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of the
**Meeting of the
FAI Microlight & Paramotor Commission
(CIMA)**

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Note: the Microlight and Paramotor sub-committees met in the afternoon of 10 November 2010 in the Maison du Sport International, Lausanne. The agenda of the Paramotor sub-committee meeting is at annex 1)

The agenda is at annex 2a. A presentation was used to coordinate the meeting. This is at annex 2b.

1. Roll Call

The President introduced himself and welcomed delegates.

There were 23 votes present, with a majority of 12 and 2/3 of 16.

1. Apologies and Proxies

Apologies

Antony GIBSON (RSA)

Proxies

The following were received in good order:

SVK to CZE
EST to POL
USA to GER
LTU to FRA
AUT to GBR
POR to ESP

The President asked the Plenary to stand in silence in memory of Mr. Keith NEGAL who had passed away earlier in the year. He had been a good friend and it was a very sad loss. The funeral had been a 'splendid' affair and very well attended.

1.2 Conflict of interest declarations

The President is the Director of a company that sells AMOD GNSS loggers, which are used in CIMA Championships. Mr. DOMANSKI (POL) is employed by Dudek Paramotors.

2. Minutes of 2009 CIMA Meeting

The Minutes were published at the beginning of 2011. No amendments were proposed. **The Minutes were APPROVED: FOR 21, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTION 1**

3. Matters arising

- 6. Change of CIMA Commission name: this is on the agenda.
- 7. Microlight autogyros: this is on the agenda.

4. Report of the FAI Secretary General

The new Secretary General, Mr. Jean-Marc BADAN, introduced Mme. Francoise GYPS, responsible for commission administration, including preparation for plenary meetings.

The Secretary General gave his report:

- The Secretary General's current workload is high, following his appointment, staff shortages and the new duties the position brings. Delegates were asked for their understanding for the next few months.

- The FAI General Conference took place in Belgrade, Serbia, with 51 Member countries represented. FAI comprised 103 member countries.
- In 2010 FAI finances showed an excess over income of CHF 85,900. Reserves (including Commission accounts) were CHF 1.5m and the balance sheet showed assets of CHF 3.7m. Subscriptions were raised by 2% (the first rise in 7 years) but the 2012 forecast showed a deficit of CHF 21,000.
- FAI will trial Regional Vice Presidents (RVPs) in some parts of the world.
- FAI will introduce Expert Groups, some of which will replace Technical Commissions. These will include Airspace, Navigation, and IT & Technology. One current Technical Commission, CIACA, will become an Air Sports Commission.
- A new Sports strategy along with branding guidelines will improve the visibility of FAI events and their presence in the market.
- The 2013 World Air Games has been cancelled. The bidding process for 2015 would open soon and the World Air Games would then follow a 4-year cycle.
- The new FAI website has been launched and feedback is welcome. This website should be the central repository for all commission documents. The Sporting Licence database has been rewritten following a security flaw and is undergoing final testing.
- There have been some staff changes; Sports Manager Rodric NERI left in September and has been replaced by Mme. GYPS. Members & Services Manager Ségolène ROUILLON will return from maternity leave later in November 2011. Recruitment is under way for a Senior Sports Manager to replace the position Mr. BADAN left when he was promoted. *(Note: CIMA Secretary Rob HUGHES has since been appointed to this role).*
- Mr. GIRARDIN asked if more harmonisation was anticipated following the financial review that had taken place. Yes, if it would produce positive change; for instance, different commissions as well as other International Federations handle the Organiser agreement differently and there would be benefit in learning from the different approaches with a view to harmonising.
- The President thanked the Secretary General for his report. He welcomed Mr. BADAN to his new role and hoped that the previous confrontational approach adopted by Mr. DESPREZ was now behind them.

5. CIMA Bureau Report

This is attached at annex 3.

The President reported his surprise at the workload of a Commission President. The CIMA Bureau had exchanged thousands of emails during the year.

Major issues included FAI's Finance Reporting Task Force (FRTF) and how FAI finances work. There had been a strong feeling that FAI wanted to 'steal' ASC assets, though this issue has been resolved satisfactorily. FAI had introduced a new budget system in July and this required CIMA to budget 2 years in advance.

The President had identified security issues with the Sporting Licence database, which led to it being withdrawn.

The President visited the Himalayan Paramotor Yatra, Nepal in January.

The President was nominated in April as the technical delegate to the 2012 Asian Beach Games. This work is complicated as it deals with Asian NACs as well as NOCs. The President noted Mr. BADAN's assistance in this matter.

The President attended the ASC Presidents' meeting on 7 May:

- Regional Vice-Presidents will be added to the list of Vice-Presidents.
- The President welcomes Expert Groups and encourages their quick adoption.

- The FAI Sports strategy appears to be very complicated and more consultation is needed.
- The President prepared the case to present to CASI to confirm the Commission's name change (*annexes 3a & 3b*)
- FAI Secretary General Stéphane DESPREZ resigned in early July.
- WMC2011 Monitor Antonio Marchesi visited Israel in early July and reported back positively to the CIMA Bureau. The one problem was a lack of registered competitors.
- The Bureau had to compile the CIMA budget in August to meet FAI deadlines.
- WMC2011 was cancelled on 12 August, following a long consultation. NACs had not provided enough competitors for the championships to be viable; 40 were required but only 26 had committed, including 5 WL1 (not a valid class) and 2 GL (not yet an official CIMA class).
- The President sent the Autogyro proposal to CASI on 18 August (*annex 4*). CIMA microlight associations represent at least 2500 microlight autogyros. The Rotorcraft Commission was unable to declare representation of one single autogyro. There had been effective lobbying from CIMA and national microlight associations to CASI, such that CASI understood the issues and were prepared.
- NAC Presidents met in an informal setting in Rome at the end of August. The Minutes were published at the end of September with new policies that had not been previously published.
 - The new Secretary General was appointed at the end of August.
 - The FAI General Conference took place in October in Belgrade:
 - The Resource Sharing (Tax) issue was rescinded.
 - There was a proposal to delete CASI but this was not approved.
 - The new FAI website was introduced.
 - Bureaux should have more day-to-day power. The CIMA President was not in agreement and preferred to encourage consultation with the commission.
 - ASC plenary meetings should be scheduled to coincide with the General Conference. The President pointed out that many plenary meetings lasted several days, that FAI staff members could not possibly attend all the meetings and ASC Presidents would be expected to attend for a week or more.
- There were questions regarding outstanding record claims; FAI Records Officer Marcel MEYER had been reassigned to the introduction of the FAI website, with a resulting backlog in record claims. Mr. MEYER was working to reduce the backlog.
- Anti doping: As a recognised IOC federation, FAI has to show compliance to WADA's Anti-doping system and this includes the creation of a 'Registered Testing Pool' of elite athletes. The Secretary General admitted that this had not been handled well by his predecessor. FAI was in negotiation with WADA to create a 'light' regime whereby FAI athletes would only have to declare whereabouts for 60 minutes per day. FAI had received a letter from WADA declaring that FAI is compliant with WADA's system.
- FAI pays for Out-of-Competition testing but not In-Competition, which may be organised by national anti-doping agencies, competition organisers or WADA.
- Mr. GIRARDIN suggested a need for evidence to show that air sports are clean. Mr. HUGHES explained that testing had been taking place for many years and there were already around 80 test results of FAI competitors.
- The President described the case of a German glider pilot who failed a doping test for a prescribed medication for which he had no Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). The President re-iterated the need for a TUE if competitors are using medication on the WADA banned list.
- The Media contract with Flying Aces had been cancelled.
- Nomination of ASC delegates and replacement during the year if they are ASC officials. One NAC had withdrawn their delegate mid-year and it had upset the commission's work since the delegate was also a Bureau member. There is a proposal that Bureau members retain their position until the end of their term even if their NAC withdraws their Delegate status during their term. This proposal is yet to be decided.

- FAI Bylaws – The Executive Board had been given control of Bylaws by the 2010 General Conference. The system for introducing changes was confused and the President had proposed a notification system whereby changes were published for 30 days before being enacted. This proposal is yet to be decided but has been received favourably.
- The President had attended the CASI meeting on 14 October where he heard for the first time of a proposal to remove ASC votes at the General Conference. If this were approved, why should ASC Presidents attend the General Conference? This proposal is yet to be decided.
- A new Sporting Code Section 11 (Human powered aircraft) had been published and includes ornithopters.
- the proposal to break the link between national and world records had been rejected. The President is now the Chair of a new working group to consider this issue.
- CASI approved CIMA's proposal to include microlight autogyros within its remit, subject to review at the CASI 2012 meeting. The President declared that this could not have been achieved without the effective CIMA lobbying.
- The Parachuting Commission, along with event organisers, had complained about the cost of medals. The Secretariat agreed to look into the matter.
- the proposal to delete CASI was rejected but a separate appeals board is to be created.

The President attended the FAI General Conference on 15 & 16 October:

- Budgets: The Executive Board suggested that ASCs are out of control. The FAI President retracted the statement and admitted that ASCs are prudent in their management of their finances.
- RVPs are to be introduced incrementally - Asia and South America first.
- Expert Groups will be introduced by Spring 2012
- Branding Guidelines - all FAI competition websites must have a specific look and use particular logos. The President pointed out that some logos do not work on t-shirts or mobile applications and the project needed further consultation.

The President showed CIMA's presentation to the General Conference (*annex 5*)

- CIACA has changed from a Technical to an Air Sports Commission

Mr. GIRARDIN pointed out an overlap with other commissions, including CIMA. This could theoretically allow CIACA to run a microlight competition. The Secretary General explained that the intention was not to challenge existing commissions but to provide more opportunity. CIACA had already organised a competition at the 2009 World Air Games, based on workmanship, which did not affect CIMA competitions.

- Future FAI General Conferences: 2012 Turkey, 2013 Malaysia.

CIMA internal issues

CIMA Vision for the future:

- The Events Calendar should be set 3 years in advance.
- CIMA should aim to reduce organiser costs, particularly through careful selection of jury/stewards. The President explained that other commissions had formal systems for appointing jury/stewards and that the Bureau should create a list of preferred candidates.
- CIMA's aim should be to pay CIMA Officials' travel costs, though this is not yet possible.
- The President welcomed suggestions for investing CIMA's reserves, including the purchase of equipment.
- Mr. ESTEBAN reported that he is working on the automation of scoring systems.

The President encouraged greater cooperation between commissions; it appears that every commission is working independently on GPS logging whereas greater synergy would bring better results.

- The President asked for suggestions as to how to raise more income for CIMA in the future. The Paramotor Continental League Cup was not yet a success but could generate income in the future. CIMA may allow elective teams (i.e. manufacturer-sponsored) to compete in CIMA competitions in the future. A ranking system may also generate income, based on the experience of other commissions.
- The President hoped that in future film footage of championships would be encouraged now that the contract with Flying Aces had been cancelled.

Mr. LINTL thanked the President for his work, which had generated a large number of emails, and the success during the year.

6. Delegates' Reports

These are attached in annexes 6a to 6i.

7. 2011 WMC Israel

i) Sanction fee

The organisers' deposit had not been paid, though the organisers had reimbursed CIMA officials' travel expenses shortly before the meeting.

The President proposed that CIMA does not insist on the payment of the sanction fee, due to the exceptional circumstances.

Mr. ESTEBAN disagreed; many competitors had pre-booked travel and made other arrangements; they should be reimbursed before CIMA officials and CIMA should send a symbolic refund to those competitors who could prove they had lost money. Spanish competitors were very angry and had resolved not to attend future CIMA competitions.

Mr. TAM explained that, despite his very best efforts, competitors did not commit. As organiser, he was sorry that some had lost money but so had the organisers.

Mr. HUGHES explained that there was some opposition on political grounds in the British team and this led to few British competitors willing to attend. Mr. TAM responded that the situation in Israel is not as bad as the international press would have us believe and, anyway, it was reported that London had burned through riots recently.

Mr. GIRARDIN explained that the proper procedures had not been followed and the Organiser Agreement had been signed too late for the French team to apply for government financial support. He recommended a stronger system to ensure that procedures are followed, the agreement is signed well in advance and significant aspects such as event insurance are dealt with early.

The Secretary General accepted that the Organiser Agreement needed revision, but he had asked for help from CIMA delegates regarding minimum insurance requirements and had received only one reply. Other commissions insisted that Organiser Agreements are signed and deposits are paid when bids are received.

The President agreed to write a second letter to competitors, regretting the situation and resolving to learn from the situation.

PROPOSAL: That CIMA insists Israel pays the deposit: FOR: 12 AGAINST:0 ABSTENTIONS 13. The proposal is APPROVED.

PROPOSAL: That CIMA agrees to refund the deposit to Israel: FOR:13 AGAINST: 2 ABSTENTIONS: 7. The proposal is APPROVED.

ii) Medals

CIMA had ordered and paid for the medals to be used at WMC2011. These had been engraved specifically for the event and would ordinarily be scrapped. The Israeli organisers had found a solution to recycle the medals; to engrave an FAI eagle over the date and add 2012 below, so that they could be awarded at WMC2012.

The Secretary General agreed to this exceptional case. Any extra medals would need to be purchased through FAI in the normal way.

PROPOSAL: That the WMC2011 medals be re-engraved and used for WMC2012. All costs for re-engraving, customs and postage would be borne by CIMA. The medals would then be sold to the WMC2012 organisers in the normal way. FOR UNANIMOUS. The proposal is APPROVED.

b) Alternate CAT2 Microlight World Cup 2011, Spain (*report at annex 7*)

The President thanked Spain for stepping in and organising a successful World Cup.

Mr. SILHAN suggested a change in the voting system, such that only those countries with a history of sending competitors to competitions have a say in future events. This was not accepted.

Mr. LINTL said that cost was a significant factor for German competitors when considering participation. He did not believe holding a world championship outside central Europe would be successful.

The President suggested that there should be objective conditions for the late cancellation of championships, which was met with general agreement.

Mr. MARCHESI asked about championship budgets; should CIMA insist on a preliminary budget? What about a model budget? Mr. HUGHES had organised EMC2010 and would happily provide a sample budget based on his experience.

8. World Championship Bids 2012

a) WMC Spain 2012 (*annex 8*)

Messrs. ESTEBAN and MARCHESI updated the Plenary with information about WMC2012 and WPC2012. The Plenary voted unanimously to approve the plans.

Monitor: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR)

Jury President: Tomas BACKMAN (SWE)

Jury: Wolfgang LINTL (GER)

Jury: To be confirmed

Stewards: To be approved by Bureau

b) WPC Spain 2012 (*annex 9*)

Monitor: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (GBR)

Jury President: Roy BEISSWENGER (USA)

Jury: Andy PHILLIPS (GBR)

Jury: Jana BOBKOVA (CZE)

Stewards: To be approved by Bureau

The Plenary voted to approve the Local Regulations: FOR 22, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTIONS 1. The Local Regulations are APPROVED.

c) Pan American Championships 2012 (*annex 10*)

This was all very quick. The Brazilian delegate was planning Brazilian Nationals in April 2012 and then a CAT1 Pan American Championship from 8-12 October 2012. The Plenary were unhappy with the number of unanswered questions and chose to delay discussion until the next day to allow for more time for consultation.

Secretary's note: This issue was re-visited at the end of the meeting:

There had not been enough time to prepare the bid and it was lacking detail. Brazil agreed to postpone their plans for a CAT1 championship until March 2013 and to sign the Organiser Agreement soon in order to establish the event's position in the FAI calendar.

Proposal: to formally award the championships subject to provision of further details and review at the next Plenary. FOR: UNANIMOUS. The proposal is APPROVED.

9. Continental Championship bids 2013

a) EMC 2013

Mr. SILHAN submitted a bid for EMC2013 in Slovakia (annex 11)

He had organised the Slovakia national championships 2011 at the venue very successfully.

Mr. GIRARDIN suggested that the Slovak delegate should have attended the Plenary to confirm support. The Secretary General asked directly if Mr. SILHAN had the support of the Slovakian NAC to run the competition. Mr. SILHAN pointed out that he had received the Slovakian proxy for the meeting and had their support.

The Plenary voted on the bid: FOR 22, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTIONS 1. The bid is APPROVED.

Monitor: Jacek KIBINSKI

b) EPC 2013

A bid for EPC2013 by Slovakia was withdrawn.

Mr. Paap KOLAR had presented a bid for EPC2013 via Skype during the Paramotor Sub-Committee meeting (*annex 12*).

Mr. AMIABLE asked if the Estonian delegate would be at the CIMA meeting in 2012. The President reassured the Plenary that this was a serious bid and he expected the delegate to attend next year.

The Plenary voted on the bid: FOR 22, AGAINST 0, ABSTENTIONS 1. The bid is APPROVED

Monitor: Wojtek DOMANSKI

10. World Championship Bids 2014

a) WMC 2014

There were no bids for WMC2014.

Mr. SILHAN indicated possible championships in the Slovak Republic.

b) WPC 2014

Brazil

Italy

Tunisia; The Tunisian delegate stated that Tunisia was pleased to be at the meeting. Tunisia is currently not an FAI member but will hope to become a member very soon. The club ULM Loisirs is based in Djerba and is working with FFPLUM on a proposed CAT2 Paramotor slalom type World Cup on 28 Oct - 04 November 2012, followed by a CAT2 Microlight competition in 2013 before bidding for a CAT1 championship in 2014.

c) Asian Beach Games 2014

The Asian Beach Games will take place in Phuket (THA) in 2014. It will probably host 3 air sport events; paramotors, paragliding and F3B aeromodelling pylon racing.

11. Championship Bids Beyond 2014

WPC Belgium 2016

WPC Tunisia 2016 (if they are not successful for 2014)

12. World Air Games

The bidding process for the 2015 FAI World Air Games will open soon, though a lack of staff and the poor economic situation are factors. There are already some potential bidders for 2015. The Secretary General indicated a budget of €4-5 million in order to provide a successful event.

13. Asian Beach Games

16-22 June 2012, Haiyang City, SE of Beijing

There are 45 participating countries, of which only half are FAI members. The selection procedure requires National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to approve competitors, which in turn requires NOCs to liaise with NACs, which is unprecedented. FAI may award the event CAT1 status. To date, only 6 countries have officially entered through their NOCs. Vietnam wishes to enter but is not a current FAI member.

The President visited the site in September 2011. Local regulations are being written. The tasks will include precision and economy, both individual and team. There is no sanction fee as it is not an FAI competition, though FAI's IOC recognition enables paramotoring to be included. Individual competitors pay for their own travel but the organisers meet other costs. It is an opportunity for FAI to reach a new audience at very low cost.

The accreditation deadline is 31 December. Accreditation also serves as an entry visa for China.

It would be ideal to elect 3 Asian jury members, but there are few experienced candidates. The Bureau therefore nominated Rob HUGHES (GBR) as Jury President with Stephen Sheathe (NEP) and Rohaizi Md Hussin (Malaysia) as Jury members (*annex 13*)

The Plenary voted to approve these nominations: FOR 20 AGAINST 0 ABSTENTIONS 3. The nominations are APPROVED.

14. Working Groups

a) Internal regulations

There had been little work during the year on internal regulations. A proposal to introduce the internal regulations as they appear on the CIMA WIKI.

The Plenary voted on the proposal. FOR: 13 - the proposal is APPROVED.

The Working Group was dissolved and replaced with a Sub-Committee with Patrice GIRARDIN as Chairman and the President as committee member.

b) Internet presence (*annex 14*)

The WIKI continues to be a success; 114 pages created since the last Plenary, 100 visits per week. 6000 visits and 35000 page views in 2010/11.

The FAI website has been updated with CIMA given access to upload documents, but the Internet Presence working group has been 'idle'.

The Secretary General reminded Delegates that the FAI website remains the official record and documents must be uploaded. The CIMA WIKI is a working environment and final versions of documents should be uploaded to the FAI site. The Secretary General indicated that the FAI site would include a WIKI system in the future.

The FAI Communications Manager is keen to disseminate news and information and Delegates were urged to send in their news.

c) FAI Expert groups

The President had been invited to join the FAI Information Technology group and Mr. ESTEBAN to the Technology Experts group. The President suggested that Commissions were duplicating work due to lack of cooperation and therefore encouraged the early implementation of Expert Groups.

d) Paramotor Precision Working Group

The Chairman was not present. The President proposed to delete the group, which was accepted by Delegates.

e) Continental League Cup (*annex 15*)

2011 was an introductory year and the CLC did not include enough events to be valid.

Possible future amendments:

- i) Include microlights
- ii) Relax validity requirements to enable more valid competitions
- iii) A World League Cup to include all continents. This is an aim for 2012.

It is now possible to accept sanction payments online. The CIVL system is successful and should be used as a model.

The President proposed that the CLC concept be continued for 2012 in a World format in order to build on the experience from 2011, to which the Plenary agreed. Mr. DOMANSKI stated that the FAI Sporting Licence database is needed; the Secretary General stated that it has been re-worked and is in test status. Mme. Faustine CARRERA becomes the main point of contact in the FAI office.

15. FRAC Flight Recorder Approval Committee
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No progress to report. The President stated that the software he wrote to accompany the AMOD logger required bug fixing and he promised to complete the necessary work before the next competition. The members of the working group remain the same for 2012.

Non-Agenda item: World Paramotor Slalom Championship (*annex 16*)

Mr. GIRARDIN showed a video of a proposed Paramotor Slalom event. It has simple to understand rules with individual tasks of 40s to 1min, standard timing gates and inflatable pylons. Work is ongoing regarding rules and format, but the French organisers are working with ESP, POL, BEL and ITA to create a series of events in 2012, which they hope to include as FAI CAT2 events. The format is open to all and the French hope to use it in Tunisia in November 2012.

16. Section 10 Sub-Committee

The S10 proposals are at *annex 17a*. Decisions are at *annex 17b*.

17. Honours, Medals & Awards

a) Colibri Diploma - 1 nomination: Dave Sykes. The citation is at *annex 18*.

According to FAI By-Laws, the 2011 Plenary may only accept nominations for achievements in the year prior, i.e. 2010. CIMA has not followed this time frame for several years and the President proposed that the Plenary accept the nomination subject to By-Laws being changed. The President agreed to raise the matter with the Executive Board.

PROPOSAL: To award the 2011 Colibri Diploma to Dave SYKES, subject to Executive Board agreement.
For: 22 Against: 0 Abstentions 1. The proposal is APPROVED.

PROPOSAL: To add 'paramotor' to the qualifying text and to request that the Executive Board changes the By-Law deadline to 2 months before each CIMA plenary meeting. This would create a period of validity of -14 months to -2 months for consideration at Plenary. For: 22 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1. The proposal is APPROVED.

b) Ann Welch Diploma – this is subject to the same time frame validity as the Colibri Diploma.

Proposals: (*annex 19a*)

GER proposed Peter SCHULZ for 5 world records in one year.

HUN proposed Edina SZABO for 3 records. (*annex 19b*)

CZE proposed Jan BEM and Olga Zaluska for their altitude record (*annex 19c*)

POL proposed Tony GIBSON for achieving 77kph with a paramotor.

VOTE: Jan BEM was awarded the Ann Welch Diploma 2011.

PROPOSAL: (*annex 19d*)

i) to request a By-Law change to create a second Ann Welch Diploma specifically for paramotoring.

ii) to request a By-Law change in the qualifying time frame, as per the Colibri Diploma

VOTE: For: 21 Against: 1 Abstentions: 1. The proposal is APPROVED.

c) Other awards

The Bureau was tasked to consider a suitable nomination for Mr. Keith NEGAL in memoriam.

18. Financial Report & Budget

a) New FAI budget system

The Executive Board introduced a new system, requiring Commissions to submit a 2-year budget. The Bureau dealt with this due to deadlines. The Plenary gave the Bureau authority to continue with this in future.

The President drew attention to CIMA's reserves and encouraged suggestions as to how to best invest this money in order to promote CIMA activities.

The Treasurer presented his report (*annex 20*). The budget included income from championships during the year but none was forthcoming. The President had not yet submitted his latest expenses so the overall total was higher than the final figure would be.

Medals; FAI medals had been provided by CIMA for EMC 2011 in Israel. The organisers had investigated the possibility of re-engraving the medals so that they could be used at WMC 2012 in Spain and provided an example medal for Delegates. The expected cost of re-engraving was USD \$10 per medal. The Secretary General agreed to this as an exceptional and unique situation. Delegates agreed that CIMA pays for the re-engraving and onward postage to the Spanish organisers.

The accounts were not subjected to a vote; they had already been approved by the General Conference due to the change in system and deadline during the year.

Delegates gave the Bureau authority to submit the next budget on CIMA's behalf subject to approval at next plenary.

b) Change of CIMA accounting currency in 2012 from CHF to EUR.

The President indicated that the Euro was currently a very weak currency with bleak prospects but made no proposal to delay the change of CIMA's account from CHF to EUR.

c) Change of Championships sanction fees system in 2012

The President reminded Delegates of the change to the sanction fee system in accordance with the vote in 2010. This now becomes €29 per competitor or team leader and event organisers pay for FAI medals at cost.

Poland submitted a proposal that "CIMA recommends NACs to delegate persons representing microlights and paramotors separately. Both delegates from NAC have equal rights in officials election".

This contradicted the Statutes and would require a change, which would affect every commission. The Plenary argued that the first sentence be adopted and a message sent to NACs to select their delegates such that both disciplines are represented equally. CIMA cannot oblige a NAC to send delegates. The Commission had just voted to change its name to reflect the two disciplines, which in itself was a strong message.

Proposal: to adopt the first sentence "CIMA recommends NACs to delegate persons representing microlights and paramotors separately."

VOTE: For 12, Against 2, Abstentions 4. The proposal is APPROVED.

The President noted that the proposed internal regulations 2.1 CIMA Composition, includes the provision: "*It is expected that FAI Members shall appoint one Delegate who is acknowledged as an expert in Microlighting and the other is acknowledged as an expert in Paramotoring.*"

19. Any Other Business

Teleconferencing; should CIMA plenaries be transmitted via the internet in the same way as a radio station to enable greater participation? No other Commission practised this. Delegates discussed the issue but decided that it may lead to misunderstanding due to lack of background and not being able to explain the whole issue.

Delegates tasked the Bureau to appoint Jury members for WMC Spain 2012 and to create a system of appointing Jury members as well as stewards in the future.

Microlight Autogyro working group: Mr. ESTEBAN proposed the creation of a microlight autogyro group to consider this class and to better understand its specific needs. Microlight autogyros had competed in the 2011 World Cup alongside other microlights successfully.

Mr. LINTL agreed to chair this group and asked for two other volunteers.

The Secretary proposed a template for championship bids in order to ensure all bids contained the necessary basic information. Other commissions already used standard formats. The Bureau agreed to produce a template and to upload it to the WIKI.

20. Election of Officers

The following were elected:

CIMA President: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

1st Vice President: Wolfgang LINTL

2nd Vice President: Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Secretary: Rob HUGHES

Treasurer: Patrice GIRARDIN

Paramotor Sub-Committee Chairman: Wojtek DOMANSKI

Microlight Sub-Committee Chairman: Tomas BACKMAN

CIMA Delegates to:

ENV: Jacek KIBINSKI

CANS: Roger HOLM

CIMP: Jacek KIBINSKI

Flight Recorder Approval Committee:

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (chairman)

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Patrick VANDENBULCKE

Section 10 Editor & Sub-committee Chairman: Tomas BACKMAN

S10 Sub-Committee:

Tomas BACKMAN
Wojtek DOMANSKI
Jose-Luis ESTEBAN

Internet Presence Working Group

Jose-Luis ESTEBAN (chairman)
Richard MEREDITH-HARDY
Faustine CARRERA (FAI Secretariat)

Internal Regulations Sub-Committee

Patrice GIRARDIN (chairman)
Tormod VEIBY
Richard MEREDITH-HARDY
Jacek KIBINSKI

Continental League Cup Working Group

Wojtek DOMANSKI (chairman)
Agust GUDMUNDSEN
Andy PHILLIPS
Jos VANDENBROUKE
Richard MEREDITH-HARDY
Faustine CARRERA (FAI Secretariat)

World Air Games Paramotor Liaison Officer: Richard MEREDITH-HARDY

World Air Games Paramotor Sub-committee

Richard MEREDITH-HARDY (chairman)
Rene VERSCHUEREN
Patrice GIRARDIN
Wojtek DOMANSKI

World Air Games Microlight Liaison Officer: Wolfgang LINTL

World Air Games Microlight Sub-Committee

Wolfgang LINTL (chairman)
Tormod VEIBY
Paul DEWHURST (GBR, not present)
Jacek KIBINSKI
Vladimir SILHAN

21. Future Calendar

a) Date of next CIMA Plenary:

8 to 10 November 2012 at the MSI, Lausanne.

b) Agenda deadline

Plenary agenda deadline: 24 September 2012 at 0000utc

c) S10 amendments deadline

Section 10 amendment deadline: 24 September 2012 at 0000utc. The S10 Editor then has 2 further weeks to re-work proposals for publication on 8 October on the CIMA WIKI.

22. Closing

In conclusion, the President thanked all delegates for their work and their attendance at the meeting. The Secretary thanked the Secretariat staff for their work and support.

Rob Hughes
CIMA Secretary