



ASIANIA PARACHUTE FEDERATION

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MINUTES OF THE 21st ASIANIA PARACHUTE FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Ji'An Hotel, Ji'An, China on the 22nd November 2017.

1.0 WELCOME AND MEETING OPENED:

- 1.1 At 2000 h ASIANIA President Mubarak Al Suwailim declared the meeting open and welcomed all delegates, members and special guests to the meeting. He thanked them for attending this important meeting. Special thanks were offered to the Aero Sports Federation of China (ASFC) and the officials of the Jiangxi Province for their generous support to ensure the event would be successful.
- 1.2 Mr Hu, Chairman of the Jiangxi Province Air Sports School responded to Mubarak's comments and thanked ASIANIA for enabling the Province to organise the championship. He expressed his expectations that everyone would enjoy their stay at Ji'An as well as participating in a successful championship and he hoped to see everyone visiting in Ji'An in the future.

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE:

2.1 DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS:

Saudi Arabia	Mubarak Al Suwailim (Pres)	Delegate
China	Han Zhaofang (1 st Vice Pres)	Alt delegate
Australia	Faye Cox (Sec/Gen)	Alt Delegate
Australia	Ray Williams	Delegate
Bahrain	Yaser Hameed Mohsen	Delegate
China	Wang Yongli	Delegate
Egypt	Abd El Rahman Mohamed	Delegate
Egypt	Mahmoud Moustafa Lashin	Alt Delegate
Hong Kong China	Lai Chai Ho (Gary)	Delegate
Hong Kong China	Leung Shui Ying (Mandy)	Alt Delegate
India	Sanjay Thapar	Delegate
India	TK Rath	Alt delegate
Indonesia	Effendi Soen	Delegate
Indonesia	Irvan Zuladry	Alt Delegate
Japan	Chikara Tobita	Delegate
Japan	Yuko Handa	Alt Delegate
Korea	Kim Sang Bong	Delegate
Korea	Chang Il Choi (David)	Alt Delegate
DPR Korea	Yu Yong Gu	Delegate
DPR Korea	Choe Song Gwang	Alt delegate
Mongolia	Gaanbatar Gongor	Delegate
Mongolia	Gankhuyag Sharavjamts	Alt delegate
Myanmar	Zarni Win	Delegate
Myanmar	Aung Naing Thu	Alt delegate
Oman	Domen Vodisek	Delegate
Oman	Mohammed Al Khindi	Alt delegate
Palestine	Abdallatif Abuarra	Alt Delegate

Qatar	Jeremie Rollett	Alt delegate
UAE	Said Saeed Al Hashmi	Delegate
UAE	Franz Jardel	Alt delegate
UAE	Mohd Al	Observer
DPR Korea	Pae Kwang Hyok	Interpreter
DPR Korea	Kang Kum Chol	Observer
Egypt	Mostafa A Fattah	Observer
France	Gillian Rayner	Observer/scribe
Malaysia	Mohd Shamsrudin Bin Mohd Amin	Observer
Malaysia	Handro TD Satriyo	Observer

2.2 APOLOGIES:

Apologies from Bahrain (Mohd Al Sabt and Sheikh Salman), New Zealand (Ivan Peters), Kazakhstan (German Vexler)

2.3 PROXIES:

Kazakhstan(financial) to Australia. Iraq (unfinancial) to Indonesia. Jordan (unfinancial) to India,

2.4 VOTING RIGHTS:

Australia, Bahrain, China, Chinese Hong Kong, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, DPR Korea, Mongolia, Myanmar, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE.

17 voting members present plus 1 proxy (Kazakhstan) = 18 votes

3.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

3.1. **MINUTES** had been previously issued for reference and review. Moved Faye Cox they be accepted as correct. Meeting agreed.

3.2 BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:

3.2.1 Proposal to raise the altitude of 4-way FS at the 2016 IPC Meeting level was unsuccessful.

3.2.2 Asian Air Sports Federation (AASF), Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and Asian Games - to Presidents Report. Moved by Mubarak Al Suwailim the business be accepted. Meeting agreed.

4.0 REPORTS:

4.1 PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President Mubarak Al Suwailim presented three main points:

1) OCA and Parachuting:

ASIANIA Parachute Federation was established in 1994 in China. In 2022 Asian Games will be in China and the good news is following a meeting with OCA in Kuwait, Mubarak was happy to report parachuting will be included in these games. It is a dream to have Parachuting in the Olympic Games, and while this is the responsibility of the Federation Aeronatique Internationale (FAI) it is a step in the right direction.

To include a new sport in the Asian Games, there are two prerequisites: Host country proposal and OCA approval. The 2022 host country China, will support this initiative which will require a lot of support and effort between now and then. One question often asked is why the OCA included Paragliding in the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia? Simply because paragliding is one of the most important sports in Indonesia. Thanks to everyone who assisted since 2011 when the first OCA contacts were made. With the success for Paragliding the same will be achieved with Parachuting. A fully unified effort is required, with the Aero Sports Federation of China (ASFC) facing the biggest workload and it will be necessary for organisations to support that parachuting deserves to participate at all levels; competitors, judges, organising staff. The Air Sport Federation of Asia (ASFA) will also be working on this. Congratulations that Parachuting will be in the 2022 Asian Games. OCA owns a certain number of competitions: Asian Games, Asian Beach Games, etc. and it is the Asian Federation for each sport that will be in charge. OCA also works with National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and instructions will come through them.

2) Air Sports Federation of Asia (ASFA).

For two years separate Federations existed - Airsports Federation of Asia (AFA) and Asian Air Sports Federation (AASF). The two organisations have since merged in 2017 at a meeting in Jakarta with FAI and OCA as mediators and now the ASFA is the recognised Federation responsible for all Air Sports in Asia. The test event for Paragliding held this year was very successful. The technical side for paragliding is handled by CIVL (Hang Gliding) and FAI. The same will happen for parachuting, the technical side will be handled by IPC and FAI.

3) Saudi Arabia:

There is a big movement by the King and Crown Prince, requesting ASFA to organise an international competition under the name of King Salman Airsports Championship. Events will include Parachuting, Paramotor and Aeromodelling. As one of the biggest events of this kind, it will attract high prize money. Many projects will be announced during the competition that will benefit air sports throughout the world.

To conclude Mubarak requested all members should be very serious about the future development of the sport; there is the need to act, not just talk. Everyone must work towards the Asian Games, and especially more for their sport. Asia is a desert, but the future is here with a need to develop the Asian people, not just the jumpers, but the judges, the organisers etc. Importantly the rules must always be respected and then the FAI will support us. He welcomed new ASIANIA members: Palestine and Myanmar assuring them of ASIANIA's support. He also thanked FAI/IPC Exi Hoenle and Gillian Rayner for their work.

4.2: SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT:

Secretary General Faye Cox referred to her written report, previously distributed to delegates for perusal. She highlighted some items to be presented for discussion at the meeting including future planning: ASIANIA Championships and Competitions, ASFA and OCA, Statutes review, FAI/ASIANIA Judge Training Courses. The report also included some history to remind delegates of the original purpose and aims of ASIANIA's formation in 1994:

- ✓ Membership increased from nine countries to thirty two since 1994
- ✓ 2005 Invited and accepted as an FAI International Affiliate member
- ✓ Increased new FAI memberships and renewals of lapsed FAI membership
- ✓ 2012 Recognised by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
- ✓ 2013 Recognised by OCA in 2013 as the official body to assist the promotion and development of all air sport in Asia.
- ✓ Promotion of parachuting events in the Asian Games and Asian Beach Games
- ✓ Eighteen ASIANIA Parachuting Championships successfully conducted
- ✓ ASIANIA Competition Records established
- ✓ Support to member countries for Championship events and National Judge Courses
- ✓ FAI IPC approval to conduct FAI Judge Training Courses
- ✓ Twelve approved FAI/ASIANIA Judge Training Courses successfully conducted since 2003
- ✓ Increased number of FAI and National judges
- ✓ FAI MOU signed in 2017 with continued FAI International Affiliate Membership
- ✓ ASIANIA EMAX on-line video competitions continue to encourage less experienced teams to try a competition. The 14th EMAX competition entries will be judged by members of the FS and CF panels during the competition here at Ji'An.
- ✓ Many countries have benefitted from ASIANIA's support to enhance and improve the general standard of competitions.

In the immediate future: 19th ASIANIA Parachuting Championships and the 1st ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships in 2018. Continued ASIANIA National Judge Training Courses and FAI ASIANIA Judge Training Courses. Three-year development plan review to assist with future planning of events and activities.

In closing, Faye thanked everyone for their support during her role as Secretary General, it has been an amazing journey. She has been encouraging David Choi towards replacing her as Secretary General.

4.3: FINANCE REPORT

The Finance document previously issued to delegates was presented for discussion and comments. Income was from membership fees and donations. Expenditure was mainly for office and administration expenses, IPC meeting and a one off InTime Judging equipment fee. Faye produced a list of Members, financial and unfinancial. She noted some countries missed payments when not participating in ASIANIA activities. Countries inactive with both FAI and ASIANIA will become suspended. Some countries remain financial with FAI but not ASIANIA. For example, Chinese Taipei is an FAI member but no longer involved in international parachuting competitions. There are also countries in political upheaval and conflicts and they are currently unable to participate or pay fees. Waivers have been offered to encourage successful membership renewal. Moved Faye Cox, that the Finance Report be accepted. Meeting approved.

4.4 ARAB LIAISON OFFICER REPORT:

Mohd Al Sabt provided a written report with apologies he was unable to be present. Parachuting is a sensitive sport to practise, especially with the current political situation and continuous conflicts in the Arabian regions. The military has continued to represent in parachuting competitions during 2017 with

Arab countries from Algeria, Bahrain, Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Palestine, Jordan and Morocco participating in the World Military Championship hosted by Germany in July. Indoor competitions prospered in the region as the Kingdom of Bahrain hosted the first Indoor flying competition on the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Arabic level. Bahrain also participated in the World Indoor Skydiving Championship in Canada in October. All ASIANIA countries are invited to participate in the World Indoor Skydiving Championship to be conducted in Bahrain in late October 2018. As he has been in cooperation with Bahrain, President Mubarak also spoke about the Wind Tunnel development. Bahrain and the UAE have offered to organise an Asian competition. Both organisations offer financial support and negotiations are under way with a decision to be made regarding the host country to conduct a Wind Tunnel Cup /Asian Cup with a date to be determined.

4.5 DELEGATE REPORTS:

4.5.1 **Australia:**

Ray Williams reported that it had been a good year for new memberships and finance, but there were three fatalities. The Australian Parachute Federation (APF) supports competitors, but assistance is generally restricted to World Championships teams and Performance record attempts. Many competitions conducted throughout Australia and the APF website lists all events for the next 2 years. The National Championships for AL (precision and sport), FS (4-way and 8-way), 4-way VFS, CF (2 and 4-way Sequential, 4-way Rotations), AE (Freefly, Freestyle, WS Acro and Performance) and Speed as well as events for intermediate teams will be conducted in March 2018. Freefall style is no longer conducted. The CP Championships for Distance, Speed and Accuracy are conducted separately in April. Both nationals are Open, with all countries welcome to participate. The 2nd Australian Indoor Skydiving Championship was held in August and attended by over one hundred people, the youngest competitor ten years old. There are three Wind Tunnels: Brisbane's Gold Coast, Perth and Sydney. The APF owns 5% of one tunnel. Judging equipment used for all Australian championships is the South African InTime system and Australia has five licences. In recent years FAI Judge Training Courses for CF, FS and AE have been introduced with judges from other countries also invited. The 2018 POPs Championships will be held in Australia in April, with the 2018 FAI World Parachuting Championships for FS, AE and Speed at the fabulous Gold Coast in October. Question: can Australia host an ASIANIA competition? The 4th ASIANIA Parachuting Championship was supported by the military and successfully conducted in 2000, but military support is no longer available. Secretary General has received expressions of interest from two civilian DZ's to host the championships in 2018, but they cannot meet the minimal budget that is offered by Asian countries. As there seems to be some interest she will endeavour to pursue the possibility and perhaps an attractive bid could be forthcoming.

4.5.2 **Bahrain:**

Yaser Mohsen advised Bahrain invites all ASIANIA countries to the World Indoor Skydiving Cup to be held in October 2018. A judging course will be held in conjunction with the competition. The Kingdom of Bahrain participated in the World Indoor Skydiving Championship in Canada in October. Bahrain successfully participated in the World Military Championship hosted by Germany in July 2018.

4.5.3 **China:**

Han Zhaofang reported the Aero Sports Federation of China (ASFC) participated in various International Championships in 2017 and achieved many medals. The current female team is very strong in Freefall Style and Accuracy. The ASFC has been upgrading its aircraft to ensure there are many good jump planes at the Airsports centres. China has successfully hosted many ASIANIA competitions which were fully supported by the different regions. The ASFC is working closely with the NOC to enable parachuting into the Asian Games. Wang Yongli is the ASFC Director in charge of parachuting and there are many domestic events conducted during the year. China has ten Wind Tunnels and three or four can be used for competitions. More will be built. Chinese team competed at the Indoor Skydiving Championships in Montreal, Canada. Everyone is invited to the Chinese Indoor Skydiving Championships in 2018. China remains strong in freefall style and accuracy and promotes all other categories like Formation Skydiving and Canopy Formations. Thanks to everyone for coming to Ji'An and China will certainly organise more international and domestic events in the future.

4.5.4 **Hong Kong:**

Lai Chai Ho (Gary) advised the situation for parachuting operations in Hong Kong is getting worse as a new runway is planned. It is now impossible to jump there so members from HK need to jump in China and Thailand. A Wind Tunnel may be built and Gary will keep ASIANIA informed.

4.5.5 Egypt:

Mahmoud Moustafa Lashin reported the Egyptian Federation of Parachuting and Air Sports (ESPAF) was established in 1988 and has twenty-five clubs and partner organisations. History of membership with different organisations including the Arab Air Sports, African Union of Air Sports, Asian Federation for Air Sports and International Federation of Air Sports. Egypt has participated at ASIANIA Championships and AGMs since 2005 including China, Malaysia, Indonesia and the UAE. 2017 internal activities included qualification of one hundred Juniors (male and female), Accuracy teams and Canopy Formation teams. National Championship conducted for selection of international teams plus Junior National Championship. Egypt has participated at many Championships in Africa, Dubai and Saudi Arabia. Two Egyptian International Championships have been successfully conducted at Gisa and it is hoped to organise the event for the third time in 2018.

4.5.6 India:

Sanjay Thapar thanked China for bringing everyone together for these Championships. With 40000 jumps carried out, almost all are military. There is no government support, so it is an effort for civilians to practise skydiving. Twenty demonstration jumps were carried out in 2017. Courses are conducted for Packing training with a rigger certificate, master tailors for repair of parachute equipment and national judges. The military Accuracy and FS teams are active, but the Ministry will not send them to civilian competitions only to CISM events. There was one fatality in 2017.

4.5.7 Indonesia:

Effendi Soen gave thanks to China for its support. He introduced the FASI Parachuting Association Vice President, Irvan Zuladry, a younger person who plans to become more involved with ASIANIA. There is a yearly progression in the quantity and quality of jumpers. Civilian and military jumpers and an effort to bring in junior jumpers. Thanks for the support of David Choi. Three competitions were conducted under control of the Military. There is hope for an Indonesian Wind Tunnel. Indonesia looks to ASIANIA for help in Judge Training and Indoor Skydiving training. Now there is also parasailing with many participants and three national competitions. The Air Force supports multi aero sport events, with two open events in the provinces. Indonesia hopes to take a larger role in ASIANIA's future activities.

4.5.8 Japan:

Chikara Tobita expressed thanks to China for its continued support. There have been no competitions for a few years. One local event this year. A Wind Tunnel opened in Tokyo in April and the first competition was held in November for 2 and 4-way FS and for children with the aim for the Wind Tunnel to develop an interest in skydiving. Only one child participated. An international event is planned in the near future. The Wind Tunnel is a good entry to discover parachuting. Japanese parachuting groups are divided, and it is difficult to participate in an international event, but Japan will continue to support ASIANIA.

4.5.9 Korea:

Chang Il Choi (David) advised there will be four Wind Tunnels in Korea. One military. A national Indoor Skydiving championship will be held, and he hopes to see an Asian Indoor Skydiving Championship happening in 2018. Only FS events for the moment as there is no AE yet. China has most of the teams and they have already participated in International championships. Korea plans to invite ASIANIA judges to national championships, commencing with Australian judges, hopefully from next year. Then it is planned to extend invitations to other countries. ASIANIA does not have many FCE (First Category Events) judges mainly because of language difficulties and not being selected to judge at a World event. Korea hopes to organise the next ASIANIA championships.

4.5.10 DPR Korea:

On behalf of DPR Korea Pae Kwang Hyok thanked China for organising this competition. In future the DPR Korea teams plan to be very active supporting every event that is organised by ASIANIA. One national judge candidate had successfully attended the FAI ASIANIA Judge Training Course.

4.5.11 Mongolia:

Ganbaatar Gongor reported that Mongolia conducts national and regional championships. Mongolia has sent teams to ASIANIA and Russian championships since 2014. Is in contact with a travel agency to bring experienced jumpers to Mongolia to support development in the sport and will start with France.

4.5.12 Myanmar:

Zarni Winn expressed Myanmar delegation's gratitude to the ASIANIA Parachute Federation for the invitation to this event and consequent acceptance of Myanmar as a member. Myanmar is honoured to

be a member of ASIANIA. He also thanked the ASFC, Jiangxi Provincial Sports Bureau and Ji'An Municipal government for hosting this great event. Myanmar Parachute Federation (MPF) was created in 2017 as a civilian organisation making it possible to enter the international arena. This event is the MPF's very first international competition. Myanmar will fully support ASIANIA and its activities.

4.5.13 Oman:

Domen Vodisek spoke on the Oman delegation's behalf. Parachuting in Oman is always improving and while most military centres have their own parachuting team it remains under military control. Unfortunately, there is still no access for civilians. This year teams have been in training, but have only participated in two competitions for CISM and ASIANIA.

4.5.14 Palestine:

Abdallatif Abuarra thanked everyone for accepting Palestine as a member of ASIANIA. The Palestine Air Sports Federation was established in 1944 but was not active with parachuting. In 2012 a skydiving team was created which participates in CISM and some Arabian competitions. New people have started jumping and two judges have been created. Support comes from the Military and the NOC. It is impossible to jump in Palestine, so all jumps are done externally with the support from other countries. Palestine is pleased to be competing at Ji'An.

4.5.15 Qatar:

Jeremie Rollett advised that Qatar teams participate in several competitions both CISM and International. Skydiving in Qatar continues to develop, and a civilian operated drop zone opens in December with a Cessna Caravan available throughout winter. A Wind Tunnel has been under construction for two years but still not open. A second project is also on the way which could result in two Wind Tunnels in Doha. Jumping is good in Qatar with new CF team members. The original team still exists, and is concentrating on demonstration events rather than competition for the moment. They will participate at the World Championships next year. The Qatar 4-way team is pleased to be here at Ji'An and supports ASIANIA.

4.5.16 Saudi Arabia:

Mubarak Al Suwailim advised that a new airport is being built for all air sport disciplines. Following China's lead, it will be a dedicated airports centre. A Wind Tunnel will be built at Riyadh in the KSA and ready in eight to twelve 12 months. A parachuting school will be in place from February 2018. It is a new era for parachuting in KSA, and Saudi Arabia would like to develop all the disciplines and host competitions. The first will be the King Salman International Airsports Championship from the 7th - 17th March 2018. There will be three sports (Parachuting, Aeromodelling and Paramotor) and other projects will be announced for international and Asia. Bulletin 1 will be issued in December. ASFA is the only organisation that can represent Parachuting in the OCA.

4.5.17 UAE:

Said Saeed Al Hashmi reported that Dubai has two active drop zones open all week, with a new one being built. Palm DZ is for Tandem only and the Desert Campus DZ is for beginners, courses of all kinds, team training and fun jumping. Abu Dhabi planning to open a Drop Zone to accommodate participation of parachuting, ultra-lights and paramotor. Currently no FS or CF competition teams. Accuracy Landing is represented by the Military Parachute Team which has participated at three competitions this year all supported by GHQ: World Cup in Slovenia, CISM in Germany and ASIANIA in China. CP World Cup will be hosted by Dubai in early December.

5.0: GENERAL BUSINESS:

5.1 FAI ASIANIA MoU.

Secretary General explained that an MoU was originally signed with the FAI in 2005 followed by being accepted as an FAI Affiliated Member. All MoU's were renewed in 2017 and the ASIANIA Parachute Federation remains a respected Affiliated Member of the FAI.

5.2 ASIANIA Membership Status:

Current ASIANIA membership has twenty financial member countries (ASIANIA and FAI) and twelve semi/unfinancial members with either ASIANIA and/or FAI. As previously mentioned some countries are in political upheaval and conflict, unable to maintain participation or membership. Others have become inactive in parachuting, no longer participating in events. ASIANIA is always endeavouring to renew their interest and support.

5.2.1 ASIANIA Membership Fees:

Bahrain delegate Yaser Mohsen suggested increasing the fees from USD300 to USD500. David Choi agreed that Korea supported the increase especially for the development of Judging. Bahrain suggested that there is always a need to develop judging in the countries without Judging structures. For example, support for the new members Myanmar and Palestine.

Secretary General Faye Cox explained that sponsorship via previous ASIANIA Presidents had been generally supportive for administration, office costs, FAI/IPC meetings and some judging equipment. Historically many ASIANIA Judge Training courses have been provided to support the development of judging structures when required and that host countries have always fully supported expenses for approved FAI Judge trainers and equipment for all judging courses including National level courses. As well host countries for the ASIANIA Championships have always born the costs for selected officials and equipment etc. Other donations were generally forthcoming for the annual EMAX Competition Medals. 2017 medals were donated by Korea and China has just donated USD3000 to support general funds. Faye also suggested that perhaps it is time to brand ASIANIA. Sanjay from India agreed that money is required but subscriptions should not serve to pay for T-shirts, courses etc. He maintained the current membership fee should remain the same.

The Meeting generally agreed that the current membership fee should be maintained.

5.3 ASIANIA and ASFA / OCA:

President Mubarak suggested that an MoU between ASIANIA and ASFA should be set up to determine the level of cooperation in parachuting to include it in the Asian games. Sanjay Thapar advised that ASIANIA should firstly become a member of ASFA, then set up an MoU. For future consideration.

Secretary General enquired if Australia and New Zealand would be included in Asian Games and other OCA competitions. As ASFA President, Mubarak advised Australia is already participating in other Asian Games sports. Another good example would be Australia's participation in the test event for paragliding and it will be the same for parachuting. Sanjay reflected the OCA makes the final decision.

5.4 REVIEW OF STATUTES:

Secretary General presented the ASIANIA Statutes with proposed amendments for discussion, which lapsed when Sanjay, an experienced lawyer, recommended it would require a Committee with three members of suitable background knowledge of Statutes to come back to Secretary General with any proposals. Mubarak moved that committee members be restricted to those who are present and nominated Sanjay as Statutes Chair as he has a background in law. Sanjay may select the members, but the Secretary General is to be a permanent member. The Meeting agreed with Mubarak's proposal.

5.5 ASIANIA PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

5.5.1 18th ASIANIA Parachuting Championship and China International Open.

This important event has been proceeding well and the regional with Ji'An local councils fully supporting accommodation, meals and transport. Facilities at the airport are well planned, operational, efficient and sufficient. Apart from the unseasonal inclement weather, the competition should be fully completed. It is a credit to China ASFC that it continues to support ASIANIA championships so readily and this is greatly appreciated by every member of ASIANIA. The final number of participants to the 18th ASIANIA Parachuting Championship/China International Open was lower than original registrations due to some countries being unable to obtain visas in time or anticipated funding not being forthcoming.

5.5.2 BIDS for the 19th ASIANIA Parachuting Championships:

Three expressions of interest from Australia and Indonesia to host the 19th ASIANIA Parachuting Championships but no official bid is on the table. Bids therefore extended to the 31st January 2018. Australia hoped to host the championships just prior to or following the World Championships at the Gold Coast in October 2018, but funding was not forthcoming. Han Zhaofang advised that China will always be available to host the ASIANIA Championships.

5.6 FAI ASIANIA JUDGE TRAINING COURSES:

Fourteen candidates attended the three approved FAI ASIANIA Judge Training courses conducted prior to the championships under the guidance of FAI COJs for Accuracy/Style (Gunter Berendt, Germany), Formation Skydiving (Gillian Rayner, France) and CF (Exi Hoenle, Germany). FAI and ASIANIA ratings were awarded. FAI IPC courses are currently five days in duration, however perhaps this period is not long enough to allow candidates to fully present their best efforts due to the time constraints and work load required for these high-level courses. Faye Cox proposed ASIANIA National level judge training courses be continued to encourage and enhance current judging standards. Most valuable when conducted prior to an FAI ASIANIA judge training course. The Meeting agreed with Faye's proposal.

5.7 ASIANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS and COMPETITIONS:

- 5.7.1 **Future of ASIANIA Parachuting Championships:** Freefall Style is historically included in addition to the traditional events of Accuracy, 4-way FS, CF 2-way Sequential and CF 4-way Rotations only when the competition is in China. At other locations the events generally conduct AL, FS and CF. Currently Accuracy and 4-way FS events are more popular in many ASIANIA countries but there is a recent interest in Indoor Skydiving, Speed, Wingsuit and CP although CP is always difficult to implement. Sanjay suggested adding Wingsuit to the ASIANIA Championships and it was noted that Australia and India are the only ASIANIA Wingsuit countries at this time. Finally, the organisers decide which events.
- 5.7.2 **ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships:** David Choi and Yaser Mohsen proposed that an Indoor Skydiving Series should be promoted where the jumps could be carried out in different tunnels concurrently and judging would need to be centralised. Most people know paragliding, but skydiving is less well known and in most Asian countries, parachuting is organised by the military. Mubarak proposed that ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships be approved as a separate event to the ASIANIA Parachuting Championships. Bids to host the 1st ASIANIA Indoor Skydiving Championships 2018/2019 to be sent to ASIANIA member countries. Meeting Agreed with the proposal

5.8 ASIANIA Emax Video Competition:

In 2017 only five teams competed in 4-way FS, 2-way CF and 4-way Rotations, due to several registered teams finally being unable to compete for varying reasons. Primarily this event was introduced to encourage lesser experienced teams to participate, to practice each jump as required to produce a satisfactory entry, whereas experienced teams usually make just one effort. To make the event more attractive, sponsorships will be investigated for prizes in addition to medals, Organisations are requested to provide support for the event to ensure a more successful competition for 2018.

5.9 ASIANIA SUPPORT FOR COMPETITION, JUDGING AND COACHING:

- 5.9.1 Support for judging and conducting competitions has always been available to all ASIANIA member countries and have included China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and UAE.
- 5.9.2 ASIANIA FAI Judges David Choi, Yaser Mohsen and Ray Williams supported the judging for the 2016 Manado International Skydiving Championships at North Sulawesi, Indonesia, and in 2017 David was Chief Judge for the Manado International Accuracy Championships.
- 5.9.3 2016 MAFPA Championships at Terengganu, Malaysia were supported by David as Chief Judge and Event Judge for Accuracy, Ray and Yaser Event Judges for CF and FS respectively. In 2017 a Malaysian National Judging Course was conducted at Terengganu under Ray's direction with David (AL), Yaser (FS) and Ray (CF) revalidating judges and introducing new judges to the events being conducted at the Championships.
- 5.9.4 **Judging and Competition Committees:** To continue and enhance future support for Judging and Competitions, Faye Cox proposed to support David Choi and Yaser Mohsen as Chair of the Competition Committee and Judges Committee respectively. Meeting agreed.

5.10 SAFETY:

ASIANIA Safety Day was implemented to make organisations more aware of safe conduct during parachuting operations and to ensure equipment is well maintained. Many ASIANIA countries support the IPC Technical and Safety programme and have a good safety system in place. However, there are countries without an official safety structure and conscientious persons seeking to improve safety standards in their country often find much opposition to new rules and regulations, so nothing happens. ASIANIA endeavours to help any country that may request assistance. Importantly organisations are requested to return Incident Reporting Forms to the IPC T&S committee to assist with statistics which may provide important information to improve safety. All information provided remains confidential.

5.11 ASIANIA COMMUNICATIONS:

Membership forms are readily available and Secretary General requests that organisation information be updated regularly for the ASIANIA Address List as there is often a loss of contact when the official delegate/s may be moved to another area for work or family reasons. The ASIANIA website and Facebook is maintained with support from Chikara Tobita and David Choi which is most appreciated. The ASIANIA Events Calendar can only be maintained by organisations providing necessary information of events in their country. So please support ASIANIA to advertise your country's events.

6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS 2018-2020:

President Mubarak advised that as he has roles and missions in the OCA and ASFA, it was time to step down from the Presidential position. He was grateful and proud to have been elected unanimously for the

last three terms and will continue to give his support to ASIANIA. The relationship between ASFA and ASIANIA must be set up to progress towards the 2022 Asian Games in China. He said it was necessary to choose a President who is close to the host country and to seek Vice Presidents who can also help with the OCA.

6.1 Mubarak nominated Wang Yongli from China to be the new ASIANIA President and for Sanjay Thapar from India to be the 1st Vice President for his work with the OCA.

6.2 ASIANIA PRESIDENT: Wang Yongli (China) Nominated Mubarak Al Suwailim. elected unanimously

6.2.1 Newly elected ASIANIA President Mr Wang Yongli made his introductory speech and advised he will do everything to help the development of the sport. If anything was not satisfactory, members should always contact him. He supported that Faye Cox should remain as Secretary General, having seen her work for many years since 1994, when he was still an active athlete, always giving so much for the sport in her role as Secretary General. Although Faye indicated she would be standing down this year, she had agreed to remain to help the transition of the new committee. For the future Chang Il Choi (David) from Korea had expressed his interest in the Secretary General position and to assist him towards this role, Faye recommended David be accepted as her deputy. Mr Wang agreed for the continuation of ASIANIA we need young people and he would support David as deputy Secretary General.

6.2.2 Retiring 1st Vice President Han Zhaofang expressed that he would continue to provide support to President Wang Yongli and ASIANIA.

6.3 ASIANIA VICE PRESIDENTS: (Five VPs)

6.3.1 1st Vice President: Sanjay Thapar (India) nominated Mubarak Al Suwailim elected unanimously

6.3.2 Vice President: Mohd Al Sabt (Bahrain) nominated Yaser Mohsen elected unanimously

6.3.3 Vice President: Abdul Elmoein Hassan (Egypt) nominated Abd El Rahman elected unanimously

6.3.4 Vice President: Irvan Zuladry (Indonesia) nominated Effendi Soen elected unanimously

6.3.5 Vice President: Kim Sang Bong (Korea) nominated David Choi elected unanimously

6.3.6 Vice President: Said Saeed Al Hashmi (UAE) nominated Franz Jardel declined

6.4 SECRETARY GENERAL: Faye Cox (Australia) nominated Wang Yongli elected unanimously

6.4.1 DEPUTY SEC/GENERAL: David Choi (Korea) nominated Faye Cox elected unanimously

6.5 ARAB LIASON OFFICER: Mohd Al Sabt (Bahrain) nominated Yaser Mohsen elected unanimously

6.6 HON. PRESIDENT: Mubarak Al Suwailim (Saudi Arabia) nominated Faye Cox elected unanimously
Sanjay Thapar suggested Mubarak Al Suwailim should have a special role in view of his work with the Asian Games 2022. Faye explained as Honorary President Mubarak would be able to assist ASIANIA wherever required. Mubarak accepted the Honorary President position and will remain a member to continue with his support. He wished every success for the new Board members and ASIANIA.

7.0 MEETING CLOSE:

The meeting was concluded at 2315 h by ASIANIA President Wang Yongli.
A group photo of the new Bureau and members was taken for the records

8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be advised.



Faye Cox (ASIANIA Secretary General)