are rules and there are loopholes, ways around the rules. If we don't want to deal with late bids, we should close those loopholes in the sporting code.

Ricardo Aracil (ESP): I think everybody knows how I mean for me is this dejavu we had the last year the same situation, I agree absolutely with Martine I think there is no reason here to be that we are not supporting the sport. The time is changing and we have a lot of problems sometimes to organize things also in our countries where we cannot plan with one year before. I think in any case its good and very very important that we don't go away from this room without to change this rule, because two years in advance today now a days for European or continental championship is a long time, it's difficult to get the sponsor most of them are not private companies but political and as you know they change every four and normally the new coming is always refusing absolutely what the old ones said. So, its maybe good to make a motion if we don't relax a little bit this picture for the future and we don't have this dejavu this again repeat this problem in the next plenary every year.

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE): we talked about this in the bureau and realized there is a big difference between organizing a world championship with 100 plus balloons and a smaller event lets say the junior worlds or women worlds, or BX event. So we have been thinking about having different time limits for small events that are very different from organizing big events, so we will continue to discuss in the bureau and the appropriate subcommittees.

Marc André (SUI): we are coming certainly more difficult situations economically to get the money also in that regard, I just wonder if a short time period actually helps or even doesn't help the organizers because they might not have sufficient time to actually save the money, it's difficult for them to get the money approved before there actually have a sanction for an event so I'm really very unsure whether I short period

of time actually helps or doesn't help to get us the competitions, I think we have to do much more really have to think about what we can do to make sure we have the bids in time and we get more than one bid in time and so that we have good events and we support and maybe actively approach organizers that concretely want to organize events.

Uwe Schneider (GER): within the rules subcommittee and the S1 working group, chairman Jean Claude Weber, it's also discussion and a conclusion or proposal on that so I would like to invite JC Weber to speak on his proposal.

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): Thank you Uwe. Yes in the sporting code WG we had this discussion and the conclusion was basically to take out, just to give you information you will see it later in the report of the rules SC, the proposal is to take out the bidding process out of the SP1 and to bring it in to the EDS document making it mandatory to entering it into the sporting code but giving the EDS more flexibility to revise what has been discussed in the bureau having various limits of traditions or obligations for our various classes and subclasses, airships or junior or whatever. We need to be more flexible this is the reason why we need to remove from the SP1 where it cannot be changed, or it can be changed but very complicated. So this is on the table so there is a proposal to table the motion in the rules subcommittee motion to change the sporting code in this respect.

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE): to answer a comment from Marc André if we have any time limit it is not necessarily to wait until the very last moment to make a bid, if you need more time you can bid before the deadline.

Uwe Schneider (GER): the Europeans is one of our major events, we have the world air games at the highest level and then the world championships and then we go down to the continentals and Europeans the biggest one probably, and almost at the level of a world championship so Mathijs I want to just site his words and say it's difficult to come home and tell my competitors in Germany that there will be no Europeans in 2019 nowadays organizing an event at such level is really a difficult thing so an NAC before bringing up a bid is looking at the calendar and its abilities if I find that there is a bid in place I would say ok I'm happy with that I'm happy with the bid from Hungary we go for the Europeans there we have been there and I will not put a bid in for Germany but knowing last minutes that Hungary withdraws I would have put in a bid just to save to 2019 event. So I think that when we set our rules nobody has thought of those possibilities that somebody has to withdraw, it happened with Italy for the junior world championship we have it again now with Hungary, so to lose a championship just because we were not smart enough to imagine what could happen and adapt our rules to that I don't think this is something I'm sitting here to promote events and championships and not to, let's say, let them fail just because I was not smart enough to write smart rules.

Les Purfield (Chair): the situation is a lot more difficult now to what it used to be in the past as Uwe and other people have stated it's difficult for people to get the money it's difficult to get the venues so people are not bidding and we don't have more than one bidding for a lot of these, however as I said last year we seem to be in a race to the bottom of who can get the bid for the cheapest price as late as possible. So you all sit there and say oh there's no bids so we will come along at the last minute put one in because they know that you guys want a championship and I accept it that you guys want a championship, that's the way it should be, but under the new Organizer Agreement this is a legal document which the Sanction Application will be part of, so when the SA is in and agreed by this body it will become a legal part of the OA and you cannot change it, you will be in breach of contract if you do that. So, it is incumbent on us and EDS to make sure that the documentation is correct and you guys have to have time to do it. And two years I believe is the minimum we need to get those ducks in a row. If you look at some of these SA's that come thru there is so many TBD's in it because you haven't thought about it and you haven't planned the event. It really is a problem and it's going to be a problem for you because you will start screaming when you have to pull out and FAI take you to court for a breach of contract. So just remember that we have a lot of work to do in here but I will propose this motion after Andy has had a quick word.

Andy Baird (USA): we in the competitors SC we had a fairly lively discussion on this very topic, we are here for the competitors that's what this organizations exists, without competitors this organization would not be here. I echo all the comments from Uwe and concerns from Les, so somehow, we have to find a solution. We need to take a practical approach to adjusting to the last-minute bid failures or situations that change our flying As Uwe said if we had known that there would have been no bid, another NAC would have come up with a proposal. It is not of the best interests of competitors to not have a European championship, it's also not of the interest of the competitors to have a championship at all cost or a Championship of such poor quality that the competitors are wasting their time and money attending and the results are not representative of what a championship should be. One of the proposals that came in CSC is greater transparency so that we are aware as NACs when a bid is struggling and maybe not likely to be presented

but that's all work for the future, I think the decision for today is "is there enough time for a NAC to prepare a good quality bid for the European championship?" And if the answer is yes, and there is optimism that it could be done I think you vote accordingly.

Italy seconded the motion

Further discussions on the topic.

31 in favour

2 abstentions

The motion passed

The timeframe for the new bids to be determined after the coffee break.

Discussion upon FAI JWHABC: if moved to 2019 the next FAI JWHABC will be two years later in 2021. There may be a conflict with the FAI JEHABC.

There are no bids now for these events.

Discussion to have two motions. Move Junior Worlds 2018 to take place 2019 and reopen the bid process for Women's European 2019.

MOTION two: *To re-open, due to special circumstances, the bidding process for the 2019 FAI Women's European HAB championship*

32 in favour

1 abstentions

The motion passed

Tom Miklousic (CRO): is it possible to have a European and Worlds together?

Paolo Oggioni (Secretary): Need to verify with sporting code. They are two separate sanctions and personally I do not agree.

Sanne Haarhuis (NED): I think we should not change the calendar and there for not move the JWHABC.

Andy Baird (USA): technically this is considered a compound motion because you are taking two separate distinct changes in one motion, so it should be considered to re-open the bidding process and separately a date change.

MOTION three:

- a) *To re-open, due to special circumstances, the bid process for the 2018 FAI Junior World HAB Championship*

31 in favour

2 abstentions

The motion passed

Further discussion on the consequence of shifting the JWHABC to 2019.

- b) *To move the 2018 FAI JWHABC to 2019*

30 against

2 abstentions

The motion failed

Les Purfield (Chair): bidding process, there are now two. We will do the Europeans first. The proposal for the Europeans 2019 bids have to be received in EDS by the 1st of September EDS will review and work with the bidders to improve the SA and associated documents to reflect what's needed in the OA. The bids will be put on the plenary agenda for 2018 and you as delegates can vote for where you want to go what you want to do. We will put out bid document for all NAC's.

The 2018 Junior will have to be a Bureau decision and will have to be quick. Bids have to be in by the 30th of April 2017 and we need at least 2-3 months to review.

Martine Besnainou (FRA): one month to form the SA is to short.

Les Purfield (Chair): ok end of May.

Cia President: Motion: to empower the Bureau to take this decision. No one against the motion passed

Les Purfield (Chair): EDS had a short meeting and we had a proposal to merge the EDS and PMR together, as we need to work more proactively to help organizers. We will also reduce number of members of EDS.

No further discussion

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

15 FAI ORGANIZERS AGREEMENT 2017

Markus Haggenev (FAI): The new OA should not frighten you. It has improvements to the benefit of the organizers. In principal, the OA it doesn't fulfil its purpose on its own. The OA marks the end of a process and the process starts with the bidding, then the sanctioning and finally the deal is signed. However, we have three points which I have to point you at. One thing that Les mentioned at a couple of times and I can only stress. Until now an OA basically doesn't give any information about the content of the bid or the promises made in the plenary or any special agreement which delegates voted on and which they approved. In order to give the OA a stronger message and a heavier weight, the new OA will have the bid document and/or the SA as an annex to the OA. The documents you will submit in the future will become an annex to the OA and such they become a legally binding commitment of the bidder to the FAI. The FAI is also you as delegates! You are the parliament and your signature (voting) creates a binding statement. When bidders deviate from what they promised in the plenary it technically establishes a breach of contract, with the option that the sanction can be pulled. There are some thresholds in the OA to make it not so easy as it now sounds but you need to be aware that the bid on the table is serious document and legally binding in the end. That's one main message.

The second main point is, that in order to achieve this the OA requests a minimum level of information as part of the bid/sanction application.

The third big change is that the jury president and members are better protected in case they have to consider to cancel the championship.

The OA is finished and I could share a specimen to you for the minutes.

Markus then gave a power point presentation of the various features of the OA.

Praise given to CIA by having the OA's signed by organisers before the sanction is granted. This is what the FAI would like to achieve also for other ASC's.

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE): Are there any consequences on the selection of the juries? I heard that the bidding process including the assignment of the OA is now moving so the process may take a long time and the duty of the juries is to supervise the invitation process we have seen for some events this year that the invitation process starts earlier than before so we had to appoint a jury already last year by the bureau. Can you comment on that? It may be enough to appoint a jury president.

Markus Haggenev (FAI): on this level of detail the OA does not interfere with the bid process.

Mathijs De Bruijn (NED): What happens when an organizer comes to the plenary with a bid and a signed OA and the SA is changed during the plenary?

Markus Haggenev (FAI): Bargaining will always happen. Until the SA has been voted on it is liable of being changed.

New Organizer Agreement available on request for potential organisers

16 REPORT OF THE RECORDS SUBCOMMITTEE**Appendix 05**

Lindsay Muir (GBR) reported on the activities of the Subcommittee during the year. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

Claims:

- Ivan Menyaylo (RUS), Fedor Konyukhov (RUS) – AX 13-15 Duration Record. 55 hours 10 minutes, 9th February 2017. No files submitted yet.
- Fedor Konyukhov (RUS) – 34,000 km. 23rd July 2016.

The Section 1 WG has recommended changes to rules 4.6 – Difference between two consecutive Records and 4.7.3.1 – Accuracy. This will be applied retrospectively which will allow this claim (and only this one) to be considered as a World Distance Record.

Ratified:

- Gregory J. Winker (USA) – General World AX03 Duration record (9h 26m) 10th Jan 2016.
- Ivan Menyaylo (RUS), Fedor Konyukhov (RUS) – General World AX09 Duration record 32h 12m 47s Jan 25th 2016.
- Fedor Konyukhov (RUS) – Absolute Shortest Time Around the World – 268 hours 20 minutes. 23rd July 2016
- AM-14, AM-15 Shortest Time Around the World

Badges awarded in 2016:

- Gold – David Medcalf (GBR)
- Silver – Peter Molar (HUN), Dominic Bareford (GBR), Stephanie Bareford (GBR), William Wood (GBR), Danie Minnaar (SRA), Mike Emich (USA)

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Meeting was adjourned for lunch break to 14:00

After the lunch break Canada and Lithuania (proxy to Canada) had left the meeting, therefore the new majority was 17 and two thirds 22.

17 REPORT OF THE SAFETY AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE**Appendix 06**

Bengt Stener (SWE) reported on the activities of the Subcommittee during the year. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

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

Motion 1:

That we include in the Organiser Agreement - FAI Ballooning Commission - (CIA) Annex A, 14.2 add:
e) Sending Safety Officer Report within 7 days of the closing ceremony. Late penalty is 50 CHF per day.

Mathijs De Bruijn (NED): The safety officer should send in the report and the SC should pretend it. It is our job and to much of a burden to the organizer.

Tom Miklousic (CRO): The safety officer is appointed by the organizer and therefore I think the organizer is responsible for this.

Bengt Stener (SWE): the SC always asks for the reports but often they arrive very late. Sometimes also half a year late.

Uwe Schneider (GER): who is going to pay that. The day after every body is going home so there is no chance to chase him. I think you should rephrase that so that the safety officer pays that.

Paolo Oggioni (ITA): The safety officer is nominated by the organizer and therefore is part of the organizing team. Can we change the closing ceremony is not correct as it should be when the jury president declares the

end of the championship, and seven days to me seems a bit short, six months is too long maybe a 30 day may be correct.

Bengt Stener (SWE): I will be happy to change to 30 days and the closing ceremony and a lot of other points are related to the closing ceremony.

Markus Haggenev (FAI): I also do not agree with the wording and this was my proposal as well. You also have a performance bond on the OA and therefore it should be released 20 after the end of the event.

Marc André (SUI): we should at least add reminder before penalizing. A reminder is always better.

Bengt Stener (SWE): I will be happy to change to 20 days.

Markus Haggenev (FAI): 20 days is the deadline for the CIA President to release the performance bond and therefore it is too late. It should be shorter than 20 days and it shouldn't be connected to the closing ceremony as it has nothing to do with it, it should be connected to the jury affirming that the event is finished.

Mathijs De Bruijn (NED): The safety officer is appointed by the CIA he is approved by the CIA. He is actually a person of the CIA, we should do our homework. It is not the organizers problem.

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): I find it difficult to understand what you want to achieve. So if they do not send the report within 14 days the max penalty is 300 SFR because the PB will be released after 20 days so max 6 days late.

Tabled to later on

Motion 2:

To update AXMER rule 3.3 with:

All flight cylinders shall be carried inside the basket in the nominated balloon during the event.

Followed a discussion on the opportunity to ban certified balloons or not.

In favour 9

Opposed 19

Abstention 1

The motion failed

Motion 3:

To update AXMER rule 3.3 with:

Propane hoses shall be at a minimum strapped to the burner support inside the basket.

In favour 6

Opposed 22

Abstention 4

The motion failed

Motion 4: approve Safety Handbook 2017

Attachment 06

No discussion

Safety handbook was accepted unanimously

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

Paolo Oggioni (Secretary): *Clarification upon test events for organizers.*

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

19 REPORT OF THE RULES SUBCOMMITTEE**Appendix 08**

Uwe Schneider (GER) reported on the work of the Rules Subcommittee. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in each Working Group Report.

AA/AM Working Group**Appendix 08a**

Working Group report presented by Mark Sullivan (USA). See Working Group minutes for details.

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously.

Event Rules submitted.

- To accept the new model event rules for the GB 2017 in Switzerland

Motion carried unanimously

- **Motion:** to add 2500 SFR to the CIA budget for the preservation of the GB archives

Motion carried unanimously

AX Working Group**Appendix 08b**

Working Group report presented by Uwe Schneider (GER). See Working Group minutes for details.

Event Rules submitted.

- 22th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2017 – Brissac, France
Rules received, Section II incomplete
- 4th FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2017 – Leszno, Poland
No rules received

Proposal: Rules with the adaptations to AXMER2017 will be checked by AX-WG and proposed to RSC for final approval. Bureau delegates power to approve the rules to RSC.

Motion: Medals and diplomas to be awarded to the top NAC competitors and a diploma for the winning NACs in Nation Ranking in WAG, World- and Continental Championships.

Marc André (SUI): in favour of this must look at cost. Maybe we should table this to evaluate the cost and how to cover the cost.

Claude Weber (LUX): we decided that the medals be different from the medals already awarded but will the diplomas be the same as the FAI ones. Are they available from FAI?

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): CIA already has neutral medals to be used. The medals are not cheap and therefore you should have a different sanction fee.

WG Chair: I would like to amend the motion as follows

Motion: Diplomas to be awarded to the NAC and competitors of the top three highest ranking NAC's in Nation Ranking in WAG, World- and Continental Championships.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: Medals to be designed for Nation Ranking in WAG, World and Continental Championships.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion: That the AXMER are approved as presented

Attachment 07

Motion carried

Details on rule changes can be found in the Working Group minutes.

On a motion from the Chair the report was adopted unanimously.

Scoring Working Group

Appendix 08c

Working Group report presented by Marc André (SUI). See Working Group minutes for details.

On a motion from the Chair the report was adopted unanimously.

Statutes, Bylaws and Sporting Code Working Group

Appendix 08d

Working Group report presented by Jean Claude Weber (FAI)

Sanne Haarhuis (NED): how will we check that the NAC is doing the correct control over the pilots nominated?

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): it is the NAC's responsibility to nominate the participants and we have to rely on the NAC abiding by the rule.

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1: details on the WG minutes

Motion carried unanimously

Motion 2: details on the WG minutes

Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT): can you please amend the motion and add the word on-site after register?

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): Motion amended

Motion carried unanimously

Motion 3: details on the WG minutes

Motion carried unanimously

Motion 4: details on the WG minutes

Motion carried unanimously

Motion 5: details on the WG minutes

Sanne Haarhuis (NED): I understand the idea behind this. Who will decide if a pilot over 28 cannot come?

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): the nomination process is under the NAC's responsibility to nominate its competitors.

Andy Baird (USA): I understand the intent but I think we are trying to control the NAC's right to nominate their competitor. I also would suggest to change eligible to nominated. So, the wording as written doesn't work so well.

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): We discussed this in the working group and I think that this is the wording we want so I am not prepared to change.

Uwe Schneider (GER): may I propose to split this motion in two parts.

New wording for **motion 5:**

Age limit for AX Junior Championships

The WG has decided to recommend to adopt the following SC S1 changes:

5.1.1 Sporting Events in class A and class B may belong to either of the following categories of Sporting Events:

- General, with no gender or age limitation;

- Female, 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 30 at the start of the event.

5.6.4.1 Pilots-in-Command

Pilots-in-command shall have been authorized to act as pilot-in-command of the sub-class of aerostat for which the first category event is held for at least twelve months prior to the start of the event.

Each pilot-in-command shall have accumulated at least 50 hours as pilot-in-command of aerostats of the sub-class by the closing entry date, except for the junior events where it shall be at the start of the general briefing.

Any pilot aged over 27 at the start of the event who has previously competed in a World Air Games, General World Championship or General Continental Championship is deemed ineligible to compete in a Junior event.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion 6:

A pilot over 27 at the start of the event will only be offered a place at a Junior event if there are no other younger pilots eligible for nomination representing the same NAC who could take the place. 23 favour, 3 against, 5 abst.

These experience criteria may only be modified by the CIA for a specific subclass of aerostat, under special circumstances claimed by the organizing NAC.

**In Favour 23
Against 3
Abstentions 4
Motion carried**

BA/BX Working Group

Appendix 08e

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

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously.

Motion: Because the review of the BX-MER is important for the Worlds BX 2018, we ask the plenary to give the BXWG (incl. experts) extra time to make the changes and to propose them to the Rules SC and the Bureau.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: We ask the plenary a solution for the refund of the extra costs WAG2015.

Marc André (SUI): I do not think this should be a motion as this is a request to review the problem with the refunding of the extra costs.

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): This information has been taken to the board and the decision was to drop this issue as we do not have sufficient information. The FAI board is not dealing with this issue anymore.

The motion was withdrawn

New Working Group

Ricardo Aracil exposed his concept for a new WG to write a new version of the AXMER for a simple way to show people how to understand our sport.

On a motion from the Chair the WG was created

20	NEW TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE	Appendix 09
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Claude Weber (LUX) reported on the activities of the Subcommittee during the year. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

Andy Baird (USA): introduced a new logger concept.

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously

Motion: NTSC moves to support the potential cost of development of additional Gordon Bennett tracking system features, up to 2500CHF within the next 3 years.

The motion was carried unanimously.

21	PMR	Appendix 10
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Les Purfield (GBR) gave the report on behalf of Garry Lockyer on the activities of the Subcommittee during the year. Detail discussion and decisions can be seen in the Subcommittee notes.

On a motion from the Chair the report was accepted unanimously

22	FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS	
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20.1 **FAI Medico-Physiological Commission (CIMP)**

The CIA representative David Bareford (GBR) reported on the commission meeting

Attachment 08

20.2 FAI Environmental Commission

No report - FAI President gave a short verbal report

The CIA representative Steve Ireland (AUS)

20.3 Europe Air Sports

No report, we have no delegate

20.4 CASI

See published CASI Meeting Minutes

Clarification of the sporting license issues.

Reports approved unanimously

Nominations for Commission representatives for 2017:

FAI Medico-Physiological Commission

David Bareford (GBR)

FAI Environmental Commission

Steve Ireland (AUS)

Europe Air Sports

CIA Representative to CASI.

Mark Sullivan (USA)

Nominees elected unanimously

23	ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS	
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No other nominations from the floor the following were elected as Chairs of the CIA Subcommittees for 2017 by acclamation:

<u>SUBCOMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>
Jury Board	Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
Officials	Steve Ireland (AUS)
Public and Media Relations	Garry Lockyer (CAN)
Records	Troy Bradley (USA)
Rules	Uwe Schneider (GER)
Safety and Education	Bengt Stener (SWE)
Event Development Services	Les Purfield (GBR)
Competitors	Andy Baird (USA)
New Technology	Claude Weber (LUX)

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

24 SANCTIONED EVENTS

24.1 UPDATE ON PREVIOUSLY SANCTIONED EVENTS 2016

- 2016 - 3rd FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Marijampole, Lithuania
 - No Technical Delegate report
- 2016 - 3rd FAI European Hot Air Airship Championship. Bad Wiessee. Germany.
 - No Technical Delegate report
 - Briefing room, in a cafe, was very noisy with general public and was not available to officials before briefing time.
 - Launch field conditions was bad and no sanitary facilities
- 2016 - Luxembourg Balloon Trophy. Mersch, Luxembourg.
 - No Technical Delegate report
 - A very good event. This event is meant to be repeated every second year. It was requested to try to organise it every year.
- 2016 - 60th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett. Germany
 - No Technical Delegate report
 - "The quality of the event's organisational aspects was outstanding. Organiser also promoted general public's and media's awareness of Gordon Bennett Cup by publishing a hefty information package in Balloon Sport Magazine and by entertaining the public for three days on the Launch Site with fiesta balloon launches (gas and hot air), nightglows and the announcer's enjoyable history of ballooning".
- 2016 - 2nd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Birstonas, Lithuania
 - No Technical Delegate report
 - A friendly, hospitable and a professionally organized event.
 - Minor violations of protocol. FAI logo neither on program nor on website. Oath ceremony "unusual", FAI anthem not played at awards ceremony.
 - Women's and Junior Championships were too close in time; therefore, competitors were rushed to get to both events.
- 2016 – 22nd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Saga. Japan
 - No Technical Delegate report
 - This event, like many previous international events in Japan was run by a very professional staff, a large number of hard working officials and with very adequate facilities. A very large number (thousands) of volunteers from the city and the University of Saga helped to organize a very successful event.
 - All problems found at the pre-event in 2015 were taken care of.
 - A successful, previously unequalled, event; the excellence largely due to the organising team.
 - A few days before the event, the organisers were informed by JADA that an Anti-Doping test was planned. The organisers were requested to provide hotel rooms with refrigerators, four persons to act as chaperones and transportation for pilots and chaperones from competition centre to hotel.

- The quality of the speaker system in the briefing room varied with the number of persons in the room and with the position in the room.

24.2 REPORT ON SANCTIONED EVENTS

CATEGORY ONE 2017-2018

a) Sanctioned Category One Events

- 2017 - 20th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship. France
 - Organiser Agreement has still not been signed by FA
 - One late entry will be put on Standby List.
 - ED situation under review by Organiser
 - Technical Delegate Nominated – Paolo Oggioni

- 2017 - 61st Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. Switzerland
 - Progressing well 25 Entries – 103 volunteers in selected working groups.
 - New Tracking System – (Yellow Brick) Well known in yachting events
 - Technical Delegate Nominated – Martine Besnainou

- 2017 - 4th FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland
 - ED confirmed as Moniek Vande Velde
 - Technical Delegate Nominated – Lindsay Muir

All three 2017 events progressing nicely. Sanction fees and performance bonds have been paid.

- 2018 - 3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland
 - No update
 - Technical Delegate Nominated – Lindsay Muir

- 2018 - 10th FAI World Hot Air Airship Championship. Germany
 - Organiser Agreement has still not been signed by FAI
 - Technical Delegate Nominated – Les Purfield

End of day one at 18:24 on Friday 17th march 2017

Start of day two at 8:30 Saturday 18th March 2017

Special thanks to Andy Chau (HK) for a great job to organize the meeting.

CIA Chair: One new written proposal arrived for the organization of next years meeting

New majority: 4 proxies, 25 delegates with voting rights 29 in total - majority 15 - 2/3's majority 20

- 2018 - 23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Austria
 - Need to confirm First Round entry number. – What number was the Organiser signed against.
 - Need to confirm Second Round entry process to SC01 5.6.4.2
 - Sanction Application to be updated with above details.
 - Technical Delegate Nominated – Les Purfield

Sanne Haarhuis (NED): the sanction as voted last year was for 2 per nation but they promised three per nation could you clarify?

Les Purfield (Chair): the sanction application does state two per nation and on the minutes, it is not clear as they said they could move to three but the OA and SA that have been signed are for two per nation.

Sanne Haarhuis (NED): I feel we are not taking the minutes of last year serious enough with two.

24.3 SANCTION PROPOSALS: CAT1 EVENTS

a) Category One

b) Sporting Events 2017

- 1st Central European Cup and 2nd Szeged Balloon Cup. Szeged, Hungary
- Minsk 950th Anniversary Balloon Cup. Minsk, Belarus
- 20e COUPE D'EUROPE DE MONTGOLFIERES & 25e COUPE DU MONDE DES DAMES
 - The above 3 CIA Sporting Event Sanction Applications are now complete, and EDS recommends that the Sanctions are approved.
 - All Sanction fees have been paid to FAI.
- Additional Sanction Application received 14th March 2017 from Slovenia for:
Open national championship – Murska Sobota 2017. This is complete and was received within the application deadlines so will be passed to the Bureau for Sanction.

Bureau approval will be asked.

25 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 open for bids, Green background are sanctioned events, orange background are bids, light blu background are intentions to bid
- Grey back ground indicates NOT open for bid in that year

			2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Hot Air Balloons (AX)	General	World		Austria - sanctioned		Murska Sobot – Slovenia Debrecen - Hungary	
		Continental	France -sanctioned		open		open
	Women’s	World		Poland - sanctioned		Croatia	
		Continental	Poland - sanctioned				open
	Junior	World		open		open	
		Continental					open
Gas Balloons (AA)	General	World				open	
		Continental					open
	Women’s	World				open	
		Continental					open
	Junior	World				open	
		Continental					open
	Gordon Bennett		Switzerland – sanctioned	Switzerland – Bid			
Hot Air Airships (BX)	General	World		Germany– sanctioned		open	
		Continental					open
	Women’s	World				open	
		Continental					open
	Junior	World				open	
		Continental					open

25.1 Bids Received (vote in 2018)

No bids received

25.2 Intention to Bid

- 2018 – 62nd Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. Switzerland
- 2020 – 24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Murska Sobota, Slovenia.
- 2020 – 24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Debrecen, Hungary
- 2020 – 3rd FAI Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Croatia

26 EVENT DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP MINUTES AND AIR GAMES SERIES CONCEPT

A presentation was given by Markus Haggene (FAI)

Tom Miklousic (CRO): the plan is for 2018. Do you already have some locations? Or just planning to do?

Markus Haggene (FAI): We have talks with potential partners, nothing written yet but we have interest.

Michael Suchy (CZE): question concerning airships, do you intend adding this category?

Markus Haggene (FAI): I am a fan of airships and I think they should be part of it since they have a huge media potential

Ricardo Aracil (ESP): this is probably our Olympic games, are you already talking to the IOC?

Markus Haggene (FAI): As you know FAI is already an IOC recognized International Federation. It is very difficult to become part of the Olympic Games and some discuss which disciplines out of the many we have should aim to become Olympic and what would be the impact for the non-chosen disciplines.

Mark Sullivan (Chair): can we have a bigger view of the budget that will be involved in this? As we are going to reserve a lot of time to discuss this in our next meeting, next year, we need to know more about costs and budget for our pilots.

Markus Haggene (FAI): it’s too early to say. The concept also aims at generating funds which support our pilots. There are also pilots that have their own sponsors and that are interested to be part of this.

Mark Sullivan (Chair): in the world air games, we were tied to the WRL, will we be free to select our competitors?

Markus Haggene (FAI): it is aiming to become an event format that is attractive to pilots for various reasons. So, the selection may be limited and not all pilots may have the same right to participate. But it is too early to answer.

Andy Baird (USA): until we define the concept and the balance to the priority of something in between what is entertaining and what is competitive, it is way too early to define a selection process. Do we want attract the best competition competitors or ... we don’t know yet.

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE): Can you, at this stage, let us know what size you are planning, how many pilots will be involved?

Markus Haggene (FAI): That’s a good question. It is not put in stone. We are not looking like a 25-balloon event but it depends on the location and the budget. We are looking at something similar to Dubai let’s say 50+ maybe more. Should be sizable it should be WOW effect!

27 FAI ANTIDOPING REQUIREMENTS

A presentation was given by Markus Haggene (FAI)

Martine Besnainou (FRA): how will FAI deal with foreign languages and translation of the medications for the T.U.E.?

Markus Haggene (FAI): Professional doctors approve the medications and know the substance’s.

David Bareford (GBR): Any medicine can be submitted to the TUE panel and they will let you know if your medications are OK or not.

Hans Åkerstedt (SWE): The safety officer is supposed to inform the pilots that the pilots should obtain a TUE from their doctors. It is all described in the Safety Handbook.

Les Purfield (GBR): gave a presentation of what happened in Saga (Japan) during the JADA inspection for antidoping.

Paolo Oggioni (ITA): Will we need to put the antidoping procedures in the SA and OA?

Markus Haggene (FAI): it is already in the OA.

China and Hungary registered

New majority: 4 proxies, 27 delegates with voting rights 31 in total - majority 16 - 2/3's majority 21

28	CIA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP
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Requests for financial support:

- International Youth Camp 2017, 2/9 August 2017 - Burgkirchen, GERMANY

A brief presentation was done by both the proposing committee's

***On a motion from the Chair to finance with 2.200 Swiss Francs for the Youth Camp was carried unanimously
The subsidy to be paid only after having receiving a full report of the events.***

29	CIA FINANCIAL REPORTS
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The CIA Secretary informs that the financial statement arrived very late and is not in a presentable format. The CIA Financial Statement and the CIA 2017/2018 Budget has been done by the President and approved by the Bureau and will be published with this report. The financial situation is very positive now with a positive balance of 170.021,29 Swiss francs.

Jean Claude Weber (FAI): budget for 2018 must be submitted by 1st of July.

The CIA Secretary showed the inventory and stock available for CIA events.

Marc André (SUI): Clarified the depreciation issue of the FAI Loggers.

On a motion from the Chair the Financial Report as presented was approved unanimously

CIA Inventory

Attachment 09

30	AWARD OF MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMAS
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***On a motion from the Chair to award the Diploma this year was carried unanimously
The majority for the diplomas is 17***

30.1 Best Performance – Gas Balloons: **Kurt Frieden-Pascal Witpraechtger (SUI)** Attachment 10
The Montgolfier Diploma Best Performance – Gas Balloons was awarded unanimously

30.2 Best Performance – Hot Air Balloons: **Sebastian Msuya (CAN)** Attachment 11
Rhett Heartsill (USA) Attachment 12
The Montgolfier Diploma Best Performance – Hot Air Balloons was awarded to Sebastian Msuya (CAN)

30.3 Best Performance – Rozière Balloons: **Fedor Konyukov (RUS)** Attachment 13
The Montgolfier Diploma Best Performance – Rozière Balloons was awarded unanimously

30.4 Contribution to the Sport: **Ales Kubicek (CZE)** Attachment 14
Ireneusz Cieslak (POL) Attachment 15
The Montgolfier Diploma Contribution to the Sport was awarded to Ales Kubicek (CZE)

31	AWARD OF SANTOS DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL
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There were no nominations

32	NOMINATIONS FOR FAI AWARDS
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1. Prince Alvaro de Orleans Borbon Fund for Technical Advances
2. FAI Silver Medal
3. BREITLING Youngster Award

No Nominations

33	CIA HALL OF FAME	Appendix 11
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1. CIA HALL of FAME

The SC Chair gave a brief report

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

[http://www.fai.org/cia-our-sport/hall-of-fame.](http://www.fai.org/cia-our-sport/hall-of-fame)

The AAIBM Hall of Fame website: <http://www.balloonmuseum.com/fai-ballooning-commission.aspx>

2. 2017 Inductees

- **Tracy Barnes (USA)**, Living
- **Geoff Green (HK)**, Posthumous

3. 2017 Nominations

- **Masakazu (Maco) Oiwa (JAP)**
- **Gren Putland (AUS)**
- **Leonid Tiukhtyaev (RUS)**
- **Ruth Wilson (AUS)**
- **John Grubbstrom (SWE)**
- **Jojo (Franz Josef) Maes (GER)**
- **Geoff Green (HK)**

4. Selection Committee members

CIA Selection Committee's members proposal to the Plenary for the election of the CIA 3 members for 2016/20175:

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

The AAIBM Selection Committee members will be:

- Mick Murphy, member
- Jacques Soukup, member
- Marilee Schmit Nason, member

The Plenary unanimously approved the proposed members of the Selection Committee.

The CIA President is an ex-officio member and chairman of the Selection Committee.

34	ELECTION OF CIA OFFICERS
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a. President

There was 1 candidate for the position

Mark Sullivan (USA) was elected 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) was elected by acclamation

d. 3rd Vice President

There were 3 candidates for the position:

Lindsey Muir (GBR) was elected

Ricardo Aracil (ESP)
Martine Besnainou (FRA)

e. Secretary

There was 1 candidate for the position

Paolo Oggioni (ITA) was elected by acclamation.

35	ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MEMBERS
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SUBCOMMITTEES

WORKING GROUPS

RECORDS SUBCOMMITTEE (6)

Troy Bradley (USA) - Chairman
Don Cameron (GBR)
Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)
Sabu Ichiyoshi (JPN)
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
Rich Jaworski (USA)

OFFICIALS SUBCOMMITTEE (7)

Steve Ireland (AUS) Chairman
Hiromi Furukawa (JPN)
Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
Sanne Haarhuis (NED)
Martine Besnainou (FRA)
Li Tong (CHN)
Yuri Mityagin

PUBLIC & MEDIA RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE (3)

Garry Lockyer (CAN) Chairman
Jan Suchy (CZE)
Debbie Spaeth (USA)

EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (7)

Les Purfield (GBR) Chairman
Lindsay Muir (GBR)
Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
Martine Besnainou (FRA)
Maury Sullivan (USA)
Andrew Baird (USA) CSC Chairman
Garry Lockyer (CAN) PMR Chairman

SAFETY & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE (7)

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CIA Bureau WG:**Awards Working Group (4)**

Hans Åkerstedt, Chairman
 Paolo Oggioni, Mark Sullivan, Lindsay Muir

Subcommittee and Working Group Members approved unanimously**36 EXPLANATION ABOUT ERASMUS + SPORT (RICARDO ARACIL)**

Ricardo Aracil (ESP): gave a presentation of the Erasmus concept

37 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tabled motion n.1:

To include in the Organizer Agreement - FAI Ballooning Commission - (CIA) Annex A, 14.2 as a new point e)

e) Sending Safety Officer Report to the chair of the FAI Safety Committee within 24 hours after the Jury declared the Event valid. Late penalty is 100 CHF per day.

Bengt Stener (chair): It is important that FAI gets to know of any incident/accident within 24 hours.

Marc André (SUI): I do get the point but I think it is going in the wrong direction and at the end of the competition how busy it is. I don't think we have to treat our organizers that way. I think we should be giving 7 days plus seven days period then having a penalty. Having them inform within 24 hours and not doing so is a penalty but a general 24-hour deadline is not treating our organizer is fair.

Les Purfield (GBR): I think it should be in line with the jury report has to be in within 8 days, so would suggest that it be in line with the jury report.

Mathijs De Bruijn (NED): I agree with Marc André. The safety officer must do his homework.

Markus Hageney (FAI): I agree and think that CIA has to do its homework no discussion but to know about safety issues is not to please a SC or so. People call us on Monday morning when they think something went wrong. A safety officer can do his duty in 30 minutes so it is not so much of burden.

Bengt Stener (chair): A safety officer can do his report during the event, he can write down a report every day after the flight and have it ready by the end of the event.

In favour 13

Against 11

Abstention 9

The motion failed

Uwe Schneider (GER): we need to know if there are people willing to volunteer for the new temporary WG.

Ricardo Aracil (ESP): Branko Ambrosic (SLO), Breznan Juraj (SLK), Markus Kalousdian (BRA), Laslo Mezaros (HUN), Michael Suchy (CZE), Claude Weber (LUX)

The WG is not approved and it will be working and reporting to the Rules SC as a temporary WG and will be voted on only during the next plenary.

38 NEXT MEETING

The 2018 CIA Conference meeting dates are:

SC and WG - March 14 – 15, 2018

Plenary - March 16 – 17, 2018

No bid from the floor

Chair: *We have received a written proposal from Spain.*

Ricardo Aracil (ESP): relates on a new proposal to host the plenary in Paguera (Majorca) - Spain.

Chair: A question for the FAI, do we need 2/3 majority to move from Lausanne? Majority? Ok we need a majority.

Paolo Oggioni (Secretary): Just to clarify; this is not an official bid and we need to have a meeting every 3 years in the vicinity of Lausanne. The organizer may charge a registration fee because the costs will not be paid by the organizer but by the CIA.

Ricardo Aracil (ESP): you save money anyway.

Motion: to move out of Lausanne and host the 2018 CIA Meeting in Paguera (Majorca) - Spain.

In favour 24

Against 5

Abstention 2

The motion passed

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