

OFFICIAL MINUTES

FAI International Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)

Meeting Held in Budapest, Hungary - 7-8 November 1998

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Michael Heuer called the 1998 Meeting of CIVA to order at 0904 on Saturday, 7 November, 1998.

A minute of silence was held in the memory of Christian and Daniel Schweizer of Switzerland and Janusz Kasperek of Poland who had lost their lives this year.

President Heuer introduced FAI President, Eilif Ness, officers of CIVA and expressed regrets for Liz Cook, Delegate for Australia and Secretary of CIVA, who was unable to attend due to work commitments.

Proxies were declared: Belgium to France. A second proxy, Ireland to Great Britain was not valid due to the fact that Ireland had not properly listed a CIVA Delegate with FAI.

President Heuer acknowledged the work of subcommittee members on the previous two days, welcomed observers, and expressed appreciation to the Hungarian Aeroclub for their work in hosting this meeting. Speaking rights reserved for delegates. Paperwork was distributed with instructions for nomination forms to be returned to the secretary before 1700 .

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (8-9 November 1997)

The minutes were approved with no matters arising.

2. FAI REPORT

President Ness related that a problem for FAI is communication. He asked that members go to their commission. FAI has in the past had each commission acting independently, and that is now changing. Delegates to FAI now have voting rights and responsibility goes with voting. An important issue now facing FAI is ownership of events. Any international event is owned by FAI. Each commission can adapt rules for international events. Rules are on the internet. The greatest adventure for FAI was WAG and FAI was happy with the support of CIVA. The next WAG will be in Spain with the King of Spain recognized as Chairman of the Organizing Committee. Spain is already heavily promoting this event. There is a financial benefit for all commissions in supporting WAG, and there is to be no option out (of supporting/participating) this event.

3. CIVA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Heuer reviewed the size of committees: 5 + Chairman with the exception of the glider committee which will be 9 + Chairman.

The budget is to be covered later in the meeting. The Contest Organization Group (COG) met in Paris in May prior to the FAI Council meeting. The Contest Organization Handbook will be completed this winter then revised annually.

President Heuer requested \$5000 to reimburse members of the COG for 1998 expenses and additional \$5000 for expenses in 1999. Their meeting is once again to coincide with FAI Council.

He also noted expenses of the secretary and requested money to cover expenses of a new position, Scoring Director, to be held by Rudy Penteado.

President Heuer referred to the FAI web site and said CIVA is working on their web site and listed items that may appropriate for inclusion on our own website. He noted the schedule of WAC 2000 (France) and World Air Games 2001 (Spain), requested that CIVA approve a WAC at the WAG, and that the permanent schedule of the WAC be switched to the odd years.

President Heuer asked that consideration be given to the method of changing rules. These items were to be discussed in detail later in the meeting.

4. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Peter Celliers (Strategic Planning Group) reported they had two meetings in Zurich and Trencin. National Aeroclubs must benefit. He reviewed the major points of a prepared document that had been distributed. He asked that delegates have time to consider this and return to it later. President Ness voiced appreciation for their efforts.

Peter Huber gave an update on the Height Measuring Device. Mr. Liese, speaking for Mr. Paukner, said the HMD had been tested at the German powered Nationals. Pilots were against it and it was used only in an unofficial capacity. There were differences registered between the HMD and the judges. There apparently is work needed on the static system for the device to work accurately. It seems that some altimeters require calibration and then the HMD works as designed.

CIVA AGREED to refer investigation and discussion of the HHMD to subcommittees.

5. REPORTS ON WAG 2001 AND 1998 WORLD AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. Medven reported on WAG 2001. Four countries had submitted bids with Spain having been selected. The event will be a joint venture with CIVA having a joint venture obligation of \$5,000. There is to be profit sharing of the investment with the possibility of reinvesting. The program will be to focus on high profile events. WAG liaison officers have been selected with Karl Berger for gliders and Jean-Louis Monnet for power. There is to be a media workshop 5-7 February 1999. The infrastructure is mostly in place, some to be updated with other to be constructed. There is need for more media coverage. The Spanish proposal was presented by Roland Hilfiker. Highest profile is to be CIVA events. They want "mediagenic" competition events, mass participation. Video release was received. They want aerobatics to take priority. They are geared up and ready to host WAG. After discussions with President Heuer, they have

requested Karen Diamond to be media consultant. Seven days of flying for power aerobatics is scheduled.

President of the International Jury of WAC 1998, Michael Heuer, reported on the event. The President requested a review of the entire sections in CIVA Regulations regarding meteorological conditions. It was referred to the Rules Subcommittee for simplification and to ease requirements for organizers

Contest Director Lubomir Hlavac thanked everyone. Chief Judge John Gaillard added an addendum to his report to acknowledge the work of Pavol Kavka and Gabriela Lukáčová ("Coca"). Their written reports were accepted.

6. REPORTS ON THE 1998 EUROPEAN ADVANCED AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

International Jury President Jiri Koblirle acknowledged officials and thanked everyone for their help. Contest Director Martin Burjan gave special thanks to Mr. Koblirle, Mr. Alan Cassidy and Chief Judge Ben Ellis. Mr. Ellis submitted his report. Mr. Cassidy stated that it would be a good convention to have an on-site official to assist the organizers. The President of CIVA agreed and encouraged this.

7. REPORTS ON THE 1998 EUROPEAN GLIDER AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. Berger reported unexpected difficulties were encountered but they were still able to complete the contest. Contest Director Jan Gawecki reported lack of competent assistance and equipment. Complaints were handled expeditiously. Chief Judge Helmut Stas reported that 7 countries and 38 pilots (36 for European championships) participated. There were 7 judges. The HHMD was utilized and worked properly. He reported it to be a safety device. The pilots do not like the device and Karl Berger, President of the International Jury reported there were difficulties encountered that were not expected. These problems stopped when altimeters were calibrated.

8. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

Mr. Berger reported the Glider Sub-committee had worked for two days. They accepted new figures for unknown programmes. He stated they had decided not to continue to use TBLP in calculation of scores and proposed returning to the conventional method.

President Heuer requested approval of the glider proposals (with the exception of the scoring proposal) and CIVA AGREED.

Discussion followed with Mr. Gaillard stating opposition to the proposal not to use TBLP. President Heuer pointed out the difference between instant and real time scoring. Mr. Cassidy also stated scores can be changed as a result of protests. Additional discussion followed with Mr. Medven stating they do need quick scoring for WAG. President Ness pointed out that CIVA is the only commission using a statistical method and suggested there is some introspective perfectionism (for the individual not the masses). Comparisons were made with scoring for ice skating events.

A proposal was made that all references regarding conventional calculations be eliminated from the rules. CIVA AGREED. The vote was 18 in favor, none against. CIVA DID NOT AGREE for glider aerobatics to eliminate using the TBLP statistical method of calculating scores.

Proposals from Judging/Rules followed.

Spins: President Heuer explained that all family 4 figures will be retained but shifted to the new Families 9.11 - 9.12. The proposal allows construction of more figures to build higher K factors. Spins will be retained in versatility requirements for Free programmes. Mr. Kobrle said it changes the characteristic of the figure. Mr. Cassidy stated an anomaly requires alterations in catalog and was an administrative issue. Keeping Family 4 would mean duplication of paperwork. In the catalog, one could state under Family 4 to refer to Family 9.11 - 9.12.

CIVA AGREED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL ON SPINS.

Bonus Points: President Heuer discussed the philosophy first and then the revision of bonus points to a non-linear scale. Mr. Cassidy said versatility can be achieved in 7 figures and 420K following logic. Must have 6 figures to meet versatility. Mr. FUSDahl stated that complicated figures could mean judges cannot keep up. The figures wind up with a score of 8, and it would be better not to have such complex/complicated figures. There should be max K per figure. Mr. Gaillard said this was a fair comment and a concern he had until WAC in the Slovak Republic. It was not a problem. All judges with a competent caller can follow the figures. Mr. Alonso suggested bonus points consider risk coefficient. Mr. Liese said deduction is less with this proposal. Mr. Alonso said there would be changes with change of rules. Mr. Liese suggested lower scores on complicated figures by 2-3%. There would be a maximum of 99K per figure due to computer scoring program limitations.

VOTE: CIVA AGREED to the bonus point proposal (15 in favor, 3 against).

Direction of flight on the Y axis: CIVA AGREES.

Safety Figures: CIVA AGREES.

Catalog Changes. Mr. Cassidy illustrated and explained the principle. CIVA AGREED.

Awards: CIVA AGREED.

Tail Slides: Deferred to later.

60% rule (South African proposal #5) CIVA AGREED (13 in favor, 6 against). Mr. Veres asked for clarification. President Heuer explained that this rule applies only to CIVA championships and not to National Aeroclub contests. Mr. Marangoni stated he thought safety was the purpose but this proposal was too drastic and opposed. Mr. Gaillard said the logic behind the proposal was a fair way to save time and cut competitors.

Excluded Aircraft for Advanced: No restrictions on aircraft but does include pilot restrictions and pilot eligibility.

Mr. FUSDahl reviewed the history that the Advanced category was not for second class pilots. Mr. Liese said it is still pilots who have to get the points. Mr. Veres said the basic idea would be to use aircraft not competitive in unlimited competition. Limitation of pilots is a different matter. He recommended staying with original intent. Mr. Gaillard stated a different interpretation on advanced. Both AWACs were won by unlimited pilots and he is in favor of limiting pilots. Mr. Alonso said advanced competition should be a feeder for unlimited. Mr. Marangoni stated the present situation is not clear but he feels the direction of rules for unlimited to be "professional pilots". He said the advanced proposal should be supported. Mr. Versteegh said AWAC was to motivate pilots to compete and he is sorry to see this change. He would like to see aircraft exclusion be retained. Proposal is not strong enough against unlimited pilots and this category should be for advanced pilots and asked that CIVA not deviate too much from original intent of advanced competitions. Mr. Berger supported the statements of Mr. Versteegh and said it also represents the views of his pilots from Austria.

Mr. Cassidy supported lower cost aircraft and to have severe restrictions on vertical figures. It is possible to be competitive by choice of figures. Cost factor not an issue. Give wider group of competitors at world level and encourage more pilots to get involved. More pilots, more nations. A route to unlimited, experience in same aircraft in which they will compete. Can be competitive in any aircraft. Current system is not working. Restrict competition with sequences.

Mr. Davis stated, if adopted, this proposal changes the attitude toward advanced competition. Cost of aircraft is a consideration. Pitts pilots will not try to compete against monoplanes. He supported the statement regarding pilot limitations.

Mr. Kobrle stated it was the basic idea was for lower-powered aircraft for advanced and limit pilot eligibility.

Mr. Versteegh suggested a vote only on limitation of pilots and delegates go home and discuss this issue with pilots and discuss the aircraft issue next year. Mr. Celliers asked for clarification on unlimited pilot eligibility.

The proposal was divided. Delete list of excluded aircraft. CIVA AGREED.

Pilot eligibility. CIVA AGREED.

Ms. Delcroix suggested a possible transition for unlimited to advanced. Mr. Cassidy said this would be incentive for unlimited to do better. Mr. Veres asked to consider effect on pilots. Mr. FUSDahl asked for clarification.

Vote to restrict pilots. CIVA AGREED.

Deletion of Line Judges, new positioning K to be used (proposal would make line judges optional). CIVA AGREED.

Order of Flight, Programme 4. CIVA AGREED.

Time Reduction: (South African Proposal #1) CIVA AGREED.

JPF ratings (South African Proposal #3). CIVA AGREED.

Assistant Judges: President Heuer clarified the proposal intent and usage. CIVA AGREED.

Emergency Equipment: Referred to Contest Organization Group. CIVA AGREED.

Mandatory Cuts of Pilots: CIVA AGREED.

Flight Order Sheets: CIVA AGREED.

Flick Roll criteria. Deferred for change in wording.

Cameras on aircraft: Deferred to Strategic Planning Group.

Unknown Programmes. President Heuer clarified proposal and Mr. Cassidy asked that it also be reflected in advanced rules. CIVA AGREED.

Judging Criteria: With changes in wording for flick roll and illustration correction of stall turns. CIVA AGREED. The flick roll criteria does not apply to glider aircraft.

Meteorological Conditions: CIVA AGREED.

President Heuer thanked the Delegates for meeting deadlines to submit rule change proposals and the excellent work they had done.

President Heuer announced the new crest for delegates and related the agenda for the evening activity.

9. REPORT ON THE FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX OF AEROBATICS

Jean-Louis Monnet summarized activities of the World Grand Prix. There were 11 events with only two cancelled (one due to weather and one because there were too many people on the runway). Globally positive result. They are developing some new elements. Some systems are not fully operational but will be ready in the near future. The tentative schedule for 1999 was discussed. Sporting Code discussion was deferred to later.

Mr. Kairys stated it was very difficult to obtain a sponsor which would help him with costs of participation. There were organizational difficulties and he would like a solution. He also stated perhaps pilots could share an aircraft. Mr. Monnet asked if anyone was ready to share aircraft.

Pilots cannot use the FAI logo without permission to which Mr. Kairys explained he was not representing FAI when he asked assistance from Japan.

Mr. Roland said Jean-Louis Monnet deserves thanks and support. He said the FAI Grand Prix is a good advance for this sport. He did express some problems. He feels aircraft were at risk and they are expected to fly at risk for the media and we must find a

solution. Sporting rules were not developed or discussed before the event. They must develop rules. Continue but improve the Grand Prix. Do not increase risk or safety issues. We must not fly with more risk. Airshow parts of the Grand Prix fly with different standards. Mr. Black expressed sympathy with Mr. Roland regarding safety. There are concerns in Europe and the USA. Any additional accidents will create political problems.

Mr. Monnet stated there have been no accidents since 1960 and they try to maintain safety of the Grand Prix.

Mr. Nazhmudinov spoke of being in China for two months with Mr. Monnet. He said it was a difficult job for organizers, pilots and Mr. Monnet. China exhibits a new interest in aerobatics with military and civilian interest. For advertising and promotion there are problems, many financial problems. Safety is the main point. He confirmed that Mr. Monnet and organizers had difficulty addressing safety problems. He was consulted as a jury member. There is good progress and good results. Some may not have complied in full. Scrutinize problems to avoid them. Effort to avoid misunderstandings with National Aeroclub pilots and CIVA. Welcome Grand Prix events in the future. Must have discussions, but must support Grand Prix. Sky divers with FAI flags, etc. were positive. Finally, masses of people crossed the line to show enthusiasm. Aims were achieved. Mr. Monnet should take complaints into consideration and avoid contradictions. All the best in the future.

Ms. Holyk stated that the air show section of the GP event requires stricter rules than now exist. Opinions abound that there was dangerous flying. The public does not know the difference between competition and airshow flying (here she was speaking of Japan).

Mr. Fudahl stated he was not aware of the extent of the contract with Mr. Monnet. Mr. Monnet related that insurance matters were covered.

President Ness reviewed FAI contract with Air Masters Ballet. Grand Prix is entertainment for the public. There is an element of risk and our job is to minimize that risk. It is important to enforce rules for safety. He is more worried about another Japanese arrangement. Any other arrangement in competition with Grand Prix will result in FAI sanctions (FAI Sporting License suspension and participation prohibition).

Mr. Monnet stated they are working toward more media coverage and development. The thanked all concerned.

President Heuer discussed Grand Prix proposals and reports from IJ, CD, CJ. A review of the sporting code should take place each year. This was not done this year because there was too much work already. It could be referred to subcommittees, the Bureau or new working committee but recommended referral to the Bureau. President Ness stated this was a wise proposal and he urged the Bureau to seek advice from FAI.

President Heuer proposed matters dealing with the Grand Prix be referred to the Bureau. CIVA AGREED.

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10. CIVA KNOWN COMPULSORY PROGRAMMES FOR 1999

Programme Q proposals were submitted by France, Great Britain, Russia and the USA for Advanced and Unlimited. Ukraine proposal was not considered due to errors. The proposal of Great Britain was selected for Advanced (required a second vote for majority). The proposal of France was selected for Unlimited (also requiring a second vote). The glider compulsory programmes were accepted per recommendation of the glider subcommittee.

11. FUTURE AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Spain: 1999 European Aerobatic Championships; Entry fee \$1,200 (US) / \$988 (Euro). CIVA AGREED.

Austria: 1999 WGAC; Entry Fee \$370 (Euro) CIVA AGREED.

Czech Republic: 1999 AWAC, 3-10 July; Entry fee \$960 (US). CIVA AGREED.

France: 2000 WAC. The German proposal to host this event was withdrawn. A summarized proposal was given with several sites currently being considered. Additional details and formal proposal will be presented next year.

Also in the year 2000, it is proposed the EGAC will be held in France and the AWAC be held in Spitzerberg, Austria. CIVA AGREED.

World Air Games, 2001 with WAC in Spain. CIVA AGREED.,

CIVA Liaison official to work with Spanish officials: Power - Jean-Louis Monnet; Glider - Karl Berger; Media Consultant - Karen Diamond. CIVA AGREED.

Mr. Gaillard suggested that perhaps the media liaison should be someone from CIVA. President Heuer explained the importance of the media liaison being someone experienced in the specialized field with extensive knowledge of aerobatics as well. Mr. Medven stated they need a point contact, one person, not a committee. Karen Diamond's experience was reviewed by Mr. Davis.

CIVA AGREED the WGAC would be held in conjunction with the WAG in Spain in 2001.

President Heuer explained why it would not be possible to hold the AWAC in Spain in 2001. Mr. Gaillard stated he felt it would not be a good idea to have the Unlimited and Advanced championships in the same year.

The proposal was made to change the AWAC to even years beginning in the year 2000. CIVA AGREED.

Mr. Echter of Germany proposed Germany to host the EGAC in 2002. The delegate of Switzerland asked for proposal of future contests to be repeated for clarification:

1999: EAC, Spain; AWAC, Czech Republic; WGAC, Austria

2000: WAC, France; AWAC, Austria; EGAC, France.

2001: WAG, WAC, WGAC, Spain.

2002: AWAC and EGAC, Germany. There were no other proposals for 2002.

12. INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

Please refer to the attached list of International Judges, as updated, for current judges for international events.

Mr. Berger requested that National Aeroclubs make sure that all judges recommended for glider aerobatics have glider experience.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Proposals from the President of CIVA - CIVA Internal Regulations. The current system is not optimal and needs to be improved. He proposed a change of when proposals are to be submitted and when the subcommittees meet as well as when voting takes place for approval.

There would be a March 1 deadline for proposals in 1999; 24-25 May 1999 - subcommittees will meet (if required) in Lausanne; 6-7 November 1999 - CIVA meeting for approval in Lausanne. New rules would take effect on 1 January 2000.

For following years, 1 January would be the deadline for the next proposals.

Mr. Gaillard asked if we were doubling up on travel/expenses and asked if the CIVA meeting date could be changed. President Heuer high recommended that subcommittees be kept separate. He pointed out that this was this year was the first time that proposal recommended by subcommittees were accepted (with the exception of the Advanced aircraft eligibility rules which were to be revised later in the meeting. The subcommittees are doing their work and the right people on serving on the committees. Mr. Celliers said he believes the timing is right in getting info to delegates and pilots. Mr. Cassidy said they would have May until November to review proposals but only November to January to implement and the plenary meeting could be scheduled for earlier in the year, perhaps at a championship in September.

President Heuer explained that dates in September or October were not feasible for him or others. Mr. Davis presented information on how this particular procedure is followed by IAC in the USA. He also pointed out the importance of there now being time for the information to be translated from English. Mr. Alonso made the observation that the majority of ideas come after a championship. We could have problems recognized that cannot be changed soon enough and this could slow down the correction process. Mr. Kobrle stated that CIVA used to meet twice a year.

President Heuer indicated the 1999 schedule is transitional. He also observed that CIVA has been conducting championships 38 years and the need for massive changes to the rules each year is not apparent or desirable without careful consideration.

President Ness stated that (regarding the present method of rules changes by CIVA) he has used the term "immature". Changes are made too quickly. How you operate now is

borderline for FAI. Consider your members. Many of your members are not here. Info must be circulated to representatives for discussion. Radical changes may be judged unacceptable because the original proposal was so changed that it was no longer like the original intent. This proposal is considerate. He then asked, "Do you have such bad rules that you can have a situation that requires immediate change?"

Mr. Celliers pointed out that members of the subcommittees and the Bureau can act on drastic things requiring immediate action.

President Ness agreed that the Bureau can handle urgent matters and such action is almost always supported (condoned) by the delegates.

A suggestion was made to change the contest year to the 1st of May through the 1st of March.

Mr. FUSDahl stated support for the proposal observing too many changes come from prior decisions having been made too quickly.

Mr. Marangoni said the proposal is sensible. Decisions made yesterday were made by delegates having little time to evaluate and he could not recall a time when there was a need for urgent changes.

The vote for the proposal of the President of CIVA regarding internal regulations was 21 in favor. CIVA AGREES.

CIVA BUDGET. The budget was presented by President Heuer but also included the additional expenses for COG members, joint venture investment of WAG, FAI medals (no firm \$ amount but less than \$1,000, WAG media consultant workshop, \$1500, and funds for the Strategic Planning Group - \$5,000. Retroactive payments to COG and SPG members for 1998 meetings was approved.

President Heuer stated he is very watchful of our funds. A strategic plan is usually long-term so that committee will probably not require yearly monies in budget. Sanction fees will drop then rise again.

Mr. Cassidy asked how sanction fees are determined. President Heuer said 10% of pilot entry fees. Mr. Cassidy then asked about the Championship of Americas, a report on same and is it to be continued.. President Heuer stated that the omission of this report was in error. The contest included Unlimited, Advanced and Glider competitions. The contest was small but successful. For 1999 there will be a continental championships again. US Team selection flights will be take place at this contest which is scheduled for August 1999 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, USA. The sanction fee is estimated to be the same.

Mr. Cassidy pointed out that the entry fee includes hotel fees which creates a huge imbalance in sanction fees. This is a big discrepancy. Should this procedure be standardized? President Heuer agreed there is a discrepancy. Other commissions used a fixed fee per pilot. Mr. Versteegh suggested this be handled at the next meeting. President Heuer stated 10% is a clear amount and recommends a fee which is easy to calculate He agreed he would like to return with numbers at the next meeting.

Mr. Cassidy said there are to be deficits coming up so it becomes necessary to generate income. The \$5,000 joint venture figure - is it a grant or an investment? President Heuer explained that it is an investment. President Ness agreed that it was an investment but not one that could be withdrawn at any time. He also stated it was not unlike profit and loss shown on a balance sheet. Mr. Cassidy observed it was capital at risk.

Mr. Gaillard inquired as to Grand Prix sanction fees. Mr. Monnet related that sanction fees for 1996 were \$27,000, 0 in 1997, and the figure for 1998 will not be known until the end of the year. Sanction fees for GP events is \$1,000 per pilot per event. He has been paying judges but there needs to be a decision of CIVA.

Mr. Celliers said he had questions last year about the financial situation of the GP (sanction fees). The \$1,000 is a fixed amount, not based on profit. CIVA does have investment in time, pilots, etc. Is there a \$ obligation to FAI and/or CIVA? President Ness stated he did not have the information at hand, the accounts close at the end of the year. Mr. Celliers asked if the sanction fees can be paid now? President Ness said he could not address this matter now since he does not have the contract.

President Heuer suggested that the Bureau deal with this matter regarding GP sanction fees as well as review the sporting code for the GP events. He then made this as a proposal. Mr. FUSDahl supported the proposal and asked that the delegates have the information before March 1, 1999. CIVA AGREES.

Vote on the CIVA BUDGET (with additions): CIVA AGREES.

Environmental Code of Conduct. President Heuer explained the background of this request and proposed that it be deferred to the Bureau. It must be completed by 31 December 1998. CIVA AGREES.

Return to the subject of Advanced Aircraft Exclusion.

Mr. FUSDahl referred delegates to the votes yesterday. He said one delegate feels he voted improperly because he did not realize the proposal was a split vote. He asked for a second vote.

Mr. Gitchenko and Mr. FUSDahl commented programs are being kept in good order. There are great consequences on the cost side. Voting was very close at 12 to 9. One changed vote means no absolute majority. He questioned if they could vote again as he would like to see a real vote on this issue. He went on to add if we maintain the exclusion list he would like to accept the aircraft proposed by the Swiss (Interavia I-3).

President Heuer stated he does not like to return to issues which have already been decided. He reviewed the original proposal and its split. Mr. FUSDahl is asking to reconsider the vote regarding exclusion of aircraft. Do you want to reconsider this issue? The vote was 11 to 11 to reconsider. The chair must decide. Since this issue is so controversial, President Heuer said he would cast his tie-breaking vote to reconsider the issue and it would become a CIVA decision.

Mr. Celliers - We can try based on the decision yesterday. We have an opportunity this year to try and see if we like it or whether it works. Mr. Davis - We are discussing

philosophies about why the Advanced category was developed and he speaks against deleting the exclusion list. Mr. Versteegh - High performance aircraft can go to any contest except AWAC. Mr. Liese expressed his view that he does not like the lobbying then reconsidering an issue that was decided upon previously.

Mr. Cassidy observed the rule of absolute majority as a procedural issue and that the USA delegation is inconsistent in their implementation of this rule as no aircraft limitations are imposed on aircraft to be eligible for Advanced in the USA.

Mr. Marangoni - This is a matter of precedent. Do not return to an issue that has been previously decided. Mr. Kairys agreed that a decision has been made and discuss it again next meeting. Mr. Davis voiced his astonishment. He stated that the USA does ban aircraft for advanced. He stated that it is not fair to compare IAC and CIVA.

Question: Do you favor deleting aircraft exclusion. Vote: 11/11 (Russia abstained).

Mr. Cassidy asked to invalidate this vote due to lack of information on voting. The delegate from Switzerland stated that when you buy an aircraft it is not just for one year.

President Heuer called a point of order. He stated FAI by-laws 5.5.7.: In the event of a tie in two successive votes, the President of CIVA must break the tie.

Second vote: 11/11 (Russia abstained).

President Heuer asked the delegation to allow him time to review the proposal and return to the matter later.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. Black informed the delegation that some nomination forms were not valid and had not been counted which would explain why some names perhaps did not appear on the ballot.

Nominated for President: Michael R. Heuer (accepted).

Nominated for 1st VP: Koblre (accepted); Cassidy (accepted); Gaillard (declined).

Nominated for 2nd VP: Gaillard (accepted); Koblre (declined); Cassidy (declined). Nashmudinov (declined)

Nominated for 3rd VP: Nashmudinov (accepted).

Nominated for VP Gliders: Berger (accepted).

Nominated for secretary: Becker & Cook (accepted).

Nominations for Rules Subcommittee Chairman: Koblre, Cassidy, Roland; Members - Cook, Nashmudinov, Davis, Cassidy, Roland, Alonso, Holyk.

Nominations for Judging Subcommittee Chairman: Liese. Members - Stock, Davis, Gaillard, Bauer, Stas, Shpigovsky, Holyk (declined).

Nominations for Catalogue Subcommittee Chairman: Cassidy. Members - Delcroix, Berger, Paris, Holyk. Heuer (declined), Makula (declined), Marchetti, Celliers (declined), Stas (declined).

Vote on the glider subcommittee being expanded to 9 members. CIVA AGREED.

Nominations for Glider Subcommittee Chairman: Berger. Members - Delcroix, Kalko, Makula, Marchetti, Fuss, Echter, Stas (declined), Pobrosky, Spang, Kaminski, Gawecki.

Mr. FUSDahl observed that if the vote is in sequence we must decide about serving on two committees.

Nominations for WGAC. President of IJ - Koblre (declined) Berger (declined) Gaillard (declined)

The Bureau of CIVA is to appoint President of the IJ and approve the CD for this event. CIVA AGREES.

Nominations for members of the IJ: Paukner, Koblre (declined), Nashmudinov (declined), Berger (declined), Stas, Kalko, Delcroix, Marchetti, Fuss, Spang, Echter, Gawecki, Kaminski (declined).

Nominations for CJ: Stas (declined); Kammermeier. Tech Com: Reichholt.

Nominations EAC (Spain): Pres IJ - Koblre; CD - Vitas LePenas. IJ - Paukner, Versteegh, Holyk, Nashmudinov, Chomono, Stas, Koblre (declined), Cook. CJ - Orlita (declined), Gaillard (declined), Kafka, Stas (declined), Liese (declined), Poborsky (declined).

Nominations AWAC (Czech Republic): Pres IJ - Paukner, Heuer (declined). IJ - Paukner (declined), Chomono (declined), Koblre (declined), Nashmudinov (declined), Holyk, Cook (declined), Stas, Liese (declined), Davis (declined), Bauer (declined). Bureau to appoint additional members - CIVA AGREES. CJ - Orlita, Gaillard, Kafka (declined) Liese (declined).

Voting for subcommittee members and officials resumed following a lunch break. Mr. James Black handled collection of nominations and prepared the ballots.

President Heuer returned to the decision regarding the Advanced Aircraft Exclusion List. He acknowledged this to be a difficult and controversial subject and one he would prefer not to have to deal with, especially regarding breaking a tie in voting results. He said his deliberation had to be slow and cautious. He felt consultation with pilots was needed and that his vote must reflect views of members present and not present. He reflected on how he has handled previous decisions with the tradition to make no change until an absolute majority could be achieved. The rule decided upon will be able to be changed yet in 1999.

Decision of the President: He votes not to delete the excluded aircraft list but invites delegates to submit proposals by the March deadline for consideration in May.

Mr. Gaillard asked about regarding aircraft.

At this time, President Heuer referred to the proxy vote of Ireland to Great Britain which was not valid. He explained to the delegation that Ireland had not met paperwork requirements of FAI and at present, Ireland has no delegates as no one was nominated. Mr. Thierry Montigneaux, Deputy Secretary General of FAI, confirmed this fact.

Mr. Davis withdrew his proposal that the Pitts S-1-11B be accepted for Advanced events. He also added his objection to the Yak 55 and the new aircraft proposed from Switzerland.

Mr. Cassidy said there are several different versions of this aircraft and there may not be enough information to decide, therefore felt it should be excluded. Mr. FUSDahl noted that this might be just a clarification error and suggested the aircraft be accepted for advanced competitions. Mr. Liese said to treat it like the Sukhoi 27 or 29 and exclude it. Mr. Veres observed that a Yak 54 performs like a Sukhoi. Mr. Makula suggested a limit of changes. The delegate of Slovenia stated for Advanced competition not to accept this aircraft. The Yak 54 like the Sukhoi 27 and 29. Limit with sequences. Current sequences favor high-powered aircraft. Change the sequences. Know what we are accepting. Please consider.

Ms Holyk - Have aircraft compete *hors concours* to evaluate performance and acceptability.

Vote on the Intra Avia (not to be allowed). To allow 8; to exclude 9.

Mr. Liese asked for clarification of the voting. The limitation for pilots stands. Mr. Veres spoke to say his comment earlier regarded the Yak 54 only. Mr. Kairys said new planes change. New planes are not disguised for Unlimited. Allow them to fly in Advanced. Mr. Marangoni said we have opened a can of worms. Now this is a mess. Use as a reference if aircraft that are not successful for winning in Unlimited events be allowed to fly in Advanced competitions. His proposal is to use the above reference points if aircraft was not used in previous unlimited championship then allow it to fly in advanced contests. The delegate from Switzerland asked what info is needed on the Intra Avia. Mr. Marangoni re-stated his proposal. Mr. FUSDahl said people want to know performance characteristics of aircraft. Mr. Makula stated the rule is not clear and suggested that we return to the British proposal. Mr. Liese reminded the delegates the deadline for proposals is March 1st. President Heuer asked that we move on and for the time being use the list that exists.

WORKING COMMITTEES

Strategic Planning Group - Proposed the committee be retained, as is. CIVA AGREES.

Mr. Celliers stated this committee must have some guidelines from CIVA as to the direction their efforts should go.

COG - Current members and add: Jean Louis Monnet and Bedrich Heger. CIVA AGREES.

Mr. Celliers then gave the SCOFA presentation. He asked, "Is it going in the right direction?" Continue to develop details of an ALPHA contest. This would bring considerable change.

Mr. Gaillard remarked that it is difficult for him to respond since he and Mr. Celliers are both from South Africa. He does believe they need more work in the same direction, and yes, he believes they are going in the right direction. Now they must come up with more decisions. ALPHA seems to be going toward the Grand Prix events.

Mr. Celliers explained the ALPHA concept is to combine classical and air show elements. ALPHA events would use a point accumulation. The business structure is to make money. Delegates have to ask if they have a mandate to go professional and to have a response to their sponsors. They will have contractual obligations.

Mr. Davis requested that strategic planning go forward, that it needs more work. Seek a consensus/feelings of the NAC members. Comments can be presented by March 1st.

Mr. Celliers stated that the new organization, IAPA, has recommended as their steward, Hans Vogtmann.

President Heuer announced that the Bureau of CIVA had accepted the by-laws of IAPA after having determined they were properly constituted and represented the pilots.

The British Proposal regarding team awards for the first AWAC (held in Cape Town) - That awards be made retroactive. CIVA AGREES.

14. ELECTION RESULTS

Officers: President, Michael Heuer; 1st VP, Jiri Koblre; 2nd VP John Gaillard; 3rd VP, Kasum Nashmudinov; VP Gliders, Karl Berger; Secretaries, Liz Cook and Veva Becker.

Rules Sub-Committee: Chairman, Jiri Koblre; Members - Kasum Nashmudinov, Bob Davis, Alan Cassidy, Dominique Roland, Ramon Alonso.

Judging Sub-Committee: Chairman, Herman Liese; Members - Howard Stock, Patrick Paris, John Gaillard, Hans Bauer, Helmut Stas.

Catalogue: Chairman, Alan Cassidy; Members - M. Delcroix, Karl Berger, Patrick Paris, Carole Holyk.

Glider Sub-Committee: Chairman, Karl Berger; Members - Helmut Stas, Marti Kalko, Mady Delcroix, Carlo Marchetti, Jerzy Makula, Ludwig Fuss, Manfred Echter, Pobrosky, Frenc Spang, Kaminski.

15. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS

WGAC: IJ President - To be appointed by the Bureau. Members of the jury - Helmut Stas, Marti Kalko, Mady Delcroix, Carlo Marchetti. Reserve - Ernst Paukner or Manfred Echter. Technical Commission:- Kurt Reichholt, Krzysztof Krawewicz.

EAC: IJ President Jiri Kobrle; Members of the Jury - Ernst Paukner, Kasum Nashmudinov, Robert Chomono, Helmut Stas. Reserve - Frank Versteegh. Chief Judge, Pavol Kavka.

AWAC: President of the IJ - Ernst Paukner. Members of the Jury - Helmut Stas with other members to be selected by the Bureau of CIVA. CJ - John Gaillard.

16. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

6 & 7 November, 1999; Lausanne, Switzerland, FAI Headquarters. CIVA AGREES

Meeting adjourned.

The Hungarian Aeroclub representative congratulated President Heuer on being re-elected as well as the other officers and officials. He wished all aerobatic successes. "We hope the remainder of your stay is enjoyable. Have a safe trip home as well as safe and successful flying."

Submitted by Veva Becker,
Secretary of CIVA

Approved by

Michael R. Heuer
President of CIVA

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