

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**FAI International Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)**  
**Meeting Held in Munich, Germany - 8 & 9 November 1997**

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IN THE CHAIR .....	Michael R. Heuer, President of CIVA
1st Vice President .....	Jirí Koblre (Czech Republic)
3rd Vice President .....	Kasum Nazhmudinov (Russia)
Vice President, Glider Aerobatics .....	Karl Berger (Austria)
Secretary .....	Veva Becker (USA)
Secretary .....	Elizabeth Cook (Australia)
FAI .....	Max Bishop, Secretary General
.....	Jean-Louis Monnet, FAI World Grand Prix Director
Australia .....	Elizabeth Cook, Delegate
.....	Roxarne Moon, Alternate
Austria .....	Karl Berger, Delegate
Canada .....	Carole Holyk, Delegate
Czech Republic .....	Jirí Koblre, Delegate
.....	Petr Poborský, Alternate
.....	Martin Stáhalík, Observer
Denmark .....	Lenart Wahl, Delegate
Finland .....	Osmo Jalovaara, Delegate
.....	Petteri Tarma, Alternate
France .....	Robert Chomono, Delegate
.....	Gérard Bichet, Alternate
.....	Patrick Paris, Technical Specialist
.....	Madelyne Delcroix, Technical Specialist
.....	Dominique Roland, Observer
Germany .....	Ernst Paukner, Delegate
.....	Manfred Echter, Alternate
.....	Hermann Liese, Chairman, Judging Sub-Committee
.....	Hans Bauer, Technical Specialist
Hungary .....	Zoltan Veres, Delegate
Ireland .....	Paul Van Lonkhuyzen, Delegate
Italy .....	Giorgio Marangoni, Delegate
.....	Carlo Marchetti, Alternate
Netherlands .....	Frank Versteegh, Delegate
Norway .....	Tor A. Fusdahl, Delegate
Poland .....	Jan Gawecki, Delegate
.....	Helmut Stas, Alternate
Russia .....	Kasum Nazhmudinov, Delegate
Slovak Republic .....	Pavol Kavka, Delegate
.....	Bedrich Heger, Observer
Slovenia .....	Martin Burjan, Alternate
South Africa .....	John Louis Gaillard, Delegate
.....	Peter Celliers, Alternate
Spain .....	Ramon Alonso, Delegate
.....	Alexander Maclean, Alternate
Sweden .....	Orvar Bergvall, Delegate
.....	John Tuvefalk, Technical Specialist
Switzerland .....	Christian Schweizer, Alternate
Turkey .....	Haluk Yelkenci, Alternate

..... Hakan Bakir, Observer  
Ukraine..... Sergey Prolagayev, Delegate  
..... Nikolay Tarasevich, Alternate  
United Kingdom ..... Alan Cassidy, Delegate  
..... James M. K. Black, President of Honour  
USA..... Bob Davis, Alternate  
..... Veva Becker, Secretary

## **OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Michael Heuer called the 1997 Meeting of CIVA to order at 0903 on Saturday, 8th November 1997.

President Heuer expressed his thanks to Ernst Paukner, Hermann Liese and Hans Bauer for organising the meeting.

President Heuer introduced the members of the Bureau and Mr. Max Bishop, Secretary General of FAI. He also advised Mr Jacques Godbille, 2nd Vice President of CIVA, had resigned as Delegate for France. He welcomed Mr. Robert Chomono as the new Delegate of France.

Frau Isolde Wördehof, Vice President of the Deutscher Aero Club gave an address to the Meeting.

President Heuer thanked the members of the Judging, Rules and Glider Sub-Committees for their work. He welcomed Observers, Technical Specialists and Delegates and advised that the Chair may recognise speakers other than Delegates if time permits.

There were 25 Delegates present. USA held a proxy for Brazil.

### **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (16th and 17th November 1996)**

There were no objections to the Minutes. The Minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

President Heuer presented FAI Sports Medals to three members for long and faithful service to aerobatics:

Mr. Jacques Godbille  
Mr. Helmut Stas  
Mr. John Gaillard

### **2. FAI REPORT**

Mr. Bishop read an address on behalf of Mr. Weinreich, President of the Deutscher Aero Club.

Mr. Bishop advised:

- \* 1997 was an important year for FAI with the World Air Games. Overall the event was a success with 2 major international companies indicating their wish to be involved with a second World Air Games. There are currently 3 bidders for the 2nd WAG.
- \* There will be an expanded use of electronic communication by FAI.
- \* Microsoft is involved with a simulated flying program. Competitions already take place using this medium.
- \* From 1 January 1998, Air Sports International magazine will only be available on the internet. All Commissions are requested to submit copy.
- \* A Working Group for Air Space was formed at the General Conference in Rio.

- \* FAI has issued a statement on the environment.
- \* Colombia, Iran, Maldives, and an affiliate association, South American Association of Parachuting, were admitted to FAI at the General Conference.
- \* 1998 is the Year of Aviation in Space.
- \* The next General Conference will be held in Toulouse, France.

### **3. REPORTS ON THE 1997 WORLD AIR GAMES**

#### **3.1 FAI World Air Games Air Sports Coordinator Srecko Medven reported:**

- \* Do not criticize organisers, analyse and work out why objectives were not achieved
- \* Full report will be issued shortly after input from all Commissions.
- \* Changes have already been proposed.
- \* 9 Air Sports were involved; 7 sites were used; 17 Category One events were held; a total of 3,886 people were involved with 1,714 competitors from 60 countries.
- \* 16 hours of exposure on international television.
- \* Public relations was not to the level expected. Did we do our work back home?
- \* The World Air Games holds great value for the future. There were numerous organisational problems but most were overcome.

Mr. Medven thanked Mr. James Black and all Officials.

President Heuer stated that CIVA would be part of WAG and is fully supportive.

There were no questions.

#### **3.2 Contest Director James Black reported:**

- \* A written report had been circulated.
- \* Recognised not ideal from many aspects and was sorry that teams and parties suffered frustrations.
- \* WAG Aerobatics was part of a major event - one of 3 sports targeted as a major sport.
- \* All systems were not up and running before the commencement of Programme Q. All administration and technical systems must be checked prior to commencement.
- \* Thank you to all Competitors and Officials.

Mr. Ramon Alonso stated Spain had lodged an official protest at the General Conference. Several questions were put to President Heuer and Mr. Black.

President Heuer stated he was not prepared to answer at this stage. He requested a copy of the document and would reply in writing. Mr. Black said the allegations were entirely new and that he had not received the document.

Considerable discussion ensued concerning the difficulties at the World Air Games.

Jan Gawecki questioned why the President of CIVA was not present? President Heuer explained that his employer, Northwest Airlines, cancelled his holidays even though they had been organised 12 months in advance. This was in accordance with their pilot contract in times of pilot shortages. Mr. Heuer notified the organisers as soon as his vacation was cancelled and Mr. Koblre had to replace him.

Karl Berger, President of the International Jury (Gliders) apologised that he was unable to attend due to work commitments. The problem was the same for the Glider Chief Judge who was also replaced at the last moment.

### 3.3 President of the International Jury (Unlimited Power) Jiri Koblre reported:

- \* Written report submitted.
- \* Thanked the members of the Jury - they had worked hard and had tried to do their best.

Ramon Alonso stated that CIVA cannot support the report as it does not reflect the reality of what happened in Antalya. Report did not contain comments in regard to the 300m emergency strip surrounded by boulders (Sukhois requiring 375 m); power box not accepted by pilots; three days lost due to organisation; only diplomas given - not the same as other disciplines; lack of security for contestants, a dangerous environment - could have been the first contest where a contestant could have been killed. Mr. Alonso requested Mr. Koblre to submit a new report.

Jiri Koblre stated he had taken into account the previous experience of the organisers.

Max Bishop stated the role of the International Jury. Most other Commissions have Stewards - these positions are used as advisers to the Event Director.

Ramon Alonso stated that they are not blaming Mr. Koblre but just wanted the report changed.

Christian Schweizer stated everyone had tried to do their best - how can we improve? He referred to the 1996 CIVA Minutes with specific reference to fire/crash equipment.

Zolten Veres stated the Hungarian Aero Club refuses to accept Mr. Koblre's report and is looking forward to another report.

Frank Versteegh stated Mr. Koblre's report is a fairy tale. It gives the impression that it was a fantastic event. Pilots do not agree. CIVA must make changes - South Cerney was not fantastic, Antalya not superb, Oklahoma a problem. CIVA must guarantee good organisation - security. CIVA cannot accept Mr. Black's or Mr. Koblre's reports as they are not in the interest of the sport or the pilots.

Mr. Koblre asked the Delegates to study the rules and the role of the Jury. The International Jury tried to do their best. No contest is ever perfectly prepared because we go to a new site for each competition.

Hermann Liese stated AWAC had gone very smoothly but President Heuer had several recommendations. Perhaps Mr. Koblre's report should include recommendations.

President Heuer asked CIVA to accept report:

Vote Acceptance: 1                  Abstain: 1                  Report not accepted.

Mr. Koblre was asked to write new report. President Heuer suggested the Bureau review and accept the report on behalf of CIVA.

Paul Van Lonkhuyzen proposed the new report be posted to all Delegates by 31 December 1997. Delegates to accept or not by signature and return within 30 days.

Vote in Favour of: 22                  Against Nil                  Abstain Nil                  **ACCEPTED**

**3.4** Chief Judge (Unlimited Power) John Gaillard reported:

- \* Written report submitted to CIVA.
- \* Contest Check List does not contain anything about paperwork and this must be included.
- \* A benefit of Programme Q was judging results improve after Q.

There were no questions.

**3.5** President of the International Jury Jacques Godbille submitted a written report.

There were no questions.

**3.6** Chief Judge (Glider) Helmut Stas reported:

- \* Written report submitted to CIVA.
- \* There were several problems. It would have been better if all high ranking officers from CIVA had been there to add more power.

There were no questions.

### **Organiser's Agreement**

Max Bishop tabled a copy of the Organiser's Agreement (copies given to all Delegates). The agreement was developed by the FAI and drawn up with legal approval. It is up to each Commission which schedules to include. Appendices can be added. It is recommended that the Organisers Agreement be implemented for all championships.

## **4. REPORTS ON THE 1997 ADVANCED WORLD AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIP**

**4.1** President of the International Jury Michael Heuer reported:

- \* Written report submitted to CIVA.
- \* It was a very satisfactory contest and everyone pleased with the results.
- \* Recommendations have been considered by Sub-Committee

#### **4.2 Contest Director Boris Baird reported:**

- \* Written report submitted to CIVA.
- \* President Heuer referred to the administration details included in the report.

#### **4.3 Chief Judge John Gaillard submitted a written report and fully supported President Heuer's comments.**

There were no objections to the reports and they were **accepted by CIVA**.

### **5. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

#### **5.1 Glider Aerobatics**

President Heuer thanked members of the Sub-Committees for their hard work and asked CIVA to approve proposals as recommended by the Glider Sub-Committee.

There were no discussions, no objections.

#### **CIVA AGREED**

The HHMD is well accepted by pilots and will be added as an appendix to rules next year. The system will be used at the next European Championships but included under Local Regulations.

#### **CIVA AGREED**

Poland proposed changes to 1.1.8.1. relative to Group III

Vote In Favour of: 2 Against: 13 Abstain: 8

#### **CIVA DID NOT AGREE**

#### **5.2 Judging, Rules and Catalogue Sub-Committee Proposals**

##### **Proposal #1 (German, Spanish and Russian proposals as amended by France and Sub-Committees)**

- \* Programme Q will be retained.
- \* Programme Q results will not count towards the championship.
- \* The maximum number of figures for Programme Q is 9.
- \* Programme Q Time Allowance - 12 minutes from "lift off".
- \* The Chief Judge will advise the pilot by radio when the 12 minute time limit is reached.
- \* The pilot can fly the Q programme before or after his/her practice.
- \* If the pilot is flying the Q programme after the 12 minute time limit, each figure flown after 12 minutes will be scored a zero.

#### **CIVA AGREED**

**Proposal by President of CIVA:** Amendment to Sporting Code Section 6 1.3.1.1.(b). The 60% rule to be amended to allow pilots to continue who, in the judgement of the International Jury, are not unsafe.

**CIVA AGREED**

**Proposal #2 (German proposal)**

- a) Men's and Women's Divisions be eliminated.
- b) Team size be reduced to maximum of 8 with no reference to gender. NAC's authorised to mix any number of men and women.
- c) Organisers authorised to reduce to 6 if total competitors are over 80.

Initial Vote in Favour: 16      Against: 6

**CIVA AGREED**

**Note:** *At the request of France, the proposal to eliminate Men's and Women's Divisions was re-visited. Refer to "Proposals from National Aero Clubs" in these Minutes.*

**Proposal #3 (German proposal)**

Aerobatic Zone to be located adjacent to a suitable runway.

Great Britain proposed an amendment to include specific maximum distance in rule between box and suitable emergency landing area. Bob Davis stated we must rely on people making site inspection. Do not tie down to a specific distance. Hermann Liese was against restriction as the best facility can be emergency landing field.

Vote    In Favour of: 4    Against: 14      Abstain: 3

**CIVA DID NOT AGREE**

Proposal amended to add: "... or emergency landing area."

Vote    In Favour of: 20      Against: 0      Abstain 4

**CIVA AGREED**

**Proposal #4 (Italian and British proposal)**

Rules regarding Order of Flight be modified slightly to permit the International Jury to alter sequence of flights to accommodate shared aircraft in all programmes and not just 'Q'. Use of rank order (reverse) to determine order of flight is retained.

**CIVA AGREED**

Alan Cassidy proposed that the Order of Flight be split into 4 groups and draw within each group.

**CIVA DID NOT AGREE**



### **Proposal #5 (Russian proposal)**

Rule 1.5 be modified to bring consistency in the awarding of medals and diplomas:

World Air Games - FAI Medals and Diplomas to Overall Champion, second and third placings. Organisers medals to first, second and third placings in flight programmes. Teams to receive FAI medals for first, second and third placings as well as FAI Diplomas. World and Continental Championships to be the same as above.

### **CIVA AGREED**

### **Proposal #6 (South African proposal)**

Sporting Code Section 6, 2.1.4.2., be amended as follows:

*Programme Q:*

*All judges who wish to be represented on the Board of Judges will judge Programme Q with no limit in number, provided that they have a qualified assistant as required in the CIVA Regulations, Part 1, page 87, The Judges, paragraph 1. JPF's derived by the International Jury after Programme Q, will be used to select the panel of judges. The panel of judges will always be a minimum of 7 judges and may exceed 10 judges, however only 10 judges will be used at any one time. JPF's used will be those which are derived before the scoring system deletes judges' scores which are outside the TBLP window.*

*Programmes 1 - 4*

*In the event of the International Jury having selected a panel of judges exceeding 10 in number, the top 10 judges will be used for Programme 1. Subsequent programmes will utilise those judges not used for Programme 1, having dropped from each subsequent programme the required amount of judges on the basis of the JPF ratings for each individual programme. An individual judge may be dropped on more than one occasion.*

*Any judges not utilised in Programme 1 or subsequent programmes on the basis of the above selection, will be required to carry out other duties as required by the contest organisers or international jury, provided their expenses have been paid by the organisers as an international judge.*

*At international competitions the same procedure will be used.*

The proposal was subsequently amended in plenary to change the wording under Programme Q, third sentence to read, "*..however only a maximum of 10 ...*"

### **CIVA AGREED**

South Africa proposed a new Appendix #6 be added to explain JPF system.

### **CIVA AGREED**

### **Proposal #7 (South African proposal)**

The procedure for determining the sequences for Advanced Programmes 2, 3, and 4 (Unknowns) be exactly as that used for the Unlimited category.

#### **CIVA AGREED**

### **Proposal #8 (South African proposal)**

CIVA Regulations, Part 1, 1.2.3., a new paragraph 1.2.3.12 be added. A bonus score of 2.5% to be added to the total score before penalties, for each figure less than 15 which goes to make up a total sequence. Thus a sequence consisting of 12 figures would attract a bonus of 7.5% to the total score.

Considerable discussion ensued with Norway and the United States opposing the proposal since it would favor high performance aircraft. Those in favor pointed out the pilot will always have the option of flying a full 15 figure sequence.

Vote In Favour Of: 13      Against: 9      Abstain: 3

#### **CIVA AGREED**

Alan Cassidy proposed these rules be adopted for Advanced also. Bob Davis stated the Advanced created to cater to lower powered aircraft and less cost and such a move could destroy the category. Frank Versteegh and Jiri Koblre stated CIVA should wait for results in Unlimited before making any changes to Advanced.

Vote In Favour Of: 2      Against: 20      Abstain 2:

#### **CIVA DID NOT AGREE**

### **Proposal #9 (South African proposal)**

With the proviso it is properly constituted and representative of competition pilots, the recently formed "International Aerobatic Pilots Association" (IAPA) be recognised by CIVA and be allowed to submit recommendations and suggestions to CIVA as if it were an Aero Club. CIVA to consider and vote on any such submissions in the normal manner.

John Gaillard stated the Association is formed. Thirty out of fifty pilots signed up in Turkey. IAPA should be allowed to make suggestions to CIVA. Advanced and Glider pilots are eligible for membership.

Peter Celliers advised objective is to involve all aerobatic pilots. Constitution would be ready at end of year. President Heuer stated IAPA would not be recognised at this meeting and it may fall to the next plenary to decide whether IAPA is properly constituted.

Vote In Favour Of: 22      Against: 0      Abstain: 2

#### **CIVA AGREED**

John Gaillard suggested that the Bureau of CIVA be empowered to determine if IAPA is properly constituted and representative of competition pilots. If the Bureau finds this to be true, CIVA would accept recommendations and suggestions from IAPA at the next plenary. Ramon Alonso stated all delegates should vote. Max Bishop stated if a postal vote is used it must be quite clear what 'properly constituted' means. Peter Celliers stated this proposal

would representation at CIVA only and not voting rights. John Gaillard advised Association not ready. Details must be taken back to their own members.

President Heuer proposed that the Bureau of CIVA be empowered to determine whether the new association, IAPA, is properly constituted and representative. If so, the Association will be allowed to submit recommendations and suggestions to CIVA with effect immediately.

Alan Cassidy stated it was not a problem putting the matter to the Bureau of CIVA. Any decision can be overturned by plenary. Peter Celliers said overwhelming support had been received and there was no reason for Bureau not to accept.

Vote In Favour Of: 22 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

### **CIVA AGREED**

#### **Proposal #10** (South African proposal)

A regulation to be introduced requiring the International Jury under the leadership of its President to be ultimately accountable and responsible for ensuring that the organisers of International Contests meet the requirements as stipulated in the checklist provided to the organisers of such events.

That the Jury shall monitor progress with the organisers at least one week prior to the commencement of the event to ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place, to enable the contest to start at the scheduled time.

That the President of the Jury be empowered to intervene and take such steps as required with the organisers to see that a contest is organised properly, with all the required equipment and personnel suitably planned for in order to meet the scheduled commencement time.

The proposal was modified to add the following to Sporting Code, Section 6, 1.4.1.1.(e): "*... and ensuring that the organisers of International Contests meet the requirements as stipulated in the checklist provided to the organisers of such events*".

Vote In Favour Of: 23 Against: 0 Abstain: 1

### **CIVA AGREED**

President Heuer proposed that the use of Stewards at competitions be put to Sub-Committee for further study and in the interest of quick implementation, two stewards to be used at WAC 98 in Slovakia.

Vote In Favour Of: 17 Against: Nil Abstain: 7

### **CIVA AGREED**

Frank Versteegh asked when a discussion was going to be held to discuss the Contest Director for countries that have not held a competition.

President Heuer stated that under FAI General Section of Sporting Code, the Event Director must be approved by the Commission.

### **Proposal #11 (Spanish proposal)**

Additions to the List of International Judges.

Mike Heuer advised that the paperwork relative to the approval of International Judges was not at suitable level. A completed Judges Personal Judges Sheet must be submitted for consideration.

Karl Berger stated a power judge is not automatically a glider judge.

### **Proposal #12 (British proposal)**

A change to Part 1, 1.2.1.(b): the word "... then ..." to "...and ...".

Proposal was modified to change the first paragraph by deleting "... Q ...". Last sentence to read:

*"These figures are optional but, if flown, may only be flown once, continuously, and must be flown inside the performance zone."*

Vote In Favour Of:19 Against: 0 Abstain: 5

### **CIVA AGREED**

### **Proposal #13 (President of the International Jury, AWAC)**

That Rule 2.3.6. read " ... figure flown outside the box and other than ...".

### **CIVA AGREED**

### **Proposal #14 (British proposal)**

Criteria for Judging Aerobatic Figures be changed:

Family 7.19 - 7.22 - 5/8th of a Horizontal 8

In these figures all radii should be the same. The entry and exit lines should be judged with reference to the 45 degree attitude. Any rolls on the 45 degree lines must be centrally placed. It is not required that the lengths of the 45 degree lines bear any strict relation to the diameter of the three-quarter loop.

Family 7.23 - 7.28 - Horizontal 8's - second paragraph

However, the 45 degree line(s) at entry to or exit from the figure may project above or below the looping portions if there are multiple rolls on these lines.

### **CIVA AGREED**

### **Proposal #15 (British proposal)**

Inclusion of opposite and unlinked rolls to Appendix 3 (Unlimited and Advanced).

The proposal was not recommended or supported by Sub-Committees.

Proposal that opposite and unlinked rolls be introduced to Appendix 3 for Unlimited only.

Vote In Favour Of: 4      Against: 17      Abstain: 3

**CIVA DID NOT AGREE**

Great Britain proposed that additional Family 4 figures be included in Appendix 3. Proposal was modified to allow inclusion of these for Unlimited.

**CIVA AGREED**

**Proposal #16 (British proposal)**

Changes to the K limits for Advanced Q, 2, 3 and 4.

Programme Q - approximately 275K  
Programmes 2, 3 and 4 - approximately 240K

**CIVA AGREED**

Great Britain proposed that procedures for selection of Unknowns to be similar to Unlimited. Unknown requirements to be changed to a range of 10-14 figures in Advanced and 10 Aero Clubs are to select the figures based on a drawing of lots.

**CIVA AGREED**

**Proposal #17 (British proposal)**

Changes to Advanced Appendix 3 as originally proposed by Great Britain. The British proposal itself must be consulted to determine modifications made to the finalized appendix. Modifications were recommended by the Sub-Committees.

- Family 1      Delete 1.13.1, 1.14.2, 1.16.2 and 1.16.4; retain 1.14.3 and 1.15.3
- Family 2      Delete 2.3.3., 2.3.4., 2.6.3, 2.6.4, 2.9.2.  
                  Retain all Family 2.1 and 2.2, 2.17.1 and 2.17.2
- Family 6      Delete entire Family
- Family 7      Delete 7.35.1 and 7.38.1
- Family 9.9    Delete 9.9.1.3.
- Family 9.10   Delete entire Family

**Proposal #18 (Russian proposal)**

Addition of the YAK 54 to "Included Aircraft for Advanced Category".

**CIVA AGREED**

France proposed addition of the CAP 231 to "Included Aircraft for Advanced Category". Paul Van Lonkhuyzen stated must carefully observe restrictions on types of aircraft to be used in this category. Generally, 300 horsepower aircraft should not be included.

Dominique Roland stated the CAP 231 is obsolete for Unlimited and is 25% the cost of a 232. If included, this will allow more competitors in Advanced.

Vote In Favour Of: 7      Against: 11      Abstain: 6

### **CIVA DID NOT AGREE**

Alan Cassidy raised the British proposal of excluding the Pitts S-1-11B. The President of CIVA considered it a member of the S-1 family and had approved it for use at AWAC. Bob Davis stated the aircraft's performance is not Unlimited level.

The British proposed the S-1-11B be added to the List of Aircraft Excluded from Advanced.

Vote In Favour Of: 11      Against: 4      Abstain: 9

### **CIVA AGREED**

#### **Proposal #19 (President of CIVA proposal)**

An amendment to CIVA Regulations, 2.4.7. (e) to delete " ... *usually* ...".

### **CIVA AGREED**

#### **Proposal #20 (President of CIVA proposal)**

Deletion of all references to more than one aerobic box, two panel of judges, and the Deputy Chief Judge in Advanced Regulations.

### **CIVA AGREED**

The Austrian delegation then presented their bid to host the 2nd World Air Games in 2001. It will be the 100th anniversary of the Austrian Aero Club. The Organisers have the written guarantee of the Austrian Government. It will be the biggest sporting event to be held in Austria.

## **6. PROPOSALS FROM NATIONAL AERO CLUBS**

France revisited the issue of elimination of Men's and Women's divisions in Unlimited power. They stated a retention of separate teams gives a better impact for the media when the medals are awarded.

Kasum Nazhmudinov stated the ladies will leave our sport. There are not many women pilots and it is better not to change.

President Heuer reminded CIVA that the mix of men and women on each Team would always be left to each Aero Club.

Madelyne Delcroix stated experience has shown that if separation is not retained women will disappear.

Ramon Alonso stated women fly as well as men, however to win the team trophy, countries will chose men for their teams.

Zolten Veres said competitions will have more competitors and more males.

The German proposal, adopted earlier in the plenary by CIVA, was put to the vote again. That Men's and Women's Divisions be eliminated. (Section 6, 1.2.4.)

Vote In Favour Of: 7 Against: 16 Abstain: 1

**CIVA DID NOT AGREE**

France proposed the measurement of box strips must be 2 x 9 meters for all markers.

**CIVA AGREED**

Spain proposed that in Programme Q a spin and rolling circle must be flown. In the Free programme, a spin and rolling circle would not be required.

Vote In Favour Of: 4 Against: 13 Abstain: 7

**CIVA DID NOT AGREE**

Italy proposed to eliminate line judges and increase Positioning K factor.

Vote In Favour Of: 4 Against: 14 Abstain: 6

**CIVA DID NOT AGREE**

Alan Cassidy raised the need to approve versatility requirements for Advanced Category. President Heuer suggested Alan Cassidy and Jiri Koblirle submit a proposal the following day.

**7. REPORT ON THE FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX OF AEROBATICS**

A written presentation was given to all Delegates. The report was read by Lynda Renwick.

Peter Celliers questioned the ownership of the Company. Is it owned by FAI or is it a private company?

Max Bishop advised FAI signed a contract with the AMB company in conjunction with the agreement of CIVA. This was debated at CIVA meeting several years before. This agreement allowed the Company to hold these events.

Christian Schweizer advised his Local Aero Club had attempted to hold a competition inviting international pilots. The pilots advised their FAI Licence would be withdrawn if they attended. Max Bishop advised that under Sporting Code no Category 1 or 2 Event can take place unless approved by FAI. Mr. Schweizer stated small organisations should be allowed to invite international pilots.

Bob Davis questioned whether Jean-Louis Monnet was asking IAC to change its name? Jean-Louis Monnet stated it is damaging for CIVA to have other clubs using the word international. In Japan, CIVA is not known. Honda is going to be involved in a combined Formula 1/Grand Prix. Pilots must be able to make a living.

Peter Celliers questioned what the cost would be to submit for a Category 1 Grand Prix event?

Jean-Louis Monnet advised there is a \$15,000 registration fee (preparation fee). It would be difficult for an Aero Club to organise by itself as a Grand Prix event is part of a circuit. The company can bring sponsorship.

Pilots must pay \$1,000 sanction fee to CIVA and pay all expenses. An independent Jury and Judges are required. Structure is very important and FAI's Olympic connection gives

credibility.

Peter Celliers stated South Africa wants to submit a proposal to hold a Grand Prix event and there is nothing in it for the NAC. It would be preferable if organised on a partnership/percentage basis and the handling of financial structure is very important.

Max Bishop referred the meeting to the Organiser's Agreement. FAI does not indemnify Jean-Louis' company against losses and the risk is all his.

Frank Versteegh asked what is the benefit to CIVA for expanding to jets? Jean-Louis Monnet advised we have to attract people and money to the event.

Frank Versteegh and John Gaillard stated it is a complex issue and suggested the matter be referred to a working group.

President Heuer stated CIVA lacks an overall strategic plan. We need a 5 to 10 year strategic plan to be developed by a new Strategic Planning Group. The President suggested this matter be raised following establishment of such a working group. He will propose it.

## **8. CIVA KNOWN COMPULSORY PROGRAMMES - 1998**

### **8.1 Glider Known**

**CIVA AGREED** to Known dated 8 November 1997.

### **8.2 Advanced Known (Programme Q)**

The British proposed that the Advanced Known be the same length as Unlimited

Vote In Favour of: 13      Against: 9      Abstain: 4

**CIVA AGREED**

The British proposal for the Known was the only one submitted with 9 figures.

**CIVA AGREED**

### **8.3 Unlimited Known (Programme Q)**

USA proposal accepted. (Final vote: USA 12, France 11)

**CIVA AGREED**

## **9. FUTURE AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS - PROPOSALS**

### **9.1 1998 World Aerobatic Championships - Slovakia**

Written report received and presented by Mr. Bedrich Heger, Chairman of the Organisation Centre. Requested Delegates to send any comments and proposals.

The Organiser Centre is very experienced. James Black was there three weeks ago for a site survey and recommendations were passed on. Preliminary accommodation 2 k from airport Medical Services have been agreed. Hangers will be available. By March 1998, all preliminary work will be finalised. There will be a staff of 15 experienced line judges (international and local). Communications/radios are all organised and interpreters and



computers have been arranged. Entry Fee structure is included in Bulletin No.1.

There were no questions.

**CIVA AGREED to the Entry Fees.**

Contest Director to be Mr. Lubomir Hlavac who attended the 1996 CIVA Meeting. He is age 42, an Advanced pilot, and a good organiser and team worker.

Mr. Koblre supported the above comments.

**CIVA AGREED to Mr. Hlavac's appointment as Contest Director for WAC '98.**

**9.2 1998 European Glider Aerobatic Championships - Poland**

Written report received. Entry fee information was included in the report.

**CIVA AGREED to the Entry Fees.**

**9.3 1998 European Advanced Aerobatic Championships - Slovenia**

A written submission received and video also presented.

Three aerobatic championships have been organised in Slovenia. The airfield is close to town.

Accommodation is organised and food available at airfield. Transportation is organised.

Entry Fee: \$700 US maximum for pilots. \$570 US for other team members and officials. Bulletin will be issued in December 1997. Pilots from other countries are welcome. Planes available include Zlin 50 and Pitts S2B and organisers are looking for additional aircraft. Contest Director to be Mr. Martin Burjan.

**CIVA AGREED to Mr. Burjan's appointment and the Entry Fees.**

Bureau of CIVA to approve Local Regulations for 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3.

**9.4 1999 European Aerobatic Championships - Spain**

Details presented by Ramon Alonso and Alex Maclean. Site to be Cordoba in southern Spain (test for World Air Games). Entry Fee to be approximately \$1,000 US.

Contest Director to be Mr. Louis Cabre with dates to be confirmed (probably September).

**9.5 1999 World Glider Aerobatic Championships - USA**

Bob Davis apologised and advised the USA was withdrawing its bid following the death of Ken Hadden.

Karl Berger advised Austria could present an alternative, Niederoeblarn(Styria), a mountain airfield. An open National Championships were held there last year. Five days and seven programmes were flown. August would be most likely with more details next year.

### **9.6 1999 Advanced World Aerobatic Championships**

No proposals were received. Delegates to approach the Bureau of CIVA with proposals prior to the 1998 meeting of CIVA.

### **9.7 2000 World Aerobatic Championships**

France advised a full proposal would be presented next year for 2000.

Germany also proposed hosting the 2000 WAC. The presentation was made by Jürgen Leukefeld who advised the site would be Neubrandenburg - Trollenhagen. The airfield is 5k from the city. Two hotels with 370 rooms. Full proposal will be submitted next year.

### **9.8 2000 European Glider Championships**

Italy will submit a proposal in 1998.

### **9.9 2001 World Air Games**

The Austrian delegation gave full details of their bid to host the WAG in 2001.

Ramon Alonso and Alex Maclean advised Spain is prepared to organise WAG. A video was shown. Full proposal will be on the internet by 1 December 1997.

*Note: Website address is <http://www.sportec.com/www/fae/mund2001/candidatur.htm>*

Jan Gawecki advised Poland will submit a proposal.

Srecko Medven advised there are 4 bidders for WAG 2001 – Austria, Poland, Spain and Turkey. Air Sports Commission should evaluate, deliver opinion, be active in selection process, deliver expertise to selected country, be active in preparation and execution period, and appoint WAG Liaison Officer and WAG Media Consultant

Final presentations will be presented to the FAI Council in May 1998.

Hans Voightman stated in 1990 CIVA agreed to the Masters competition which developed into the Grand Prix. CIVA should now develop a new approach for WAG. Srecko Medven stated most air sports today are not media attractive

## **10. ELECTIONS**

Agenda item was moved forward so that people who needed to leave early could participate.

### **OFFICERS OF CIVA**

President - Michael R. Heuer was the only nomination and accepted.

First Vice President	Nominees	Jiri Koblre	19 votes
		Frank Versteegh	7 votes

Mr. Jiri Koblre was elected First Vice President

Second Vice President	Nominees	John Gaillard	19 votes
		Alan Cassidy	7 votes

Mr. John Gaillard was elected Second Vice President

Third Vice President	Nominees	Kasum Nazhmudinov	17 votes
		Ramon Alonso	8 votes
		Robert Chomono	1 vote

Mr. Kasum Nazhmudinov was elected Third Vice President

Vice President Gliders	Nominees	Karl Berger	
		Helmut Stas	declined

Mr. Karl Berger was elected Vice President Gliders

Secretaries - Veva Becker and Liz Cook were the only nominations.

## 11. SUB-COMMITTEES

RULES:	Chairman	Nominees	Jiri Koblre	13 votes
			Alan Cassidy	12 votes

Mr. Jiri Koblre was elected Chairman of the Rules Sub-Committee.

Members: Bob Davis (20), Liz Cook (20), Kasum Nazhmudinov (19), Ramon Alonso (18), Dominique Roland (17) and Alan Cassidy (15).

Other nominees: Robert Chomono (13), Giorgio Marangoni (13), Rudy Penteado (4). Tor Andre Fusdahl, Christian Schweizer and John Tuvefalk declined.

JUDGING:	Chairman	Nominees	Hermann Liese	
			John Gaillard	declined

Mr. Hermann Liese was elected Chairman of the Judging Sub-Committee.

Members: Hans Bauer (26), John Gaillard (25), Patrick Paris (25), Helmut Stas (22), Alex Shpigovski (21), Howard Stock (17).

Other nominees: Carole Holyk (15). Liz Cook and Bob Davis declined.

### CATALOGUE SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman: Michael Heuer  
Members: Karl Berger, Alan Cassidy, Madelyne Delcroix and Carole Holyk.

### GLIDER SUB-COMMITTEE

Members: Jerzy Makula (25), Madelyne Delcroix (24), Carlo Marchetti (22), Ludwig Fuss (19), Helmut Stas (18) and Manfred Echter (16).

Other nominees: F Spang (9), John Lumley (7), Kaminski (4) and Jan Gawecki (3).

## 12. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

1998 World Aerobatic Championships

President of the International Jury:

Nominees Michael Heuer

Mr. Michael Heuer was appointed President of the International Jury.

Member Nominees: Jiri Koblirle (24); Liz Cook (23); Kasum Nazhmudinov (23); Robert Chomono (16). Other nominees: Carole Holyk (15) - reserve member.

Technical Commission Chairman: Leopold Brabec (Czech Republic)

Chief Judge	Nominees	John Gaillard	19 votes
		Pal Kovacs	6 votes

One blank vote was received. Mr. John Gaillard elected Chief Judge.

### 1998 European Glider Aerobatic Championships

President of the International Jury: Karl Berger

Members: Madelyne Delcroix, Ludwig Fuss, Carlo Marchetti and Ferenc Spang.

Technical Commission Chairman: Anton Kieszkowski (Poland)

Chief Judge: Helmut Stas

### 1998 Advanced European Aerobatic Championships

Carole Holyk and Alan Cassidy appointed to the Jury. The Bureau was authorised to appoint other members.

## 13. WORKING GROUPS

**Contest Organisation Group:** Michael Heuer (Chairman), Hans Vogtmann, John Gaillard, Dominique Roland and Karl Berger.

First meeting to be in Paris in early 1998 to start work on Contest Organisation Handbook and to consider Organiser Agreement. Group to nominate site survey officials.

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**Strategic Planning Group:** Peter Celliers (Chairman), Osmo Jalovaara, Frank Versteegh, Alan Cassidy, Christian Schweizer, Georgio Marangoni, and Jean-Louis Monnet.

### CIVA AGREED

#### Technical/Medical Groups

President Heuer recommended elimination of group. **CIVA AGREED**

## **World Air Games Liaison Working Group**

**CIVA AGREED** the Contest Organization Group would cover this responsibility.

### **14. LIST OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES**

Additions and deletions to the List of International Judges were presented by the Delegates. See attached list.

**CIVA AGREED** a Judge must complete and submit the Data Sheet prior to inclusion on the list.

### **15. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **15.1 1998 CIVA Budget**

**CIVA AGREED**

#### **15.2 Reports from Working Groups**

##### **Site Survey**

James Black advised the Trecin site visited and the checklist had been reviewed with the organisers. All items are in hand. Box to be moved due to 15m structure within box. He recommended a specific agreement be entered into. Check list should be attached with financial criteria for compliance be considered.

There were no questions in regard to the report.

#### **15.3 Versatility Requirements for Advanced Category**

Part 3 - Events for Advanced Category

1.2.1 (a) Reference should be to Sporting Code, Section 6, Rule 1.3.1.1.(c) not 1.3.1.1. (b)

1.2.4. Programme 2 - The First Unknown Compulsory Programme

1.2.4.1. As Unlimited, but maximum of 10 to be chosen.

1.2.4.2. As Unlimited, but 10 instead of 12

a) As Unlimited, then:-

Maximum of 1 figure from Family 1.14. - 1.15, columns 3 & 4

Maximum of 1 figure allowed from Family 4

Maximum of 1 figure allowed from Family 7.23 - 7.30

Minimum of 2, maximum of 4 rolls allowed from Family 9.9

b) As Unlimited

c) As Unlimited

d) As Unlimited, but 10 and 14

1.2.4.3. to 1.2.4.8.: As Unlimited, except 10 (not 12) in 1.2.4.4.

1.2.5. Programmes 3 and 4 - The Second and Third Unknown Compulsory Programmes

1.2.5.1. As Unlimited

1.2.5.2. Not required, as covered in paragraph 1.2.1. (a)

**CIVA AGREED**

#### 15.4 World Air Games

President Heuer advised a letter has been received from Mr. Alonso. There are five questions to Mr. James Black and three questions to Mr. Michael Heuer. President Heuer advised that he would defer his answer until legal counsel is obtained at home and from the FAI.

Mr. Black acknowledged receipt of the letter. He advised that it contained serious allegations against him personally and that he was not prepared to answer these questions at plenary. He will defer the matter to FAI, Turkish Aeronautical Association and legal counsel.

President Heuer stated this meeting is not a court of law and that neither James Black nor himself consider themselves defendants. CIVA does not have all the facts and the matter must run through due process. CIVA is not empowered to receive and process complaints. The claim is addressed to the Turkish Aeronautical Association and we must wait for their response. CIVA must proceed carefully in regard to setting a precedent for the future.

Alan Cassidy proposed that CIVA make an ex gratia payment of \$20,000 US to Ramon Alonso from the Judges Fund. In doing so CIVA would not admit liability, set no precedent and it would be a one off occurrence. If approved he felt it would heal wounds and he hoped that Ramon would withdraw the questions submitted to Michael Heuer and James Black.

Mr. Max Bishop advised CIVA is not a separate legal entity. FAI is the corporate entity. FAI procedures are controlled by French law. Everyone should fully understand the spirit of the proposal. It would be difficult for the proposal not to set a precedent. It would be difficult for the proposal not to admit liability. It would be necessary to seek French counsel. FAI must operate under the law of 1901. Budget changes must be put to the General Conference. Funds must be used towards the development of the sport.

Proposal: In favour of an ex-gratia payment and to authorise the Bureau to consult French legal counsel

Vote If Favour of: 13 Against: 11 Abstain: 2

**CIVA DID NOT AGREE** as proposal did not carry by simple majority.

#### 15.5 Fond du Lac

Bob Davis advised Fond du Lac had been running for 27 years. The USA is seeking approval from CIVA and FAI to change it to a Category One Continental Championship for next year only. This would bring IAC and CIVA closer together.

The open championship would be held in mid July, two weeks prior to Oshkosh and would be open to foreign pilots. FAI medals would be presented. IAC would formulate its own local rules, based on IAC rules, and requested that no sanction fees be applied.

Jean-Louis Monnet requested the Grand Prix be exempted from sanction fees the same as Fond du Lac and that the competition be held after the Neuchatel event.

Bob Davis withdrew the request for deletion of sanction fees.

**CIVA AGREED the Bureau be authorised to proceed with this matter.**

- 15.6** France submitted a technical question in regard to the deletion of judges in the TBL system regarding a possible error in the text. The President stated the matter will be referred to Rudy Penteadó.
- 15.7** Paul Van Lonkhuyzen referred back to the matter of FAI Medals to be presented at World and European Competitions. Max Bishop stated FAI will pay for the additional medals. Bureau of CIVA to formalise rules.
- 15.8** John Gaillard gave details on Peter Celliers 'Sting 3' programme which shows box outs. Programme will be tested at next South African championships.

**16. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Zolten Veres stated Hungary was prepared to host the next meeting in Budapest. The matter was deferred to Bureau to obtain additional information and costs.

Dates agreed:           Sub-Committees - 5th & 6th November 1998  
                                  Plenary Meeting - 7th & 8th November 1998

President Heuer thanked all Delegates and Specialists for attending the meeting.

President Heuer presented the FAI flag to Mr. Bedrich Heger of Slovakia.

President Heuer closed the meeting at 1615.

Submitted by Liz Cook  
Secretary of CIVA

Approved by:

Michael R. Heuer  
President of CIVA

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