



## Notes from IGC Bureau meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 17:00 – 19:00 UTC

### Participants

- Peter Eriksen (PE)
- Frouwke Kuijpers (FK)
- Angel Casado (AC)
- Rick Sheppe (RS)
- Patrick Pauwels (PP)
- Christof Geissler (CG)
- René Vidal (RV)
- Vladimir Foltin (VF)

### Apologies

- Brian Spreckley (BS)

### Agenda

- Welcome (PE)
- Feedback 2022 sanctioned competitions
  - WGC, Hungary  
Well organized competition. Main problem was the quality of the runway, where we luckily avoided damages to undercarriage. We need to pay more attention to this when evaluating bids. When evaluating bids, we should also try to score the bids using the objectives in Annex A.
  - WWGC, UK  
The overall organisation of this Championship in progress was so far very good.
  - JWGC Czech Rep.  
The bureau discussed the development of guidelines for organiser's response after the accident (e.g., mid-air collision) including task cancellation
  - EGC/WGC Lithuania  
The bureau noted improvements in organisation since the previous events and noted two protests that resulted in disqualification of two pilots from a single team. The NAC concerned submitted an appeal related to one of the protests.
  - PAGC 2022 Brazil  
The bureau took note of the recent cancellation of the PAGC 2022 by the organisers due to lower than required number of registered international participants.
- Call for bids for the 2023 IGC Plenary  
The IGC Bid specialist (Mandy Temple) will send reminder and guidance for bids to be considered during the 2023 IGC Plenary meeting. The FAI calendar needs to be updated to show only correct and up-to-date information. The existing checklist (process) will be



updated including indication of a single IGC focal point also for changes after the bid has been awarded (bid specialist).

**Action:** PE, FK and VF to update and publish the process in cooperation with the bid specialist.

- IGC trackers
  - o Experiences gained in 2022  
The trackers operated quite well during WGC 2022 in Hungary despite one-day technical issue that has been sorted out next day thanks to enormous effort by the OGN technical team. The trackers are further scheduled to be used in VINON and Saint Auban in September. Full information about use of the trackers in 2022 will be available to the plenary. The bureau emphasised the need to reinstate the original purpose for IGC trackers i.e., competition tracking and real scoring without any relation to use of FLARM.
  - o GFAC approval of IGC trackers for competition scoring  
The possibility of approval by the IGC Bureau of use of IGC trackers as an additional flight recorder was discussed and needs to be investigated. There are new security tools available that are suitable for (centrally controlled) competition environment and these could be considered as an alternative to physical security methods used in the approved GNSS FRs).
  
- Finance (PP)
  - o Status of 2022 finances  
The figures by the end of June 2022 are in line with the budget. No worrying trends were noticed. All sanctions fees have been invoiced in a timely manner and should be received in coming months.
  - o 2023 budget  
PP - The FAI is changing some basic rule for ASC e.g., only CHF will be used as the currency including invoicing. The use of existing sanction fees may result in reduction of all reserves in 2-3 years. The new sanctions scheme is being developed for the 2023 IGC Plenary. The first draft of the budget for 2023 needs to be sent to FAI in coming weeks.  
The bureau made following comments:
    - The flat fee is part of the organiser's agreement (OA) and cannot be changed for Championships that have been awarded. The sanctions for yet to be approved championships can be increased.
    - The sanction fee per pilot may be implemented on a shorter notice and without interfering with the signed OAs.
  
- IGC/OSTIV Safety Workshop after 2023 Plenary  
The event will be organised similarly as a safety workshop in aviation organisation covering identification of hazards, their assessment, and mitigations. The material for the event is being developed and its initial version will be available soon. In addition to OSTIV and IGC safety experts, we also need active competition pilots to participate, and are in contact with a couple of pilots, that have shown interest in the activity.



- Sailplane Grand Prix (BS)
  - o Status  
AC – reported on behalf of BS: All qualifying events were run well; all results are now valid. The next events will be in Vinon, Vitacura and South Africa where the change of place is being considered due to logistic issues.  
RV – informed the bureau that the event in Vitacura, Chile will very likely not take place due to restrictive transportation costs. The final decision will be done in a few weeks.
  - o Renewal of Swiss Trademark  
The bureau agreed to renew the Swiss trademark for Sailplane Grand Prix.
  
- Virtual gliding (BS/PE)
  - o MoU/Contact with provider of Virtual Gliding platform  
PE informed the bureau that despite several contacts, not even a MoU has been signed, and expressed frustration over the FAI Executive Boards inability to get this sorted out in a timely manner.
  - o Establishment of Working Group is awaiting the signature.
  
- Electric gliding (BS/PE)
  - o Establishment of Working group  
Only little progress has been achieved over the last few months.  
PE informed about the conference in Sweden about electric gliding with all major manufacturers being present.
  
- Fall Bureau meeting
  - o Subjects for discussion
    - Plenary preparations and proposals
    - IGC finances and the principles we want to use in the future
    - Bid process and quality of competition (building on the discussion last year)
    - Trophy Management
  - o Confirmation of participants
  - o All Bureau members confirmed their participation. Meeting will start Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 09:00 and will terminate Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October around lunch.
  
- AOB  
WWGC 2019 appeal – The appeal is closed (as confirmed by Australian NAC). There is a need to publish corrected results.  
**Action** – AC to send corrected results to PE for forwarding to FAI office

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Reviewed: IGC Bureau

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