

Event Development Service (EDS) Minutes
15th March 2017

2016/2017 EDS Subcommittee:

Chair: Les Purfield (UK)

Members: Maury Sullivan (USA), Andrew Baird (USA) Sabrina Handl (GER), Alex Nagorski (CAN), Christian Kalousdian (BRA), Paolo Oggioni (ITA), Lindsay Muir (UK), Martine Besnainou (FRA), Tom Miklousic (CRO).

1) Roll call, apologies for absence

Present:

Les Purfield (Chair)
Martine Besainou
Andrew Baird
Lindsay Muir
Maury Sullivan
Paolo Oggioni
Tom Miklousic

Appologies for Absense:

Christian Kalousdian
Alex Nagorski

Observers:

Markus Haggene
Debbie Spaeth
Branko Ambric
Garry Lockyer
Cheri White
Benoit Pelard
Sanne Haarhuis

2) Review of 2016 Sanction Events, Technical Delegate Reports and Actions to be taken.

a) Sanctioned Category 1 Events

- 2016 - 3rd FAI Junior World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Marijampole, Lithuania
 - *No Technical Delegate report*
- 2016 - 3rd FAI European Hot Air Airship Championship. Bad Wiessee. Germany.
 - *No Technical Delegate report*
 - *Briefing room, in a cafe, was very noisy with general public and was not available to officials before briefing time.*
 - *Launch field conditions was bad and no sanitary facilities*

- 2016 - Luxembourg Balloon Trophy. Mersch, Luxembourg.
 - *No Technical Delegate report*
 - *A very good event. This event is meant to be repeated every second year. It was requested to try to organise it every year.*
- 2016 - 60th Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. Germany
 - *No Technical Delegate report*
 - *"The quality of the event's organisational aspects was outstanding. Organiser also promoted general public's and media's awareness of Gordon Bennett Cup by publishing a hefty information package in Balloon Sport Magazin and by entertaining the public for three days on the Launch Site with fiesta balloon launches (gas and hot air), nightglows and the announcer's enjoyable history of ballooning".*
- 2016 - 2nd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Birstonas, Lithuania
 - *No Technical Delegate report*
 - *A friendly, hospitable and a professionally organised event.*
 - *Minor violations of protocol. FAI logo neither on program nor on website. Oath ceremony "unusual", FAI anthem not played at awards ceremony.*
 - *Womens and Junior Championships were too close in time, therefore competitors were rushed to get to both events.*
- 2016 – 22nd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Saga. Japan
 - *No Technical Delegate report*
 - *This event, like many previous international events in Japan was run by a very professional staff, a large number of hard working officials and with very adequate facilities. A very large number (thousands) of volunteers from the city and the University of Saga helped to organise a very successful event.*
 - *All problems found at the pre-event in 2015 were taken care of.*
 - *A successful, previously unequalled, event; the excellence largely due to the organising team*
 - *A few days before the event, the organisers were informed by JADA that an Anti-Doping test was planned. The organisers were requested to provide hotel rooms with refrigerators, four persons to act as chaperones and transportation for pilots and chaperones from competition centre to hotel.*
 - *The quality of the speaker system in the briefing room varied with the number of persons in the room and with the position in the room.*

b) Sanctioned Sporting Events

- *None*

3) Review of planning status for Sanctioned Events for 2017 / 2018

a) Sanctioned Category One Events

- 2017 - 20th FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship. France.
 - *Organiser Agreement has still not been signed by FAI*
 - *One late entry will be put on Standby List.*

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- *ED situation under review by Organiser*
 - *Technical Delegate Nominated – Paolo Oggioni*
 - 2017 - 61st Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. Switzerland
 - *Progressing well 25 Entries – 103 volunteers in selected working groups.*
 - *New Tracking System – (Yellow Brick) Well known in yatching events*
 - *Technical Delegate Nominated – Martine Besnainou*
 - 2017 - 4th FAI Women's European Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland
 - *ED confirmed as Moniek Vande Velde*
 - *Technical Delegate Nominated – Lindsay Muir*
 - *All three 2017 events progressing nicely. Sanction fees and performance bonds have been paid.*
 - 2018 - 23rd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, Austria
 - *Need to confirm First Round entry number. – What number was the Organiser signed against .*
 - *Need to confirm Second Round entry process to SC01 5.6.4.2*
 - *Sanction Application to be updated with above details.*
 - *Technical Delegate Nominated – Les Purfield*
 - 2018 - 3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Poland
 - *No update*
 - *Technical Delegate Nominated – Lindsay Muir*
 - 2018 - 10th FAI World Hot Air Airship Championship. Germany
 - *Organiser Agreement has still not been signed by FAI*
 - *Technical Delegate Nominated – Les Purfield*

4) Sanction applications 2017 - 2020

a) Category One

- 2019 – 21st FAI European Hot Air Balloon Championship. Debrecen, Hungary
 - *6th March 2017 - Application withdrawn due to Debrecen City political changes.*
I regret to inform you that this week the Mayor of Debrecen sent an official letter to our NAC in which they announced that due to the change of their strategic concept Debrecen will not want to host neither the Europeans 2019 nor the Worlds 2020.

b) Sporting Events 2017

- 1st Central European Cup and 2nd Szeged Balloon Cup. Szeged, Hungary
- Minsk 950th Anniversary Balloon Cup. Minsk, Belarus
- 20^e COUPE D'EUROPE DE MONTGOLFIERES & 25^e COUPE DU MONDE DES DAMES
 - *The above 3 CIA Sporting Event Sanction Applications are now complete, and EDS recommends that the Sanctions are approved.*

- *All Sanction fees have been paid to FAI.*
- *Additional Sanction Application received 14th March 2017 from Slovenia for: Open national championship – Murska Sobota 2017. This is complete and was received within the application deadlines so will be passed to the Bureau for Sanction.*

5) Intentions to Bid 2018 - 2020

- 2018 – 62nd Coupe Aeronautique Gordon Bennett. Switzerland
- 2020 – 24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Murska Sobota, Slovenia.
- 2020 – 24th FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Debrecen, Hungary
 - *As far as the Worlds 2020 is concerned the Hungarian NAC will not withdraw our Letter of Intention now because we think that we will be able to find another host city instead of Debrecen.*
- 2020 – 3rd FAI Women's World Hot Air Balloon Championship. Croatia

6) Documentation

- a. Review of Sanction Application form and Addendum.
 - *Tabled for 2018 pending SC01 motions*
- b. Review of new Organiser Agreement and implications for EDS
 - *Tabled for 2018 pending SC01 motions and FAI Plenary presentation*
- c. Update of documents to reflect Sporting Code changes.
 - *None*

6) Points of Action from 2016 Plenary meeting

- *None*

8) Motions to the Plenary Meeting

- *None*

9) AOB

- *EDS to develop strategy for the merging of EDS and PR&M for presenting to the Plenary in 2018*
- *The Chair proposed that the Sub-Committee be reduced to 5 members for 2017 / 18*

10) Committee members

- 2017-2018 Chair:
 - *Les Purfield (GBR)*
- 2017-2018 members:
 - *Paolo Oggioni (ITA)*
 - *Lindsay Muir (GBR)*
 - *Martine Besnainou (FRA)*

- *Maury Sullivan (USA)*
- *Andrew Baird (USA) – CSC Member*
- *Garry Lockyer (CAN) – PR&M Member*