CIVL 2013 PLENARY – ANNEX 7-V2
BUREAU 2012/2013 ACTIVITY REPORT

This is in no way a perfect extensive report of what the Bureau has done, or a faultless sum-up of the average 300 emails per month the Bureau has to deal with.

February 2012

- Organized the Bureau internal communication network.
- Published reports on the Plenary decisions.
- Sent letter to EHPU and PMA to state Plenary position on PG competition gliders.
- Confirmed that women have the same selection criteria as men in the St-André PG Euro.
- Started working on Basecamp organisation and access (Basecamp is a project management and collaboration tool).
- Adjusted jury duties for the Forbes HG World and Kayseri HG Euro.

March

- Discussed matters like: the Forbes HG World sprog measuring; the date for the Bureau Autumn meeting; St-André PG Euro and Ohrid PG accuracy Euro local regulations; the template for local regulations; the nominations for the Pepe Lopes Medal and HG and PG Diploma; the simplified Incident report form; the coming Sopot PG pre-World; FAI anti-doping policy; HG sprog measurement in Kayseri HG Euro; dates for the 2013 Plenary.
- Adjusted steward duties in Wai-ao PG accuracy Asian.
- Updated approved harness list.
- Decided not to hire new secretary or PR person this year but concentrate on getting CIVL better organised.
- Finalized and published the Plenary minutes.
- Finalized Bureau members responsibilities. Finalized Subcommittees and Working Groups members. Updated the website.
- Nominated John Dickenson for the FAI Gold Air Medal and published nomination.
- Kept working on Basecamp organisation and access.
- Decided on website communication strategy.
- Nominated screening committee for pilot selection of coming championships.
- Adjusted steward duties for the St-André PG Euro.
- Discussed Dennis Pagen letter to CIVL on safety, insurances, liability, transponders, drones, reduced cost for Category 1 events, HG Sport class, HG sprogs measuring.
- Initiated work on CIVL long term plan.
- Discussed on application of some modifications of Section 7 to the Linzhou PG XC Asian (concerning gliders).
- Initiated work on our logos.
- Fought confusion for our first Skype meeting (we'll get used to it!).

April

- Discussed matters like: the new Incident form; the WPRS taking in account pilots that do not have a FAI licence; the coming Sopot PG pre-World; the next Plenary dates; the web News publication procedure; PG accuracy subcommittee, policy, judges training, ARISF

funding; the FAI-ASC President May meeting; the Forbes HG World local regulations; the FAI anti-doping plan…
- Published Kayseri HG Euro local regulations.
- Published reminders on registration for coming HG Euro and World.
- Appointed Agust Gudmundsson to be our FAI-CASI delegate.
- Decided to send and pay a trainee Steward for the Wai-ao PG Accuracy Asian.
- Reminded some Category 1 event organisers of their obligations concerning FAI branding and logo.
- Updated the web contact / subcommittees / working groups lists.
- Decided not to enforce the rule concerning taking photos of gliders for the Linzhou PG XC Asian.
- Decided to dissolve the Competition Safety Task Force and the Open Class Technical Working Group.
- Published Ohrid PG accuracy Euro local regulations.
- Collected, scanned and filed close to one hundred steward and jury reports on Category 1 events since 1995 till today.
- Updated approved helmet list.
- Denied AFNOR request to finance current revision of PG EN certification. Agreed to do it only for new competition class gliders / norm.
- Had a working session at FAI with competition and communication people.

May

- Discussed matters like: the 2013 Plenary; updating our logos; anti-doping control in Wai-ao PG accuracy Asian; the non-publication of some of Section 7; the budget and local regulations for Forbes HG World; CIVL policy concerning the obligation to have a sporting licence in Category 2 events; FAI new partnership with Breitling and the creation of FAI Air sport marketing and events SA (FAME); the European incident/accident data base; how to be closer to AFNOR; the reimbursement of volunteers; the Iranian APPI Card, that seems to be a locally made IPPI Card…
- Published updated versions of Section 7. Discussed and rectified a few mistakes.
- Set the final dates for the 2013 Plenary, worked on the timetable and room reservation.
- Published CIVL position on FAI and the World Anti Doping Code.
- Published a brief history of serial vs. competition class paragliders.
- Published St-André PG Euro local regulations.
- Helped updating FAI archives on jury reports.
- Renamed and organised steward and jury reports so they would be easily accessible on the web (for Delegates only and through a Bureau member).
- Decided to answer once and no more to M. Faust mails about John Dickenson nomination for FAI Air Gold Medal.
- Wrote a letter of thanks to the Competition Safety Task Force and the Open Class Technical Working Group.
- Adjusted Wai-ao PG accuracy Asian local regulations including a change of Meet Director.
- Solved problems between Wai-ao PG Accuracy Asian organisers and NAC.
- Discussed about Organiser agreement having to be signed before the presentation of the bid.
- Discussed the Malaysian 2014 PG accuracy Asian failing organisation. Gave power to Agust Gudmundsson to try to solve the problem.
- Reviewed new procedures for FAI and ASC budget.
- Approved claims for PG accuracy judges training.
- Answered FAI request for input on the new website.
- Agreed to finance a new “Practical Guidelines for Organising FAI/CIVL Category 1 Championships” (global budget: 2,000€).
- Discussed the St-André PG Euro somehow confusing website. Discussed the need to have a template for Category 1 events website including registration software.
- Decided to send Raymond Caux and Igor Erzen to the ESTC meeting (safety commission of EHPU).
- Discussed the coming Sopot PG pre-World and World. Decided to send Goran Dimiskovski to meet the NAC and organisers. Read and analysed Goran’s report.

June

- Discussed matters like: the future of HG Class 2, 5, Sport and Women competitions; team size and guest pilots at the St-André PG Euro; the revision of FAI organiser agreement template; the date and venue of the Bureau Autumn meeting; the steward report for Linzhou PG Asian…
- Discussed the coming Sopot PG pre-World and World. Read and analysed Goran Dimiskovski's report. Wrote to the Bulgarian NAC to get clarifications.
- Defined final strategy for our website.
- Discussed Raymond Caux and Igor Erzen's report on the ESTC meeting. Decided to send letters to EHPU and PMA to re-state CIVL position on PG competition gliders.
- Decided to award medals to women at the Linzhou PG XC Asian even though not enough women actually competed (but enough registered), as a support to the development of women flying.
- Asked the Screening committee to accept exemptions for Turkish pilots for the Kayseri HG Euro.
- Wrote ARISF report (judges funding) for FAI.
- Finalized date and venue for the Bureau Autumn meeting.

July

- Discussed matters like: the FAI Breitling and FAME partnerships; the future EHPU/PMA meeting; the EHPU answer to our June letter; the Forbes HG World local regulations…
- Rejoiced at the successful nomination of John Dickenson for the FAI Air Gold Medal.
- Discussed the coming Sopot PG pre-World and World. Read and analysed the Bulgarian NAC answer to our letter. Agreed on change of Meet Director for the test event.
- Sent a letter to the Malaysian NAC to find out if they still want to organize the 2014 PG accuracy Asian. Discussed their answer and agreed that they still should organise it.
- Worked on a budget report for FAI.
- Studied the minutes of the FAI-ASC President meeting.
- Started on the agenda for the Autumn Bureau meeting.
- Wrote to NACs to ask for their support in training Judges for aerobatic competitions.
- Agreed to sanction the Cali PG accuracy World Games test event (they were late).
- Discussed about the many issues of the Sopot PG pre-World: few participants, organisation, safety (one fatality)… Discussed the steward report.
- Decided on who would make the sprog measuring in the Kayseri HG Euro and budgeted it.
- Checked and published the Category 1 event Bid guidelines for 2013.

August

- Discussed matters like: the strategic improvement at FAI; FAI anti-doping plan; PWCA draft competitions for 2013; FAI reimbursement policy for volunteers' expenses…
- Discussed the Sopot PG pre-World and World. Decided to go forward with the new organisers if they would answer positively to all issue raised. Delegated Igor Erzen to follow all matters. Decided to meet the prospective Meet Director in St-André PG Euro.
- Sent letters to EHPU and PMA to re-state CIVL position on PG competition gliders and invited them to a meeting in St-André during the PG Euro (September). Studied their answers (PMA could not attend) and decided that Stephane Malbos and Goran Dimiskovski would attend the PMA general meeting in St-Hilaire in September.
- Underlined CIVL policy on selection criteria and nation size for the coming PG Euro.
- Denied AFNOR new request to finance current revision of PG EN certification.
- Refused to give FAI gold/silver/bronze medals to Category 2 events. Suggested that organisers give away CIVL badges instead.
- Clarified and published selection criteria and team size for the St-André PG Euro.
- Received a project from UP for PG Competition Class technical specifications. Decided to stick to original plan and ask all PG competition manufacturers to agree on a common project.

- Reorganize CIVL mailing list to adapt to FAI new scheme.
- Updated IPPI Card country recognition list.
- Discussed Forbes HG World local regulations and the place of women in this championship. Decided to stick with women included in the same championship and not running in a separate one.
- Received the FAI General Conference Agenda and annexes.
- Released and published the new version of FS.

September

- Discussed matters like: the Forbes HG World local regulations; how to professionalize jury and stewards (should we?); the HG Sport Class and its possible inclusion in a Category 1 event; the 2013 Plenary, its fine-tuned timetable and rooms reservation; sprog measuring problems in Kayseri HG Euro; what can be done when subcommittees don't do their work (not much)…
- Discussed the safety issue in St-André PG Euro, specially the unreachable PG rescue parachutes and the inclusion of women in the same championships as men.
- Published Forbes HG World local regulations.
- Discuss FAME and Breitling partnership and how they can benefit CIVL. Suggested that they might finance live-tracking, a cross-commission safety and media friendly device.
- Met EHPU and PMA to talk about the future PG competition gliders. Published reports on these two meetings.
- Met Sopot PG World Meet Director, underlined important issues, had his agreement on the way to solve them.
- Finalized and published the CIVL handbook.
- Finalized some of our new logos.
- Updated and published documents on Championships to be awarded in 2015.
- Review CIVL President report to FAI General Conference.
- Worked on the Autumn Bureau Agenda. Started collecting reports from Jury, Stewards, Subcommittees and Working group Chairs, Technical officers…

October

- Reviewed EHPU report on our September St-André meeting.
- Discussed, amended and published Forbes HG World local regulations (change of Team size).
- Kept collecting reports from jury and stewards (and associated incident forms), Subcommittees and Working group Chairs, Technical officers…
- Worked on new Internal regulation, long term plan, bid procedures, jury and steward handbook…
- Tried to understand why many record claims are cancelled (no dossier received in due time).
- Received resignation from our Competition coordinator, Brian Harris.
- Reviewed IPC (the parachutists) strategic plan and its plan to be more independent from FAI. Discussed FAI and CIVL future.
- Decided who will do the sprog measuring in Forbes HG World and budgeted it. Decided it would be the last time CIVL send specific people to do the job Team leaders should be doing.
- Reviewed a letter from seven Commission Presidents (CIVL included) asking FAI to change its current accounting procedures.
- Reviewed Agust Gudmundsson report on FAI General Conference.

November

- Met for 4 days in Reykjavik, Iceland, for the Autumn Bureau meeting.
- Wrote, reviewed and published on the web a short report then the minutes of the meeting.
- Appointed Raymond Caux and Igor Erzen to review SafePro and ParaPro documents.
- Reviewed and published through FAI the 2013 Plenary invitation and timetable.

- Agreed to change the Meet Director for the 2013 FAI World Hang Gliding championship in Forbes, Australia: Davis Straub instead of Vicki Cain.
- Denied this championship organisers to reopen registration a month after the deadline so more pilots could be there (on ground of fairness for far away countries).
- Reviewed and published statement on making mandatory a second reserve parachute in PG Cat 1 competition from May 1st, 2014.
- Worked on new Internal Regulations and Terms of Reference.
- Worked on the Plenary Agenda.

December

Discussed matters like: Forbes coming HG World; the accident/incident statistics; the mandatory second reserve; the bid procedures and the organiser agreements; CIVL voting procedures; the World XC Online results; Sopot local regulations…
- Finalized the Bureau proposals to the Plenary and the Plenary Agenda.
- Published the Plenary Agenda.
- Circulated bids for 2015 World championships.
- Voted to award the 2014 FAI World Hang Gliding Class 2 - 5 - 1 Women to France.
- Kept organizing Basecamp.

January 2013

- The Plenary Agenda was adjusted twice, with a bid for a Hang Gliding World Championship in Mexico in 2015, and a bid to hold the Plenary in Bali, Indonesia in 2015. We refused to add awards nominations as they came too late.
- There was a FAI Hang Gliding World Championship in Forbes, Australia, and a very successful one, with great Champions crowded. We had to adjust the Remote Jury, as one member was not available after all.
- We worked on the next FAI Paragliding World Championship local regulations; on CIVL activity report for FAI Communication people; on our financial situation, with difficulty as the FAI person in charge had a bad accident and was not available.
We followed with attention on the CIVL Delegates mailing list the discussion on the new PG Competition Class glider proposals.