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Minutes

of the Annual Meeting of the **FAI Environmental Commission**

held in Lausanne
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at Olympic Museum

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Present:

In the Chair:	Dr. Michael Goth, President (GERMANY)
UNITED KINGDOM	Mr. Chris J. NICHOLAS, President of Honour, Delegate
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	Mr. Bernald S. SMITH, Delegate and Vice-President.
CANADA	Mr. Robert (Bob) CARLSON, Delegate and Secretary
FAI	Mr. Max BISHOP, Secretary General
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Mr. Gerard Fruh, France Dr. Wolfgang Scholze, Germany Mr. Kare Liasjö, Norway Mr. LG Arvidson, Sweden Mr. Leo Caminada, Switzerland Ms. Jane Randle, United Kingdom Thomas Senac, Paragliding/Hang-gliding Commission

Where appropriate, capitalized member initials are used to denote the source of comment.

1. Opening Remarks by the President, Michael Goth.

The President welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 1500h local.

Since there were only four (4) members of the Commission in attendance, the normal rigorous discussion structure of the Commission dissolved and became, essentially, a simple discussion between those present.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting, Lausanne, 2005 - 01-12/13.

The minutes were accepted as presented with any necessary corrections.

3. The Commission Presidents' Report.

Michael Goth reviewed his presentation of reports/activities that he has undertaken, during the past year:

- a) Meeting of Executive Board and Air Sports Commission Presidents, Lausanne, May 2005
- b) The FAI General Conference 2005, Paris
- c) This Meeting of the FAI Environmental Commission

As a basis for discussion he further prepared PowerPoint presentations on:

- d) The Finances of the FAI Environmental Commission
- e) The Web Site of the FAI Environmental Commission
- c) The FAI Standard for Environmental Management Systems on Flying Sites
- f) The April 2006 FAI Seminar for Event Directors
- g) The German Report to the Annual Meeting of the FAI Environmental Commission

4. VP Bernald Smiths' Report

Bernald reviewed his activities on behalf of the FAI Environmental Commission during the past year. There were many. The intensity of his dedication is humbling.

One of his concerns related to the results of the introduction of the FAI Environmental Committee Philosophy to the Art Contest managed by the Education Committee. Their current competition theme is "Air Sports and Nature in Harmony". Bernald was interested to assess the level of success of this theme in the contest.

At the time of the meeting, none of the attendees had any knowledge of how the theme was presented to the competitors, nor the results of the competition.

Looking at the FAI web site, now, it would seem that it was presented well, as 21 countries participated. This is the second best participation, tying 2002; exceeded only by 23 countries in the centenary year, 2003.

5. Development and Funding of Remedial Programs and Associated Funding.

Bernald raised the issue of funding programs to enhance environmental awareness, and successful aerodrome and area restorations and recovery.

After much discussion the consensus developed that, if we were to move to the next level of achievement, we had to focus on a specific object, i.e. a task or need. It was agreed that we had, or had access to the tools and/or personnel to handle any of the likely environmental challenges.

We must, then, develop a program, including a time line, with check points, to address the goal and, thus, determine the budget required for achievement.

It follows, that from this, we will need to present our resultant proposal to the environmental need/location wherein the object resides.

If there is concurrence, we would present the proposal to the FAI board, for the attendant financial resources to undertake the proposed program.

Upon conclusion of the program, a summary report would be prepared, without exception, then presented to all interested persons and/or organizations; with, if appropriate, time markers for further assessment of the completed achievement.

6. Elections

The attending officers were unanimously re-elected to their current roles.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1230h, 2006 - 01-14.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Frankfurt, Germany on 2007 - 01 - 20, 1000h – approx.1700h.

R.I. Carlson
Secretary, FAI Environmental Commission
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