

OFFICIAL MINUTES

FAI International Aerobatics Commission (CIVA)

Meeting Held in Lausanne, Switzerland - 6th-7th November 1999



OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Michael Heuer opened the meeting at 09.00 on Saturday, 6th November, 1999.

President Heuer introduced FAI President Eilif Ness, FAI Secretary-General Max Bishop, WAG Managing Director Srecko Medven and Officers of CIVA. President Heuer expressed regret that Secretary Veva Becker could not attend. A welcome was extended to all Delegates and Observers and participants were reminded that speaking rights are reserved for Delegates only. Delegates were also reminded that nominations close at end of meeting on Saturday.

Apologies were received from Veva Becker Secretary of CIVA and Mr. Zoltan Veres Delegate for Hungary.

Proxies were tabled: Belgium to France, Ireland to USA.

A minute of silence was held in memory of Peter Celliers, Ivan Tucek, Pavol Cico, and Frank Price.

President Heuer presented FAI Air Sports Medals to Hans Bauer (accepted by Ernst Paukner), Rudy Penteadó, and Hans Vogtmann for their outstanding contributions to aerobatics.

1. FAI REPORT

Secretary-General Max Bishop reported the following:

- New FAI polo shirts are available for sale.
- The move to Lausanne one year ago has been a great success. Full support has been received from the IOC and other sports federations.
- TWI contract: FAI has financed production of TV programs, e.g. EAC. This has been a great success – production sold on 5 continents. Coverage brings aerobatics to a wider public.
- FAI Web Site – good progress has been achieved. Site run by Thierry Montigneaux.
- FAI Enterprise and WAG
- FAI World Grand Prix, World Hang Gliding and Round the World Balloon Race.
- Future Funding – must find alternative way of funding rather than through membership. Currently financed 85% from membership dues.
- FAI Membership Team. Mr. Eilif Ness re-elected for 6th and final year.

President Eilif Ness advised that he had visited the EAC site and was very impressed with the organisation and performance. He wished President Heuer the best for the future.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 7th & 8th November 1998.

Ms. Carole Holyk advised there was a discrepancy on page 13 – Nominations for AWAC, International Jury. Mr.. Helmut Stas and Ms. Carole Holyk did not decline.

President Heuer advised that there was a conflict between the three reports that he had perused. This highlights the need for a more efficient nomination process.

There were no other corrections. Minutes Approved.

CIVA AGREED

3. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CIVA – Michael R. Heuer (written report submitted)

President Heuer reported on the following:

Website

- It is the goal to have all Regulations on the web site and available in PDF format.
- The Bureau of CIVA has decided that the FAI Aerobatic Catalogue and CIVA Regulations will only be available on the web site.
- Web site has continued to improve – now contains more news, past results, information on trophies and awards, and has links to competition web sites and other aerobatic organisations.
- Last months activity – 5,714 "hits" (detailed overheads shown).

Contest Organisation

- President Heuer requested retention of current group.
- Site surveys will continue.
- Stewards will be appointed unless Contest Officials and CIVA do not think it is necessary.

Rule Change Process

President Heuer requested Delegates to approve retention of the 1st March rules proposal deadline each year as the due date not the 1st January as originally agreed last year.

Issue of Gender

President Heuer will submit a proposal for the elimination of gender differentiation by the 2000 deadline. The President will propose a changeover date of 1st January 2003 as there are 3 major FAI Championships prior to that date. Delegates' comments were requested.

Changes in Advanced

President Heuer requested that we consider an implementation date of 1st January 2002 if changes under consideration are approved. When considering rule changes, the President urged CIVA to exercise caution – and to be sure that what we do will promote and grow our sport, not shrink it.

Corps of Judges

President Heuer stated that CIVA is currently operating in violation of General Section which requires Commissions to select judges. The President stated we need to re-consider our selection process and will recommend 7 judges be appointed by CIVA with 3 appointed after JPF's are derived from Programme Q. The President will submit a detailed proposal by 1st March, 2000.

Nominations & Elections

President Heuer recommended that CIVA Internal Regulations be changed so that nomination forms would be sent to FAI by 1st June each year. These would be reviewed by a Nominations Committee and nominees would be contacted to determine their willingness to serve. Ballots would be prepared in advance and distributed at the CIVA meeting. It would not be a mail ballot. This procedure would save valuable time each year at the plenary.

Continental Championships

President Heuer suggested that we need to consider new names and concepts for additional FAI championships to be held in different areas around the world. It is vital that FAI's flag be flown in more areas of the world and that our competition schedule be expanded.

Budget and Sanction Fees – See "Any Other Business"

President Heuer invited comments. There were no questions.

ADMIRANTYS PRESENTATION

The President advised that a Swiss company called Admirantys had been in contact with him and Mr.. John Gaillard regarding "computer judging". Mr.. Karl Osen, Director - Technology and Engineering, Admirantys, was invited to give a short presentation on computer judging. Points covered:

- Instant scores
- Provides service to sports promoters
- Sells sport to TV
- Camera Pointing System
- High speed sports very difficult to film
- Robotic cameras
- Navicam – in house equipment
- Uses transponders – GPS

President Heuer suggested CIVA run a test in conjunction with our judges. Delegates were also invited to comment or direct questions to Mr.. Osen. His e-mail address is: kaos@swissonline.ch. Mr.. John Gaillard is to follow up with Mr.. Osen.

4. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

1.0 Strategic Planning Group (John Gaillard)

John Gaillard reported:

- Detailed written report submitted to CIVA.
- Group decided there is a need to retain WAC.
- Group fully acknowledged changes must be made to make our events more media friendly.
- CIVA is already moving to instant scoring.
- The FAI World Grand Prix is a natural extension of classic aerobatics.

President Heuer introduced Karen Diamond

4.2 Contest Organisation Group – covered under President Report.

President Heuer advised the CIVA Contest Organisation Handbook will be finished this winter.

5. REPORTS OF THE 1999 ADVANCED WORLD AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.1 President of the International Jury (Ernst Paukner)

Written report submitted. No questions raised.

5.2 Contest Director (Jiri Koblre)

Mr.. Koblre submitted a written report and brought forth the following points:

- Airport layout, box and judges positions were displayed for Delegates.
- Only 2 programs were completed due to weather.
- Several rules are against the smooth running of a competition
- Apologised for any shortcoming due to the short time available to organise the competition.
- Thanked President Heuer for his assistance and presented him with a diploma.

5.3 Chief Judge (John Gaillard)

Mr.. Gaillard submitted a written report. There were no questions.

President Heuer thanked all involved for a safe championship.

CIVA ACCEPTED ALL REPORTS

6. REPORTS ON THE 1999 EUROPEAN AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.1 President of the International Jury (Jiri Koblre)

Mr. Koblre submitted a written report. He advised that the Organisers were competent and can undertake the organisation of the WAG.

6.2 Contest Organisation Committee (Antonio Quintana)

Mr. Quintana submitted a written report and was present at the meeting.

Mr. Ramon Alonso presented the report and spoke to the following:

It was the intention that this championship would be the best. However 3 events effected the EAC: (1) Change of site; (2) Elections in Spain; and, (3) Dates in September.

The letters of Mr.. Dominique Roland and Mr.. Alan Cassidy, including in the agenda packets, were referred to. The runway was placed within the box due to concern if engine failure occurred. The houses located within the box were illegal and letters had been sent to all occupants advising them to move. No complaints were received from pilots during practice.

Mr.. Alonso referred to the letter of Mr.. J-L Monnet and stated that aerobatics has only ever had an effect on local TV and we must all work to change this.

Mr.. Alonso tabled a letter from Mr.. Alvaro Calderon, President of the Royal Spanish Aeronautical Federation. The letter referred to Mr.. Monnet's letter and WAG2001 organisation.

Mr.. Alonso stated the following:

- The WGP competition is not serious.
- Rules are changed at will – not controlled by CIVA.
- No Calendar of Events.
- List of pilots from WAC but pilots only chosen on availability.
- Security is talked about but WGP pilots fly over lake and land at race tracks.
- WGP pays for judges therefore bias is unavoidable.
- CIVA is a competition organisation not an airshow one.
- CIVA should not get involved with individual Country's Aero Clubs.
- Requested all Delegates particularly members of the Strategic Planning Group to carefully consider all aspects.
- Changes should be referred to Mr.. Aresti so there is no conflict. Free's and Unknowns are measurable, have geometry and precision
- 4 Minute Free attracts the public – subjective.

President Heuer stated that Mr.. Alonso has touched on many subjects that are included as items on our Agenda.

There were no further questions or comments.

6.3 Chief Judge (Pavol Kavka)

Mr.. Kavka submitted a written report. There were no further comments.

President Heuer thanked Mr.. Koblre and all involved.

CIVA ACCEPTED THE REPORTS

The President also added some information he had compiled and additional data received from Mr.. Hermann Liese, Chairman of the CIVA Judging Sub-Committee regarding the JPF's – Judges Performance Factors - for contest year 1999.

There was a 'spike' in the EAC Free Program which Hermann is still investigating. This could be due to the complexity of the Frees. These were the worst results ever recorded for a Free. There was a clear bias by 3-4 judges in favour of their own team members.

There was some discussion regarding the opening up of the JPF results. President Heuer advised that he would be submitting a proposal recommending that all JPF's become a matter of public record.

WORLD AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2000

Because of scheduling problems, information on WAC 2000 was presented at this time in the meeting. A package including preliminary information and Bulletin #0 was presented by Mr.. Gilles Maniglier, President of the AFVA and Mr.. Denis Lafourcade, Contest Director. The following was proposed:

The Contest Director is to be Denis Lafourcade.

CIVA AGREES

Entry Fee – Final entry fee not submitted. Bureau of CIVA authorised to approve.

CIVA AGREES

Local Regulations not circulated. Will be placed on web site as soon as possible.

CIVA AGREED for the Bureau to approve Local Regulations for the 3 competitions.

The Organisers Agreement with FAI was signed for the first time in FAI history. Agreement signed by Mr. Eilif Ness, President of FAI, Mr. Michael Heuer, President of CIVA and Mr. Gerard Bichet, Delegate of France.

7. REPORTS ON THE 1998 WORLD GLIDER AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 7.1 President of the International Jury Karl Berger)
- 7.2 Contest Director (Manfred Echter)
- 7.3 Chief Judge (Peter Kammermeier)

Written reports were submitted by the above. There were no further questions or comments.

CIVA ACCEPTED THE REPORTS

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RULE CHANGES FOR THE YEAR 2000

Part 1 (Unlimited) - Eliminate the Second Unknown (Programme 3)

Mr. Cassidy supported the proposal contingent on including the 4 Minute Free which would require a compatible scoring system.

Mr. Davis spoke against the proposal. Unknown is the truest test for a world champion. Agreed that 7-12 days is too long and USA will propose cuts (including immediately after Programme Q) in lieu of deletions of flight programmes. If 4 Minute Free were to be included, the judging would be subjective against conventional for other flights.

Mr. Marangoni stated that the contest should be in the interest of the spectators and organisers. The Unknown is a boring program and not necessary. However, it is not fair to cut after Q programme. CIVA should reduce time and introduce 4 Minute Free to the final results.

Mr. Alonso stated that we cannot mix two different ways of judging.

Mr. Gitchenko stated only pilots who are dangerous should be deleted after 'Q' – 60% rule no longer applicable. Would agree to Free and one Unknown.

Mr. Bichet – Allow Contest Director flexibility – if weather suitable, 2 Unknowns could be flown.

CIVA DID NOT AGREE to the proposal (6 in favour, 12 against)

Part 1 (Unlimited) - Include 4 Minute Free Program in final results for Championships

There was no discussion, no comment

CIVA DID NOT AGREE to the proposal (5 in favour, 16 against)

FAI Sporting Code, Section 6 - Championships should not last longer than 7-12 days from opening to closing ceremonies

CIVA AGREED to the proposal (14 in favour, 5 against)

Part 3 (Advanced) - Introduction of bonus points into Advanced Free Programmes as currently exists in Unlimited

Mr. Tor Andre FUSDahl stated his strong opposition to the proposal. The proposal would destroy access to Advanced for pilots in many countries.

Mr. James Black said it would increase complexity and change what was intended to be achieved with Advanced.

Mr. Giorgio Marangoni said he fully supports Mr. FUSDahl and Mr. Black. Advanced pilots fly Club aircraft. Bonus points have caused some problems with Unlimited judging.

Mr. Alan Cassidy spoke in favour of the proposal. The current Free is not difficult, is boring and does not produce a challenge for the pilots. Design of sequences and pilot skills are important. There is no advantage for higher powered aircraft. Judging complexity is not an issue.

Mr. Davis stated no pilots in the USA supported the idea. Aircraft performance is secondary, however it does effect the ability to start lower in the box.

CIVA DID NOT AGREE to the proposal (1 in favour, 20 against)

Part 3 (Advanced) Deletion of Appendix 6 – List of Excluded Aircraft

Mr. Davis read a letter from Mr. Paul van Lonkhuysen, Delegate of Ireland. Paul detailed the history of the establishment of the Advanced category in the early 1990's and why it was developed. He stated Unlimited and Advanced should remain as is. 260 HP aircraft should be excluded. He requested Delegates think seriously of the ramifications.

CIVA DID NOT AGREE to the proposal (9 in favour, 12 against)

Parts 1 & 3 - Review meteorological regulations with respect to wind limits with the objective of simplifying the regulations

It was agreed that Sub-Committees will consider this in May 2000.

Part 1 - Review judging criteria for Programme 4 (the Final Free)

Proposal did not proceed.

Part 1 - Establish a new title “World Aerobatic Champion – Classic Aerobatics” and eliminate “World Champion” titles in the various flights.

Mr. Alonso stated that this is an important and sensitive issue and should be discussed with Mr. Aresti and his family. He does not support deletion of individual titles.

Mr. FUSDahl believes ‘Classical’ is a negative term.

President Heuer divided the proposal into two sections:

i) Introduce a new title ‘World Champion for Artistic Flying’

CIVA DID NOT AGREE to the proposal (Nil in favour, 21 against)

ii) Eliminate individual world titles

CIVA DID NOT AGREE to the proposal (6 in favour, 14 against)

President Heuer proposed that all Strategic Planning Group initiatives be referred to the Contest Organisation Committee.

No objections.

CIVA AGREED

Recommendations for Correction and Clarification of CIVA Regulations

President Heuer confirmed that the proposals, which were submitted by the AWAC 1999 International Jury, were to cover internal clean up of the Regulations and to meet the intent of CIVA in previous changes already approved.

No objections or discussion.

CIVA AGREED

9. REPORT ON THE FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX OF AEROBATICS)J-L Monnet)

Mr. Jean-Louis Monnet read his report.

The Report together with copies of the Promoter Agreement, draft Sporting Code, General Regulations, and associated paperwork were submitted.

Mr. Max Bishop presented overheads detailing:

- The 1997 Contract between FAI Enterprises and FWGPA Operating Services SA expires on 31st December, 2001.
- Mr. Monnet is a 73% shareholder FWGPA Operating Services SA.
- There are 4 other minor shareholders.
- The Company is responsible for all GP costs/financial risks.
- Contract stipulates that Mr. Monnet is to remain in charge, i.e. no other person can take over.
- Agreement stipulates a \$1,000 per competitor per event Sanction Fee.
- In 1998, considerable difficulties were experienced in obtaining payment from China. Council deferred payment from FWGPA – fees paid recently.
- All media deals are subject to a separate agreement. It is hoped that WGPA will feature in FAI/TWI contract for 2000.
- Recent budget was SFR100,000.
- NAC retains right to vet WGPA events in their country.
- WGPA carries adequate insurance. Judges and Officials are covered by FAI insurance world wide.

Mr. Bishop put two philosophical questions to the meeting:

- 1) Is aerobatics purely for competitions? If so how long will it survive? Will it be closed down by regulations?
- 2) Is aerobatics for the media and public? Should FAI/CIVA stay in the driving seat?

Mr. FUSDahl asked why the Agreement is not made public?

Mr. Ness stated the confidentiality clause was self evident. It is a business contract and must be of benefit to the contractors not other interested parties.

Mr. Cassidy stated that this is a major and important subject. CIVA has skirted around the sanction fee issue. There is now \$78,000 in the CIVA account yet there is no financial case as to how the money will be spent. Mr. Cassidy asked whether it is a requirement for Mr. Monnet's company to publish yearly accounts.

Mr. Bishop advised it is not a requirement in Switzerland. Mr. Bishop also stated that the only financial concern to CIVA is how to manage our own Sanction Fee account.

Mr. Ness stated that CIVA is the only Commission where people outside the Commission generate money. Currently, the CIVA Sanction Fees account stands at about \$80,000. CIVA should decide how to use this funding. Parachuting are spending \$150,000 in developing a video.

Mr. FUSDahl questioned whether CIVA should be involved in formation flying. He felt that this was an airshow competition and could spoil our sport.

Mr. Monnet advised that in 1999 only two GP events were held in Japan and China with sanction fees income at \$22,000.

Mr. Davis asked details of income to date for FAI/CIVA.

Mr. Monnet advised these were at the following approximately levels: Breitling at about \$98,000; 1993/94 - \$120,000; 1996 - Nil; 1997 - \$20,000; 1998/99 - \$50,000.

Mr. Davis stated that in his over 14 years of being involved in CIVA, he can well remember the times CIVA had no funds. He asked that we do not allow a business plan to dampen the position. He felt that the GP will not kill our competition.

Mr. Koblle supported Mr. Davis' comments. He felt there was potential for greater damage if Mr. Monnet did not run the GP under FAI. Mr. Koblle stated he is not in favour of formation or glider involvement.

Mr. Gaillard felt one slide mis-represented the position 'if we don't do this aerobatic will die'. Mr. Gaillard stated CIVA should look at the GP Regulations and support Mr. Monnet.

President Heuer stated:

- Mr. Bishop's report was not "either/or"
- How do we stay in the driving seat
- Both can co-exist
- FAI has never been excluded
- Pilots/Jury and Judges are chosen by CIVA
- Mr. Monnet has always worked side by side with President Heuer
- Mr. Monnet has always had President Heuer's support
- It is easy to spend money but hard to earn

President Heuer asked for input on valid ways to spend the funds to grow the sport.

Mr. Gaillard proposed that CIVA must be very careful using the title of "World Champion". A problem would arise if two world champion titles were given.

Discussion postponed until Sunday. Refer to the end of Section 14.

10. PROPOSALS FOR SCORING – REVISIONS TO TBLP

Mr. Penteado, CIVA Scoring Director submitted the amended Appendix II and advised:

- Program now allows correction on figure level
- Ability to consider scores on an individual basis
- New version of judges evaluation
- Fine adjustments made before raw score
- Normalise using raw scores

Mr. Gitchenko questioned the advantage the changes will have for pilots and judges.

Mr. Penteado advised that as concerns Judges, this will one more tool to check judges, identify weaknesses, and provide specific feedback to the judges so they may improve. For the pilots, there is no change. The system will tell the judge which manoeuvre they have been deleted on.

Mr. Cassidy stated that we want to encourage judges to take off points if they see errors. Suggested a larger window – smaller distribution.

Mr. Roland felt new system would not improve current position. He questioned whether JPF indicated you are a good judge or an average one.

Mr. Penteado stated the one thing that is valid in judging is consensus – good judges meet the general consensus. Judges must also be made to understand that it is not possible to manipulate the TBLP system -- a misconception we hear repeated from time to time by experienced judges.

Mr. Heuer stated that the new system must and will produce progress in educating judges.

Mr. Bichet felt there was insufficient time to consider the proposal. The method should be tested.

Mr. Penteado advised that new program had been tested and showed no change to order of results.

Mr. Heuer put it to the vote as to whether the Delegates would consider the proposal.

CIVA AGREED to consider the proposal (16 in favour, 3 against)

Proposal was put to the vote:

CIVA AGREED (19 in favour, 3 against)

11. CIVA KNOWN COMPULSORY PROGRAMMES – 2000

Unlimited Q – Great Britain proposal. No objections.

CIVA AGREED

Advanced Q	Great Britain proposal	14 votes
	USA proposal	6 votes

The French proposals for Advanced and Unlimited were received after the deadline of 1st March and therefore were not considered.

Glider Compulsory

Glider Sub-Committee recommended an amended Known. The USA agreed that its proposal be withdrawn.

There were no objections to the proposal.

CIVA AGREED

12. FUTURE AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS – REPORTS AND PROPOSALS

12.1 2000 World Aerobatic Championships (France) – refer to Section 6 in these Minutes.

1.0 2000 Advanced World Aerobatic Championships (Germany)

Mr. Hans Vogtmann advised:

- AWAC will be held at Grossenhain 20-29 July, 2000.
- There are 1 ½ weeks between AWAC and WAC.
- Web site www.AWAC2000.com.
- There are no problems with the box or equipment.
- Local Regulations will be published on the web site by 15th December 1999.
- Grossenhain is a small town, therefore, accommodation has been left out of the paperwork. Teams can chose their own accommodation – hotel, camping etc.
- Free camping will be available.
- Mr. Rudy Penteado has volunteered to run the scoring system.

Entry fee 600E for pilots 300E for other participants

CIVA AGREED

Bureau of CIVA authorised to approve Local Regulations

CIVA AGREED

Mr. Hans Vogtmann approved as Contest Director

CIVA AGREED

1.0 2000 European Glider Aerobatic Championships (France)

Ms. Madelyne Delcroix advised:

- Dates of competition 7-19 August, 2000
- Place – Salon de Provence
- The box is situated on the airfield
- Camping facilities are available
- Hotel accommodation has been arranged
- Civil Aviation approval held

The position of Contest Director to be decided by 1st January 2000

Entry Fee 2200FFR (340E)

CIVA AGREED

Bureau of CIVA authorised to approve Local Regulations and Contest Director

CIVA AGREED

1.0 2001 World Air Games

- (a) Report from Managing Director – Srecko Medven
Mr. Medven spoke to his written report
- (b) Report from Organisers – Spain

Mr. Alvaro Calderon, President Royal Spanish Aeronautical Federation reported:

- The Organisation Group is working to blend classic aerobatics with the Airshow.
- It was intended for the Closing Ceremony and Grand Prix to be also held at Jerez de la Frontera Airport
- Currently it is not possible to hold the competition there due to conflict with commercial flights at the airport. Currently 150 commercial flights per day.
- Approval is held to build an additional runway which will be separated from current runway by 700m but until Civil Aviation approval is held this will not proceed.
- If approval is not gained the Organisers will need to co-ordinate with WAG/CIVA to approve an alternative site.
- Additionally, a flight school has been built which impinges on the WAC area.

President Heuer confirmed the following:

The runway has been approved to be built but the Organisers are waiting for Air Traffic Control to guarantee their ability to work the competition in with commercial traffic. That word from Air Traffic Control people should be received in 15 days.

President Heuer also requested details of alternative sites.

Mr. Calderon advised that Tavlada near Sevilla is a possibility. An old airfield, runway 1500m with the box south of the runway. The Amateur Builders will also be based there.

President Heuer proposed that the Organisers reply to the Bureau of CIVA by 21st November, 1999.

CIVA AGREED

President Heuer stated that Mr. J-L Monnet has resigned as Liaison Officer for Powered Aerobatics and proposed the following WAG Liaison Officers for the various aerobatic events: Hans Vogtmann, Powered Aerobatics; Karl Berger, Glider Aerobatics; and Jean-Louis Monnet, Grand Prix.

There were no objections.

CIVA AGREED

(c) Report from CIVA Liaison Officer (LO) for Gliders – Karl Berger

Mr. Berger advised:

- Written report submitted.
- The situation has changed as the Spanish organisers have changed the site.
- La Juliana airfield is not suitable for gliders.
- The new site of Palma del Rio is suitable. Mr. Julve is arranging for airfield plans to be drawn up and finalised.
- A problem exists between CIVA Regulations and WAG. The competition requires an extra day to complete programs.

(d) Report from CIVA Liaison Officer (LO) – Jean-Louis Monnet

Mr. Monnet advised:

- The submitted report is now outdated
- The site of Jerez is supported
- Voiced concern, re: Civil Aviation approval.

12.5 2001 European Advanced Championships

No proposals submitted.

12.6 2002 Advanced World Aerobatic Championships

Slovenia – Mr. Martin Burjan advised that they would like to host these championships at Murska Sobota airfield.

USA – Mr. Bob Davis advised that a complete proposal will be submitted next year.

President Heuer requested firm proposals be submitted by both countries.

12.7 2002 European Glider Aerobatic Championships (Report from Germany)

Mr. Manfred Echter distributed booklet and advised:

- Proposed date for competition is second half of July.
- The entry fee will be in line with EAGC.
- Requested a clean commitment to the proposal.

There were no objections to Germany holding the championships.

CIVA AGREED

12.8 2002 European Aerobatic Championships

No proposals received.

13. LIST OF INTERNATIONAL JUDGES.

There were changes submitted from Australia, Finland, France, Italy, South Africa, Ukraine and USA. Refer to full listing on CIVA web site.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 CIVA Budget

Sanction Fee Account – a detailed Expenses/income report tabled. President Heuer advised some invoices outstanding.

Budget - President Heuer requested retrospective approval for development of the CIVA On Line Scoring System Hardware. This amount would be approximately \$3,000.

2000 budget does not include WPGA Sanction Fees

Mr. Cassidy requested details on interest received on funds held. Mr. Bishop confirmed that CIVA had previously agreed that interest would not be received on FAI Sanction Fees and CIVA would not pay management fees.

There were no objection to the Budget.

CIVA AGREED

14.2 Internal Regulations

Change proposal deadline to 1st March each year.

CIVA AGREED

President Heuer requested approval of his proposal to make the Nomination deadline the 1st of June each year. Bureau of CIVA is to appoint Nominating Committee.

CIVA AGREED

14.3 Continental Championships

President Heuer indicated a need to develop rules to establish competitions under the FAI banner around the world.

14.4 Corps of Judges

President Heuer will draft a proposal for 1st March 2000. All input welcome.

At this point in the meeting, various Organiser Agreements were signed by FAI, CIVA, and representatives of the organizers as follows:

2000 European Glider Aerobatic Championships

The Organisers Agreement with FAI was signed by Mr. Eilif Ness, President of FAI, Ms. Madelyne Delcroix and Mr. Gerard Bichet, French Delegate.

2000 AWAC

The Organisers Agreement with FAI was signed by Mr. Eilif Ness, President of FAI, Mr. Vogtmann, Contest Director and Mr. Paulkner, German Delegate.

REPORT ON THE FAI WORLD GRAND PRIX OF AEROBATICS (continued from the previous day)

President Heuer proposed the following points:

1. CIVA supports the World Grand Prix Series. The Grand Prix is an FAI Category One Championship.
2. The World Grand Prix Champion will be selected after each series.
3. The CIVA Grand Prix Working Group will co-ordinate all issues and will consist of the Bureau of CIVA.
4. The Bureau of CIVA will continue to approve the Sporting Code, Regulations, Jury and Judges for the Grand Prix.
5. The Grand Prix will continue to be operated under contract to FAI's Business Unit.
6. The deadline for comments on the Grand Prix Sporting Code and Regulations from Delegates will be the 15th December 1999.
7. The Bureau of CIVA will report to Plenary on its decisions concerning the Grand Prix during the previous year.

Discussion:

Mr. Davis requested the length of series. Mr. Monnet advised 1 year.

Mr. Cassidy felt that there was no recourse back to Plenary. Plenary has no voting powers as these rest in the hands of the Bureau. President Heuer referred to the Statutes. The Bureau of CIVIA only operates under the direction of Plenary.

Mr. FUSDahl felt it was a sweeping proposal. CIVIA must be in a more organised position. The insurance and responsibility positions must be considered.

Mr. Ness advised that FAI has legal counsel and all necessary steps have been taken to protect FAI Enterprise.

Mr. Roland stated that he was talking on behalf of pilots. Time must be spent on the Rules and Regulations to increase pilot safety. 100m is the lower limit at competitions, pilots are disqualified under 50m therefore why is it possible to fly down to 7m at the Grand Prix? Mr. Monnet stated that only the best pilots fly at the Grand Prix. The height is relative to local regulations.

Mr. FUSDahl stated that pilots should only fly to their personal minima.

President Heuer advised the Bureau of CIVIA would not approve any Rules without reference to the FAI Secretary-General.

There was no further discussion. No Objections.

CIVA AGREED

PROPOSAL NO. 3 OF SWITZERLAND

Mr. Gitchenko referred to the inclusion of the Interavia I-3 aircraft into the List of Included Aircraft for Advanced Category.

President Heuer advised the Rules and Judging Sub-Committee did not approve inclusion.

Mr. Cassidy submitted a spreadsheet 'Combined Power/Wt Ratio, Vh and Roll Rate at Va'. Data was discussed.

Mr. Marangoni stated this position must be addressed properly and this subject is discussed every year. Parameters must be established

President Heuer requested Mr. Cassidy to submit the spreadsheet as a British proposal.

Mr. Davis stated the spreadsheet was an excellent tool, however, other factors must be considered. The USA will submit a proposal.

VOTE: 7 in favour of the proposal 9 against.

CIVA DID NOT APPROVE the Interavia I-3 for inclusion on the Advanced List of Aircraft.

15. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS (International Jury and Chief Judges)

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>ACCEPT/DECLINE</u>
President	Michael Heuer	Accepted

As there were no other nominations for the position of President, Mr. Heuer was re-elected President of CIVA.

First Vice President	Jiri Koblre	Declined
	John Gaillard	Accepted

Mr. Gaillard was elected First Vice President of CIVA

Second Vice President	Jiri Koblre	Accepted
	John Gaillard	Not applicable
	Kasum Nazhmudinov	Declined

Mr. Koblre was elected Second Vice President of CIVA

Third Vice-President	Kasum Nazhmudinov	Accepted
	Ernst Paulkner	Declined
	Alan Cassidy	Accepted

VOTE: Mr. Nazhmudinov 18 votes, Mr. Cassidy 4 votes

Mr. Nazhmudinov was elected Third Vice President of CIVA

Vice-President Gliders. Mr. Karl Berger was re-elected unopposed.

Secretary	Veva Becker	Accepted
Secretary	Liz Cook	Accepted

Ms. Becker and Ms. Cook were re-elected.

Rules Sub-Committee

Chairman	Jiri Koblre	Accepted
	Alan Cassidy	Accepted

VOTE: Mr. Koblre 15 votes, Mr. Cassidy 7 votes

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

Judging Sub-Committee

Chairman	Hermann Liese	Accepted
	Pavol Kavka	Accepted

VOTE: Mr. Liese 15 votes, Mr. Kavka 7 votes

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

2000 World Aerobatic Championship

President of the International Jury	Michael Heuer	Accepted and Elected
	Jiri Koblre	Declined

Members	Jiri Koblre	Accepted
	Kasum Nazhmudinov	Accepted
	Liz Cook	Accepted
	Ernst Paulkner	Accepted
	Carole Holyk	Accepted
	Gerard Bichet	Accepted
	Giorgio Marangoni	Declined
	Helmut Stas	Declined

VOTE: Mr. Koblre 21, Mr. Nazhmudinov 19, Mr. Paulkner 17, Ms. Cook 15, Mr. Bichet 8 and Ms. Holyk 7.

Members of the Jury are: Mr. Koblre, Mr. Nazhmudinov, Mr. Paulkner, Ms. Cook, Mr. Bichet, first reserve and Ms. Holyk, second reserve.

Chief Judge	John Gaillard	Accepted and Elected
	Pavol Kavka	Declined

2000 Advanced World Aerobatic Championships

President of the International Jury	Michael Heuer	Accepted and Elected.
	Jiri Koblre	Declined
	John Gaillard	Declined
	Alan Cassidy	Declined
	Ernst Paulkner	Declined

Members	Ernst Paulkner	Accepted
	Carol Holyk	Accepted
	Helmut Stas	Accepted
	Kasum Nazhmudinov	Declined
	Jiri Koblre	Declined
	Robert Chomono	Declined
	Christine Genin-Zanetta	Accepted
	Karl Berger	Declined
	Alan Cassidy	Declined
	Nikolai Nikituk	Declined
	Martin Burjan	Accepted
	Bob Davis	Declined
	Gerard Bichet	Declined
	Hermann Liese	Declined
	Bedrich Heger	Declined

VOTE: Mr. Paulkner 23, Mr. Stas 20, Ms. Holyk 17, Ms. Genin-Zanetta 16, Mr. Burjan 14.

Members of the Jury are: Messrs. Paulkner & Stas, Ms. Holyk and Genin-Zanetta. Mr. Burjan is reserve.

Chief Judge	John Gaillard	Accepted
	Hermann Liese	Declined
	Pavol Kavka	Accepted
	Helmut Stas	Not applicable

VOTE: Mr. Kavka 15, Mr. Gaillard 8

Mr. Kavka was elected Chief Judge.

2000 European Glider Aerobatic Championships

President of the International Jury	Karl Berger	Accepted and Elected
Members	Helmut Stas	Accepted
	Carlo Marchetti	Accepted
	Manfred Echter	Accepted
	Madelyne Delcroix	Accepted
	Ludwig Fuss	Accepted
	Marti Kalko	Accepted
	Georgi Kaminski	Declined
	Bob Davis	Declined
	Jiri Koblre	Declined
	Ferenc Spang	Declined
	Jerzy Makula	Accepted
	Karl Berger	N/A

VOTE: Ms. Delcroix 19, Mr. Stas 18, Mr. Echter 16, Mr. Marchetti 13, M/s Kalko 10, Mr. Fuss 5 and Mr. Makula 5.

Members of the Jury are: Ms. Delcroix, Messrs. Stas, Echter and Marchetti.

Reference is made to FAI Sporting Code Section 6 1.4.1.2.a. 'must be members of different national aero clubs'. Reserve members Ms. Kalko, Messrs. Fuss & Makula.

Chief Judge	Helmut Stas	Not applicable
	Peter Kammermeier	Accepted and Elected
	John Gaillard	Declined

Rules Sub-Committee Members

Members	Kasum Nazhmudinov	Accepted
	Bob Davis	Accepted
	Ramon Alsonso	Accepted
	Alan Cassidy	Accepted
	Dominique Roland	Accepted

Liz Cook	Accepted
Robert Chomono	Accepted
Petr Poborsky	Declined
Osmo Jalovaara	Accepted
Carole Holyk	Declined
John Tuvefalk	Accepted
Patrick Paris	Accepted

VOTE:

Members of the Rules Sub-Committee are: Messrs Kasum Nazhmudinov, Bob Davis, Alan Cassidy, Dominique Roland and Ms. Cook.

Judging Sub-Committee Members

Members	Howard Stock	Accepted
	Patrick Paris	Accepted
	John Gaillard	Accepted
	Hans Bauer	Accepted
	Helmut Stas	Accepted
	Carole Holyk	Declined
	Hermann Liese	N/A
	Alexandr Shpigovski	Accepted
	Giorgio Marangoni	Declined
	Petr Poborsky	Accepted
	John Tuvefalk	Declined
	Dominique Roland	Accepted
	Petteri Tarma	Declined

VOTE:

Members of the Judging Sub-Committee are: Messrs. Howard Stock, Helmut Stas, John Gaillard, Hans Bauer and Petr Poborsky.

President Heuer requested no changes be made to the Contest Organization Group, Strategic Planning Group and Scoring Director.

Catalogue Sub-Committee Members

Members	Madelyn Delcroix	Accepted
	Karl Berger	Accepted
	Carole Holyk	Accepted
	Patrick Paris	Accepted
	Alan Cassidy	Not applicable
	Howard Stock	Declined
	Manfred Echter	Accepted
	Mike Heuer	Declined
	Helmut Stas	Declined
	Giorgio Marangoni	Declined
	John Gaillard	Declined

Hans Bauer Accepted
Ramon Alsonso Declined

VOTE:

Members of the Catalogue Sub-Committee are: Ms. Delcroix, Messrs. Berger, Paris, Bauer and Echter.

Contest Organization Group

Michael Heuer (Chairman), Hans Vogtmann, John Gaillard, Dominique Roland, Karl Berger and Bedrich Heger.

Strategic Planning Group

John Gaillard (Chairman), Osmo Jalovaara, Jean-Louis Monnet, Alan Cassidy, Giorgio Marangoni and Frank Versteegh.

Scoring Director

Rudy Penteadó.

17. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the Plenary Meeting would be held on the 4th and 5th November, 2000.

The Delegates of the Czech Republic and Slovenia are to submit full details of their proposals to host the CIVA Meeting by 31st December, 1999. Proposed locations are Prague, Czech Republic and Bled, Slovenia.

Bureau of CIVA will make the final decision.

CIVA AGREED

Meeting closed at 1405

Submitted by Liz Cook
Secretary of CIVA