



MINUTES

Of the annual meeting of the

FAI Ballooning Commission

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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.

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	Pellegrum, 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

Markus Hagganey, FAI Secretary General, presented his report with the following points:

FAI and CIA Activities Report

Overview of FAI and CIA activities, including monthly bureau meetings and commission presidents' gatherings.

Mention of upcoming meetings to discuss special reserve accounts and training for officials and jury members.

Upcoming Election and In-Person Meeting

The next election will be in November this year in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, following the first in-person meeting since 2019, held in Dayton, Ohio in 2023.

The meeting aimed to restart activity levels and energy in airsport.

Financial Matters and FAI General Conference

More than 50% of the general conference focused on financial matters, with a call to shift the focus to the beauty of airsport.

Financial reports showed a positive variance for 2024.

Impact of Geopolitical Decisions

Geopolitical decisions led to an expected budget impact and potential drop in membership fees. The majority supported the removal of rights to avoid politicization and preserve FAI's integrity.

Importance of World Games

The World Games is a significant global event, providing opportunities for sports not included in the Olympic Games.

Participation in the World Games can lead to substantial financial support for federations.

Leadership Improvement

There is a call for more active leadership and improved communication within the organization. The need for better engagement and visibility, especially with the next generation of global leaders, was emphasized.

Need for Better Promotion of Air Sports

There is a need to improve the promotion of air sports to address misconceptions and showcase the positive impact on the environment.

The organization should actively share success stories and expertise.

Transparency in Financial Matters

There is a need to clarify the purpose and management of reserves, with a focus on reinvesting

in air sports.

The organization is working on a concept to differentiate running costs from investment activities.

Office Cost Reduction Efforts

The office has successfully reduced fixed costs by half a million per year since 2019.

Financial Collaboration and Trust

Trust and collaboration in financial matters were highlighted as crucial for the success of the commission.

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 2

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:

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 3

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.

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 5

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 6

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 7

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 8

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 9

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 10
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 11

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 12

On a motion from the Chair the Report was accepted unanimously

Motion 1:

To approve the changes to the BXMER2024 as presented.

Attachment 13

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 14

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 15

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 16

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

Building on the success of video content and social media followers from the 2023 Junior WHABC, and the 2023 Women's WHABC, PMR has been working to continue CIA media for 2024. Working with the Hungarian hosts, CIA PMR were introduced to the professional video company doing the 2024 WHABC. An example of the video content was shared with delegates. Various points to be considered were brought forward by delegates.

Motion #1:

Subject to approval by CIA Bureau, request Plenary to approve up to CHF3500 for CIA PMR Media Project @WHABC 2024 in SZEGED, Hungary.

Motion #2:

PMR Motion #2 International Youth Camps:

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 – France, Germany, Poland and USA.

Note: Camps that were held in 2023 included locations in Czech Republic, Germany & USA. The delegates gave presentations on the camps from their counties. The scheduled camp for France was cancelled.

PMR SC meeting minutes

Attachment 17&18

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. Airports 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 19

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.

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 21&22

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 23

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 24

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) Benoît 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) Benoît 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) Benoît 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 Meintl (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 Meintl (GER)	NTSC	Steve Ireland (AUS) Erwin Pellegrom (NED) Marc Andre (SUI) Bengt Stener (SWE) Mike Meintl (GER)	BA / BX	Luc van Geyte (Chair) Jerzy Czerniawski (POL) Oscar Lindström Sylvia Meintl (GER)
Officials	Hiroimi Furukawa (JPN) Debbie Spaeth (USA) Sylvia Meintl (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 Meintl (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)

1/28/24 Addition: Hiroimi Furukawa and Benoît Pelard are members of the PMR SC as in the minutes of the PMR SC meeting in 2024.

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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