



MINUTES

Of the annual meeting of the

FAI Ballooning Commission

Held in

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Plenary meeting was called to order at 9:00, 15 March 2024.

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

2. IN MEMORIAM

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

Peter Gregory

Karl (Mucki) Busemeyer

Kristof Zapart

Revaz Uturgauri

Christian Horni

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Japan: Sabu Ichiyoshi

Slovakia: Juraj Brezan

Italy : Igor Charbonnier

Maria Chiara Cremoni

4. DELEGATES ROLL CALL

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

There was a moment of acknowledgement for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia having send 2 observers because of their interest in airsports and ballooning.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| CIA President | | | Mark Sullivan (USA) |
| CIA Secretary | | | Sanne Haarhuis (NED) |
| FAI Secretary General | | | Markus Haggenev |
| | | | |
| COUNTRY | DELEGATE | ALTERNATE | SC / WG members and observers |
| Australia (Aus) | Ireland, Steve | | Pritchard, Rhonda (Sat) |
| Austria (Aut) | Fraisl, Christoph | | Katharina Lotspieler |
| Belgium (Bel) | Van Geyte, Luc | | |
| Canada (Can) | David Gleed | | |
| Croatia (Cro) | Igor Miklousic | | |
| Czech Rep (Cze) | Jan Suchy | | |
| Finland (Fin) | Sipinen, Markku | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| France (Fra) | Pelard, Benoît | | |
| Germany (Ger) | Schneider, Uwe | Meinl, Silvia | Eimers, Sebastian Meinl, Mike Michel, Christian |
| Hungary (Hun) | | Pálhegyi, Zoltan | Balo, Tamas |
| India | Immochaoba Singh Kshetrimayun | | |
| Italy (Ita) | Proxy to UK | | Oggioni, Paolo |
| Japan (Jpn) | Soejima, Hiromori | Endo, Katsura | Furukawa, Hiromi |
| Rep. of Korea | Roh, Eunyoung | | |
| KSA | | | George Blythe Hussain Makkawi Ashri |
| Lithuania (Ltu) | Kazlauskas, Zydrunas | | |
| Luxembourg (Lux) | Weber, Claude | | |
| Netherlands (Ned) | Haarhuis, Sanne | Pellegrin, Erwin | |
| Poland (Pol) | Filus, Witold | Ivanski, Arkadiusz | |
| Slovak Republic (Svk) | Proxy to Czech Rep. | | |
| Slovenia (Slo) | Branko, Ambrozic | | |
| Sweden (Swe) | Bengt Stener | | |
| Switzerland (Sui) | André, Marc | Cedric Gauch | Strasmann, David |
| United Kingdom (Gbr) | Muir, Lindsay | Bareford, David | Suzannah Bryant |
| United States Of America (Usa) | Baird, Andy | Sam Parks | Bradley, Troy Debbie Spaeth White, Cheri |
| | | | |
| | | Day One | Day Two |
| Total Attendees | | 44 | 44 |
| Total CIA Members | | 31 | 31 |
| | | | |
| VOTE Count | Delegates Voting | 21 | 21 |
| | Alternates Voting | 1 | 1 |
| | Members with voting rights | | |
| | Proxies | 2 | 2 |
| TOTAL VOTES | | 24 | 24 |
| Absolute Majority | | 13 | 13 |
| 2/3 Majority | | 17 | 17 |

A current list of FAI Members List and CIA delegates can be found on the FAI website:

<https://www.fai.org/page/cia-delegates>

5. PROXIES

Slovakia proxy to Czech Republic

Italy proxy to GBR

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENDA ORDER

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

Delegates were reminded that the agenda order would be established by the President (IR 3.6.1).

REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

Delegates were reminded of the procedures in respect of:

Motions (IR 3.7)

Rules of Debate (IR 3.8), delegates are encouraged to speak once on each topic.

Items not on the agenda need 2/3's majority to be discussed but no decision may be made on these items

COUNTING COMMITTEE

Cheri White (USA) and Mike Meini (GER) were nominated as the Counting Committee (IR 3.11.4).

Approved by the Plenary unanimously on a motion from the Chair

CIA POLICY DOCUMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

CIA President: any bid or intention to host the next plenary meeting should be presented as soon as possible

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

The total votes present: 22

The total votes including proxies: 24

The number of votes required to achieve an absolute majority was declared as 13

The number of votes required for a New Motion (2/3 majority) was declared as 17

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

VOTING PROCEDURES

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

For continental events only Delegates from that continent may vote.

ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM

The FAI electronic voting system will not be used in this meeting.

FAI CODE OF ETHICS

The FAI Code of Ethics applies to the CIA meeting. CIA members concerned should declare their respective conflict of interest to the FAI General Secretary.

DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

Coffee breaks and lunch arrangements were announced.

7. MINUTES OF THE 2023 PLENARY MEETING

Minutes were approved unanimously

8. CIA BUREAU ACTIONS

The bureau decisions can be found in the documents part of the FAI / CIA website

Attachment 1

9. REPORT ON FAI ACTIVITIES

Mark Sullivan, CIA President, reported on FAI activities and meetings and stressed out the working together of the commission's presidents.

10. FAI SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

The FAI Report was presented by the **FAI Secretary General, Markus HAGGENEY**, and a written summary is provided in attachment 2.

Attachment 2

11. DELEGATES REPORTS

Reports were received from:

AUS, BEL, CRO, JPN, NED, NZL, SLO

Oral reports from various countries, including UK, CRO, USA were discussed, highlighting activities, competitions, and safety concerns in the hot air balloon sport. Significant events such as a tragic accident and the growth of balloon events in CRO were mentioned.

12. JURY BOARD SC REPORT

JC Weber (LUX) presents the report of the Jury Board meeting.

Attachment 3

The report was accepted unanimously.

Motion 1:

To approve the following event juries:

67th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett 2024

Pres: Monique Vande Velde (BEL)

Member: Claude Weber (LUX)

Member: Stefan Handl (GER)

Member: Luc van Geyte (BEL) stand in off-site

23rd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2025

Pres: Claude Weber (LUX)

Member: Cheri White (USA)

Member: Hiromi Furukawa (JPN)

A jury for the 6th Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2025 was suggested but on a comment of Lindsay Muir (GBR) that this event has pulled their bid this jury was pulled from the motion.

The motion is accepted unanimously

Motion 2:

To approve the modified wording in the CIA document documents FAI FIRST CATEGORY EVENT BIDDING AND SANCTION PROCEDURES Version 8.0 / March 20152018 and SC S1 Annex 7 – Section 3 as follows:

SECTION B - COUPE AERONAUTIQUE GORDON BENNETT

In accordance with the General Principles regulating the event (as amended at the CIA Meeting March 2010), this document specifies the requirements and deadlines that shall be met. These deadlines and requirements are based on the FAI Sporting Code and the Special GB Rules, as well as the relevant excerpts of the Sporting Code and Special GB Rules pertaining to the sanctioning process of the event.

Deadlines:

| | | |
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| 1. | November in the winning year | If the holder renounces the organization of the race, it should inform the FAI Secretariat within two months following the competition in which it was the winner. |
| 2. | November in the winning year | The winning NAC must have their intention to bid – to organize the concerned Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett event – submitted to the FAI Secretariat within 60 days of the Jury declaring the event finished. |
| 3. | June 30, in the following year | In case the winning NAC positively intends to bid, this NAC has a deadline of June 30th of that following year – about 14 month prior to the concerned event – to submit the bid. Ensuing/resulting bids, supported by the completed bid files, shall be received by June 30th of the intermediate bidding year unless these time limits are changed by the CIA under special circumstances. |
| 4. | September 1 in the following year | The CIA Bureau to eventually grant the official CIA sanction approximately 13 months before the concerned event. The CIA is empowered to accept or reject bids to organise the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett. Event Director, Safety Officer and Jury Members approved by the CIA Bureau |
| 5. | March in the year of the event | Rules approved by the CIA Plenary Meeting |

The motion is accepted unanimously

Motion 3:

To approve the regrading of

Paolo Oggioni: Paolo is proposed to the Plenary for upgrading to Senior.

Hiromi Furukawa: Hiromi is proposed to the Plenary for upgrading to Intermediate.

The motion is accepted unanimously

Motion 4:

To approve the modified Application procedures published in the Jury Handbook as follows:
see report.

The motion is accepted unanimously

Motion 5 :

Changes in rules

To approve that the GS 2024 modifications concerning the cancellation of events may be integrated into the Jury Handbook after having been considered by the CIA RSC and Plenary.

The motion is accepted unanimously

Motion 6:

Jury Handbook update procedures

To approve that any changes to the Jury Handbook becoming necessary after decisions by the CIA Plenary or Bureau shall be incorporated into the Jury Handbook without any further approval by the CIA Plenary.

The motion is accepted unanimously

Motion 7:

In-person on-site event debriefing and on-line event debriefing:

To approve the proposal to adopt, in addition to the in-person on-site event debriefing, the possibility for an on-line event debriefing Survey. The respective necessary Jury Handbook modifications to be left to the Jury Board for publication after the CIA Plenary 2024

See proposal details in report.

The motion is accepted unanimously

A discussion followed about file storage and privacy concerns, emphasizing the need to trust the FAI- cloud for data security.

Clarification was provided regarding the storage of important files on the FAI - cloud and working documents on personal clouds.

13. OFFICIALS SC REPORT

Steve Ireland (AUS) presents the activities and report.

Attachment 4

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

To accept the changes to the Event Director selection criteria.

The motion was accepted unanimously

14. EVENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE SC REPORT

Lindsay Muir (UK): reported on the work of the SubCommittee. They reviewed 2023 events and reviewed the current sanction applications.

Concerns were raised about the cancellation of the Women's World Championships in Brazil in 2025 due to funding issues.

Sanction Applications to all events can be found in the documents on the CIA documents part of the website under Events, Events Sanction Documents.

EDS meeting minutes

Attachment 5

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

With immediate effect, the AA Working Group will take over all the bidding requirements of the FAI Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett as detailed Section 3 of Annex 7 of Section 1 of the Sporting Code.

The motion is tabled until next year

Motion 2:

With immediate effect EDS will use the WatchMeFly platform for all Sanction Applications.

The motion is accepted unanimously

A discussion started on the use of the standby list in the invitation process to world and continental championships. It was considered to create a working group to clarify rules and create a flowchart for better understanding of the invitation process.

15. RECORDS SC REPORT

Troy Bradley (USA): reported on the work of the SC

Attachment 6

No records have been ratified this year.

Notable flights need more attention, the SC will be working on that.

Record Observers do not need to be on-site in person for record attempts. Utilizing electronic media for tracking and proof of landing will lead to approval of recorded data. This change eliminates the cost and potential unreliability of on-site observers, offering more flexibility for record attempts.

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

JC Weber (LUX): The physical badges used to be made in Luxembourg by a local jeweller, not existing anymore. We should look for a place where to make them.

Pilots are encouraged to pursue silver and gold badges and other achievements to promote teamwork and excitement in flying.

16. SAFETY AND EDUCATION SC REPORT

This agenda item was tabled until after the lunchbreak of day 1 as the chair was not in the room when the item came up.

David Strasmann (SUI): reported on the work of the SC.

Attachment 7

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

To improve the knowledge of the Safety Officer, the WG will start with a list of approved Safety Officers for CAT1 Events. For an individual to be placed on the list they must pass a qualification/test (f.e. Jury Entry Level Test). The WG will work on the test and present the idea at the next plenary.

The motion is accepted unanimously

17. COMPETITORS SC REPORT

Andrew Baird (USA): Gave a presentation on the results of the Subcommittee's yearly questionnaire.

Attachment 8

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

18. RULES SC REPORT

Uwe Schneider (GER): Presents the reports of the different WGs of the subcommittee

18.1. AA WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Marc Andre (SUI):

Discussion about the 23th and 24th GBR as well as the struggles in selecting a city for the 25th event in France.

Rule changes were also discussed, including minimum requirements for registration and about handling complaints from aviation authorities.

The purchase of hoses for the GBR was discussed, financed by the CIA.

There was a discussion about the sanction fee for the Gordon Bennett and the impact on potential sponsors.

A presentation held by Sebastian Eimers provided insights into the planning for the upcoming Gordon Bennett race in Münster (GER), including details about the launch field, trajectory, and schedule. A challenge was highlighted regarding the need to find an alternative launch field in case of high winds, potentially requiring a change in the launch field location. Future milestones like volunteer registration, budget securing, and merchandise planning were also discussed. Organizing event financing, particularly raising €250,000, was highlighted as a challenge, with the suggestion for the ballooning community to join Team Gordon Bennett for fundraising. Special pins are available for donation, contributing around €15,000 to the budget, offering benefits to donors.

Rule changes and Handbook changes are listed in the minutes.

AA WG meeting minutes

Attachment 9

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

Approve the GB MER 2024 and the GB 2024 rules as presented. Attachment 10

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 2:

Invest 5500 CHF to support the purchase of 8x40m = 320m of filling hoses to be used in the Gordon Bennett races. The purchase will be done by a club in Germany. Every event who is using it will pay 600 CHF technical fee to the CIA and 250 EUR for storage and maintenance to the club. The club is responsible for the maintenance and safety tests.

The motion was accepted unanimously

Motion 3:

Because the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett allows 3 competitors per NAC, the organizer cannot define a maximum number of competitors. The sanction fee for the Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett shall be defined as 1250 CHF flat.

The motion was accepted unanimously

18.2. AX WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Uwe Schneider (GER):

New communication possibilities, such as WhatsApp, nowadays are used to address task data changes and updates. A number of rules have been introduced regulating what information can be given until when via electronic channels to ensure safety and fairness for competitors.

A new respectful flying score system was proposed to discourage dangerous flying, with penalty points accumulating over two years and resulting in grounding if reaching a certain threshold. Concerns were raised about the system's implications, potential modifications, and its effectiveness in promoting safer flying practices. Attachment 11
Proposal to invest up to 1000 CHF in implementing the respectful flying score into watchmefly.

Rule changes included dropping electronic marks when targets cease to exist and modifying landing proximity rules were proposed. A new Altitude Profile Task was discussed.

Renumbering of rules has been done to streamline references and remove unused rules.

Rules for the upcoming world championship have been submitted, checked, and found in order. Organizers and directors are willing to adapt the rules to AXMER2024.

Motion 1:

To approve the changes to the AXMER2024 as presented.

Info : Rules with the adaptations to AXMER2024 will be checked by AX-WG and proposed to RSC for final approval. Plenary delegates power to bureau to approve the rules.

The motion was adopted unanimously

Motion 2:

To approve the investment of up to 1000 CHF in implementing the respectful flying score.

The motion was adopted unanimously

AX WG meeting minutes

Attachment 12

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

18.3. BX WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Luc van Geyte (BEL) presents his meeting report.

Attachment 13

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

To approve the changes to the BXMER2024 as presented.

Attachment 14

The motion was adopted unanimously

18.4. SCORING WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Marc André (SUI):

Clarifies some changes that are made to the COH.

Discussion on a new scoring formula is delayed to 2024 because of time constraints.

Scoring WG meeting minutes

Attachment 15

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1: Approve the update to the COH and publish it as COH 2024

The motion was adopted unanimously

18.5. STATUTES, BY LAWS AND SPORTING CODE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Hikomori Soejima (JPN):

Updates to internal regulations, including wording changes for clarity and alignment with general section changes. There was a discussion on the changes in Internal Regulations and a decision on the motions was postponed until after the break.

Discussion on the ownership and storage of documents, emphasizing the importance of legal compliance and data security. Debate on whether all working groups and subcommittees should store files in the FAI cloud. Concerns were raised about privacy, legal implications, and access control to sensitive documents.

S1 WG meeting minutes

Attachment 16

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

That the proposed changes to the Sporting Code Section 1 be approved as published.

The motion was adopted unanimously

19. NEW TECHNOLOGIES SC REPORT

Claude Weber (LUX): Gave a presentation on NTSC work and the SubCommittee meeting and the financial situation of all the investments made. Attachment 17

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

To update the WRL only on 1st of April and within 2 weeks after a World Championship or World Air Games.

The motion was adopted unanimously

Motion 2:

To migrate all relevant documents to the FAI cloud by May 1st and start working exclusively with this new document storage as of the same date.

The motion was adopted 22 in favor, 1 abstention, 1 opposed

20. PUBLIC AND MEDIA RELATIONS SC REPORT

Debbie Spaeth (USA) held a presentation on the work of the PMR Sub Committee

Besides continuing it's work on articles PMR will this year be working on a more structured Social Media presence and on a website to honour our award winners and champions.

PMR also suggests working on a project similar to the Gordon Bennett TV for Hot Air.

Motion 1:

Request from plenary to discuss startup costs of Hot Air TV to be used in promotion of Hot Air Championship sanctioned by FAI Ballooning Commission with the bureau.

Discussion on the motion:

Concern is to allocate money without a return on investment. And we cannot let the bureau decide on budget items without approval of the plenary.

Some delegates would like to see a more detailed plan before allocating money.

The PMR SC explains that it is a work in progress that we don't want to let sit for another year to go by. This was started last year during worlds and we feel that this needs to continue with a little budget incentive in order to discuss with organizers what their contribution can be. With a long term perspective of it becoming self supporting.

After the discussion an amount was attached to the motion.

Motion 1 rewritten:

Request from plenary to discuss startup costs of Hot Air TV to be used in promotion of Hot Air Championship sanctioned by FAI Ballooning Commission with the bureau.

With a maximum of CHF. 1500

The motion was adopted unanimously

20.1. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMPS

Presentations were given on the youthcamps that were held last year in France, Germany, Czech Republic and USA.

Motion 2:

Motion by CIA PMR SC for approval of 1000 CHF per camp (4000CHF total CIA expenditure) for CIA Scholarship Funds to the following 2024 Balloon Youth Camps, subject to the CIA PMR Scholarship rules and documentation prior to payment of funds. For BYC in the following four countries.

Czech Republic, France, Germany, USA

The motion was adopted unanimously

PMR SC meeting minutes

Attachment 18&19

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

21. ELECTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

| Subcommittee | Chairman / Chairwoman |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jury Board | JC Weber |
| Officials SC | Steve Ireland |
| PMR SC | Debbie Spaeth |
| Records SC | Troy Bradley |
| Rules SC | Uwe Schneider |
| Safety and Education SC | David Strasmann |
| Event Development Services | Lindsay Muir |
| Competitor SC | Andy Baird |
| New Technology SC | Claude Weber |
| Hall of Fame | Mark Sullivan |

22. FAI TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

FAI MEDICO-PHYSIOLOGICAL COMMISSION (CIMP)

The CIA representative David Bareford (GBR) reported on the commission meeting. He points out that the commission tries to work on other medical requirements for AirSport.

FAI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Steve Ireland said the commission has not been very active in a while. He does see some development in electrical aircrafts but there is not much going on in the commission.

FAI Secretary General explains that the chairman of this commission has resigned last year and has not been replaced since. Therefore there has not been much activity.

He does point out that as airports we do not put enough effort into showing what we do for the environment. He showed the existence of www.sustainability.sport. It is a website that features

all sorts of efforts that are done in sports to improve sustainability. Airsports can also add their contributions. Not just individual athlete but also efforts from event organisers.

FAI EUROPE AIR SPORT

No report, we have no delegate.

FAI CASI

Mark gave a report on all the work this commission does on the General Section of the Sporting Code and the internal regulations. A lot of adjustments have been made over the past year. See published CASI Meeting Minutes

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Nominations for Commission representatives for 2024:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| FAI Medico-Physiological Commission | David Bareford (GBR) |
| FAI Environmental Commission | Steve Ireland (AUS) |
| Europe Air Sports | no nomination |
| CIA Representative to CASI | Mark Sullivan (USA) |

On a motion from the Chair the nominees were elected unanimously

23. SANCTIONED EVENTS

Sanction Applications to all sanctioned events can be found in the documents on the CIA documents part of the website under Events, Events Sanction Documents.

Presentation by EDS chair Lindsay Muir (UK)

Attachment 20

23.1. REPORTS ON SANCTIONED EVENTS 2023

6th Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Grudziadz, Poland

4th Women’s World Hot Air Balloon Championship – Northam, Australia

66th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett – Albuquerque, USA

23.2. REPORTS ON SANCTIONED EVENTS 2024-2025.

*25th Hot Air Balloon World Championship – Szeged, hungary
Presentation by Zoltan Palhegyi.*

*67th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett – Germany
Presentation by Sebastian Eimers.*

*23rd FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship 2025
Presentation by Katharina Lothspieler*

23.3. SANCTION PROPOSALS

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24. CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR AND EVENTS OPEN FOR PROPOSAL

| EVENT | CATEGORY | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| WORLD AIR GAMES – NONE SCHEDULED | | | | | | |
| HOT AIR BALLOONS (AX) | | | | | | |
| General | World | Hungary | | Poland | | OPEN Bids by 2026 |
| | Continental | | Austria | | OPEN Bids by 2025 | |
| Women's | World | | No Event | | OPEN Bids by 2025 | |
| | Continental | No Event | | No Event | | OPEN Bids by 2026 |
| Junior | World | | No Event | | OPEN Bids by 2025 | |
| | Continental | No Event | | No Event | | OPEN Bids by 2026 |
| GAS BALLOONS (AA) | | | | | | |
| General | World | No Event | No Event | | | |
| | Continental | No Event | No Event | | | |
| Women's | World | No Event | No Event | | | |
| | Continental | No Event | No Event | | | |
| Junior | World | No Event | No Event | | | |
| | Continental | No Event | No Event | | | |
| GORDON BENNETT RACE | | | | | | |
| | | Germany Winner 2022 | France Winner 2023 | | | |
| HOT AIR AIRSHIPS (BX) | | | | | | |
| General | World | No Event | No Event | | | |
| | Continental | No Event | No Event | | | |
| Women's | World | No Event | No Event | | | |
| | Continental | No Event | No Event | | | |
| Junior | World | No Event | No Event | | | |
| | Continental | No Event | No Event | | | |

1 Grey background indicates NOT open for bidding in that year.

24.1. BIDS

25th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2026 – Poland
Presentation by Filus Witold and Arkadiusz Iwanski

The bid was accepted unanimously

6th FAI Womens World Hot Air Balloon Championship 2025 – Brazil
Has been withdrawn because of insufficient funding available.

Attachment 21

Motion :

To extend the time limits for Women and Junior Continental Championships 2026

According to the Sporting Code – Section 1
Annex 7 – First Category Event Bidding and Sanction Procedures

The motion was adopted unanimously

24.2. INTENTIONS TO BID

24th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship - Poland

Letter of intent from India to host a World Championship - India

25. CIA FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sanne Haarhuis (secretary): A presentation was given on the expenses and income in 2023 and on the adjusted budgets for 2024 and budget for 2025
Attachment 22&23

Motion :

To accept the 2025 CIA Budget

The motion was adopted unanimously

26. AWARDS

26.1. HANS ÅKERSTEDT AWARD PROPOSAL

Claude Weber (LUX) explained the origin and details of an award to recognize people that have served in the CIA commission for many years, like Hans Åkerstedt has.

The award needs modification of the FAI by-laws. Claude Weber will submit the changes needed to the FAI EB Attachment 24

Motion :

To accept the creation of the Hans Åkerstedt award

The motion was adopted unanimously

26.2. AWARD OF MONTGOLFIER DIPLOMAS

- a) *Montgolfier Diploma for Contribution to the development of the Sport is awarded to **Klaus Hartmann (Germany)**.*
- b) *Montgolfier Best Performance Hot Air is awarded to **Alicia Hempleman – Adams (GBR)***

27. AWARD OF SANTOS DUMONT GOLD AIRSHIP MEDAL

No Nominees were presented.

28. NOMINATIONS FOR FAI AWARDS

CIA President: reminded all delegates of the importance to find nominees for these awards.

29. CIA HALL OF FAME

Mark Sullivan (USA) gave a report and some explanation about how the Hall of Fame nominations and induction work. Attachment 25

The FAI page for the Hal of Fame: <https://www.fai.org/page/cia-hall-fame>

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

2024 Inductees: Alec Kubicek- CZE (living)
Neil Robertson – GBR (posthumous)

2024 Addition to the pool: Hans Åkerstedt (SWE)

30. ELECTION OF SC AND WG MEMBERS

| SC | Members | SC | Members | WG | Members |
|-----------|---|--------------|---|---------|---|
| PMR | Marina Kalousdian (BRA) Jonathan Perron-Clow (CAN) David Strassman (GER) Katsura Endo (JPN) Kim Magee (USA) Sanne Haarhuis (NED, secretary) Lindsay Muir (UK, EDS) Branko Ambrožič (SLO) Jan Suchy (CZE) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) | EDS | Arkadiusz Iwański (POL) Benoit Pelard (FRA) David Strassman (GER) Andrew Baird (USA) Debbie Spaeth (USA) Maury Sullivan (USA) Zoltan Pálhegyi (HUN) Lynn Sullivan (USA) JC Weber (LUX, supporting member) | AA | Marc Andre (SUI) (Chair) Luc van Geyte (BEL) Benoit Pelard (FRA) Gerald Stürzlinger (AUT) Troy Bradley (USA) Sebastian Eimers (GER) Marc Sullivan (USA) Eric Décellières (FRA) |
| Safety | Rudy Paenen (BEL) Andy Chau (HKG) Troy Bradley (USA) David Gleed (CAN) Bengt Stener (SWE) Benoit Pelard (FRA) Christoph Fraisl (AUT) Branko Ambrožič (SLO) Niclas Möre (SWE) | Competitors | Paolo Oggioni (ITA) Gerald Stürzlinger (AUT) Uwe Schneider (GER) Maury Sullivan (USA) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Sam Parks (USA) David Strassman (GER) Sylvia Meinl (GER) Igor Miklousić (CRO) Dominic Bareford (UK) | AX | Uwe Schneider (GER) (Chair) Claude Weber (LUX) David Bareford (GBR) Maury Sullivan (USA) Sanne Haarhuis (NED) |
| Records | Don Cameron (GBR) Sabu Ichiyoshi (JPN) Lindsay Muir (GBR) David Gleed (CAN) Hans Akerstedt (SWE) Benjamin Eimers (GER) Branko Ambrožič (SLO) Mike Meinl (GER) | NTSC | Steve Ireland (AUS) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) Marc Andre (SUI) Bengt Stener (SWE) Mike Meinl (GER) | BA / BX | Luc van Geyte (Chair) Jerzy Czerniawski (POL) Oscar Lindström Sylvia Meinl (GER) |
| Officials | Hiroimi Furukawa (JPN) Debbie Spaeth (USA) Sylvia Meinl (GER) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) | Hall of Fame | Sabu Ichiyoshi (JPN) Martine Besnainou (FRA) Sanne Haarhuis (NED) Troy Bradley (Expert Advisor). The AAIBM Selection Committee members: Lynne Newton, Jacques Soukup, Mick Murphy | Scoring | Erwin Pellegrom (Co-Chair) David Bareford (Co-Chair) Steve Ireland (AUS) Lynn Sullivan (USA) Mike Meinl (GER) Marc Andre (SUI) |
| Rules | Uwe Schneider (Chair) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) David Bareford (GBR) Luc van Geyte (BEL) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Marc Andre (SUI) | Jury | Debbie Spaeth (USA) John Grubbström (SWE) Hiromori Soejima (JPN) Gary Lockyer (CAN) | SC01 | Hiromori Soejima (Chair) Mark Sullivan (USA) Lindsay Muir (GBR) Paolo Oggioni (ITA) JC Weber (LUX) |

Motion :

To accept all the presented member of the SC/WG

The motion was adopted unanimously

31. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Claude Weber gave a presentation on the discussion that was held during the open forum to redefine the CAT 2 event scheme. All chairs of the WG/SCs should be meet during the year to look into new criteria for CAT2 and it's potential integration into the WRL calculation.

32. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

32.1. PARTICIPATION FEE OPTIONS

Claude Weber explained why the bureau is asking permission of the plenary to accept bids or options with a reasonable cost contribution from the members.

Objective is to keep costs as low as possible overall, for as well delegates as for the CIA.

32.2. BIDS RECEIVED

No bids were received.

Motion:

To move out of Lausanne

The motion was adopted 23 in favor, 1 opposed

Motion:

To give the bureau the permission to accept a bid in 2025 with a cost contribution if needed.

The motion was adopted 23 in favor, 1 abstained

Suggested plenary dates 2024:

Plenary meeting March 14 & 15 2025

SC and WG meetings March 12 & 13 2025



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