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4th July, 2000

To: All SIEC members
All STACK National Directors
International Head Judge

From: Allan Wakefield - SIEC Secretary

Subject: Minutes of SIEC Change over Meeting - Basel, Switzerland - June 2000

Meeting began on the Saturday morning at 10am and concluded at 6pm. It resumed at 10am on the Sunday and meeting was closed at 4:30pm.

SIEC account refunded attendees travel expenses (flight tickets and fuel only.) and also paid for the 2 twin rooms taken in the Hotel for the Saturday night. All other expenses were covered by us.

In attendance:

Mike Emery – Chairperson (first term)
Allan Wakefield– Secretary (first term)
Giancarlo Galli – Treasurer (second term)
John Mitchell - Event Co-ordinator (first term)
Chris Eichenberger – Outgoing Event Co-ordinator
Hans Peter Schenk attended for the Sunday meeting at the request of the SIEC.

Absentees: (All had notified in advance that they were not available)

Helmut Georgi – Outgoing Chairperson.
Jeremy Boyce – Outgoing member at Large.
Patrik Somelet - Member at Large (first term).

In terms of these minutes, 'unanimous' refers to all those present at the meeting with the exception of Chris Eichenberger who has no vote.

1. SIEC Change over:

Meeting began with current SIEC elected persons taking office. At this time a vote was motioned and taken to give Chris Eichenberger a post on the SIEC as 'Associate Member'.

Vote was proposed by Allan Wakefield. Seconded by: John Mitchell. The vote to accept was unanimous.

2. Treasures Report:

Membership situation across STACK Nations;
(Full report to be issued in next issue of SNACK)

UK – Membership down and Giancarlo Galli requested that they tidy up all their different types of membership.

Germany – membership up, no problems.

Italy – membership up, no problems. Paulo Milano was awarded honorary life membership to STACK Italy but with no Membership card or number.

France – Separate discussion Issue due to unique set-up and FFVL involvement.

Austria – Confused. A. Wakefield to look into current status.

Switzerland – Confused. Separate discussion issue.

Denmark – No ND, no members.

Norway – organisation taken over by Sweden. G. Galli to contact Swedish ND.

Sweden – no problems. ND to be approached by G. Galli to take on Norway and Denmark.

Belgium – No ND, no members. Fees due from G Westermeir.

Luxemburg – See Belgium.

Holland – Membership up, G. Galli to approach ND to take on Belgium and Luxemburg enquiries.

Finland – Members up, no problems.

Malaysia – No response, G. Galli to chase up.

S. Africa – No contact, no ND.

Following this discussion the following countries are Officially listed as dormant:

S.Africa, Belgium, Luxemburg, Denmark.

STACK SIEC Accounts:

No accounts given. (Full report to be issued in next issue of SNACK)

3. Secretaries report:

Quarterly Reports received from:

Finland, Germany, Italy, Holland, France and UK.

(These Reports to be published in next issue of SNACK)

Issues requested in these reports to be discussed at this meeting will be addressed in later bullets.

4. Current Status of World Cup and World Championships:

Kathy Jarvis suggested looking into a 3-way purchase of the Rights to the World Cup title. The 3 way purchase to include STACK, AKA and AJSKA. Last time this was looked into the minimum amount required to buy these rights was 10,000 USD. This put the issue of buying the Rights out of the question. SIEC acknowledges that this places World Cup into the history books and agrees that the situation could be rediscussed at some later point in time if the price became more reasonable.

SIEC will actively pursue the format of World Sport Kite Championship with AKA and AJSKA, Helmut Georgi being approached by M. Emery for a current update and to ask him to continue to head the STACK team promoting this. The proviso being that to gain full SIEC support, the secrets and 'cloak and dagger' tactics surrounding Langawi will not resurface in any future talks or plans.

5. IHJ position as it stands:

Martin Baker resigned due to unknown reasons, A. Wakefield to send an E-mail asking for reasons. Guillemette Chavant has not responded in months and will be sent an E-mail requesting she confirm her commitment and willingness to carry out her duties as IHJ. Deadline for reply to be given as July 31st 2000. After this time if no response is received, a motion to vote will be issued to SIEC requesting Guillemettes removal from Office. If this happens SIEC will appoint a new IHJ. From now onwards the IHJ position is to be held by one person and not a Team. However they will be allowed, with SIEC approval, to take on helpers.

Due to time limitations and the urgent need for good flow and organisational requirements at forthcoming EC2000 competition in Joensuu, a special Motion to vote followed:

SIEC offer Hans Peter Schenk the post of EHJ for EC2000.

Proposed by: J. Mitchell

Seconded by: A Wakefield

Vote was unanimous to offer him the post.

6. Adoption of Proficiency Scheme:

A motion to vote was proposed by M. Emery and seconded by A. Wakefield for SIEC to adopt and promote the Sport Kite Proficiency Scheme (details at <http://personal.inet.fi/koti/michael.emery/skips.htm>).

Vote to accept was unanimous. All agreed that the page would be moved to the STACK site ASAP, after suitable revision and update. Discussions included the recommendation that relevant cards be signed off by STACK Ranked pilots to be valid and all agreed that adopting this scheme fitted with the STACK Charters order to promote Sport kiting. M. Emery to proceed with this.

7. Changes to sanctioning procedure:

SIEC are to introduce another level of competition. There will be the option to make the competition International (as current) or Local where it will be easier to organise and Sanctioning will be easier to arrange and receive. Local festivals will count less towards the Ranking list than the current International ones. Details will be announced soon and is the responsibility of J. Mitchell.

8. Changes to National Champion selection procedure:

After much discussion SIEC decided that the status of national championship procedures has become confused and unmanageable. To get back on track, all NDs will be asked to restate their NC procedure by the 1st Jan 2000. This must then be restated each year at the same time, even if there is no change from the previous year. Failure to do this will result in SIEC taking the top ranked Individual, Pair, Team from any country not submitting on time and announcing those people as the NC for that Country for that year. Full details to be sent by J. Mitchell to all NDs in due course.

9. Recognising other forms of Competition:

SIEC recognise that other forms of Competition are becoming popular and want to promote all types of competition. To this end it has been decided to offer a 'Freestyle' knockout format competition at EC2000. SIEC will supply and award a Trophy for this Competition. The competition will run outside of the framework of the IRB with the provision that it must be in the main arena and all Boundary rules will apply as usual. In the future SIEC will push to promote this type of competition within STACK and at STACK sanctioned events. M. Emery to look into the details of this further and look into ways to incorporate results into the Ranking System.

10. Discuss The French situation:

Discussed apparent irregularities at the STACK sanctioned French Nationals in Frejus on 9 – 12 June 2000.

SIEC agreed to issue, via J. Mitchell, a reminder to all STACK NDs that STACK sanctioned events must follow the IRB and that failure to do this will result in withdrawal of sanctioning. This to be followed (again by J. Mitchell) in December 2000 by a formal review of sanctioning procedure and adherence to it and the IRB.

M. Emery to request from STACK France an explanation of the apparent irregularities and their methods of dealing with them.

C. Eichenberger to reply to N. Ferriers request to see which members voted in France and how they voted.

11. Discussion of ND status in all countries and find a remedy for those not responding:

See bullet point 2.

Motion to vote: Proposed by A. Wakefield and Seconded by G. Galli.

Patrick Guggenheim has not fulfilled the NDs duties for at least a year and is now uncontactable or is not responding at all. Due to the difficulties in arranging Swiss STACK AGM, it is proposed that we vote to remove him from office as per STACK Charter and allow the active Swiss members to re order themselves. Vote to remove P. Guggenheim was unanimous. A. Wakefield to inform P. Guggenheim of decision. A. Wakefield to contact H. Grabmeyer to get an assessment of STACK Austria. G. Galli to contact G. Westermeir to see if STACK Luxembourg still had a ND.

12. Minimum requirements for a Euro Cup bid:

J. Mitchell to issue a template to all NDs laying out the minimum requirements and recommendations SIEC demand, for the issue of Sanctioning and acceptance of a Euro Cup Competition bid. Content of that template was discussed here.

13. Check and update all SIEC and ND contact information:

Done.

14. Check and Overhaul STACK Charter and Sanction Forms:

No changes required to Charter.

J. Mitchell to send a reinforcement of Sanctioning Procedure to STACK Holland ND as per request in Quarterly Report.

J. Mitchell to update Sanction forms to encompass all relevant subjects spoken of over this weekend

15. Who to run and organise SNACK:

A. Wakefield to compile and publish SNACK. The aim is to get them back to quarterly issues. Content will be made clear in the next Issue due out in September 2000.

16. Judges list and qualifying, FD list and qualifying:

A list of current and approved judges and shadow judges will be formed and a method of determining the standing and experience of those judges will be formalised and was discussed in detail here. The final aim is to Rank Judges. Details will be sent to NDs, complete with forms to be filled in for each judge. Responsibility for implementing this system falls to G. Galli. Responsibility for returning completed forms will go to NDs and responsibility for keeping the list up to date will fall on the IHJ. It is hoped to have the basics in place by early 2001 and the most likely residence for this list will be on 'www.stackint.com'.

A similar list will be implemented for FDs but will be initiated after the judges list is up and running.

17. Collate paragraphs still used from Old STACK/AKA Rulebook. (Request from STACK Finland):

C. Eichenberger was given the task of collating those rules still taken from most recent STACK/AKA Rulebook and providing a list to be issued to all NDs for distribution alongside the IRB. J. Mitchell to assist in this project.

18. Wildcard flyers for EC2000.(Request from STACK Finland):

SIEC decided to invite Pentti Saarinki (as top ranked active Finnish flyer) to compete in Dual Line Individual Discipline in EC2000 as a representative of the Host Nation. This was done as an acknowledgement to the Organisers and Host Nation who have ended up with no competitors. M. Emery to inform the Organisers and Finnish ND of the offer.

19. STACK Website:

It was agreed that the website was out of date design wise and work would be started on updating it. The brief would include consolidation of various linked sites and pages kept elsewhere to make 'stackint.com' a one-stop site for all relevant information.

Ways to make it more readily updateable content wise would also be looked into at this time. A list of those responsible for current update is to be documented and updated within SIEC as required. Organisation of this falls to A. Wakefield.

20. IRBC:

IRBC will be informed of SIEC personnel change and at that time be asked to report on current standing and progress.

21. Compulsory Figures:

SIEC have reviewed the entire figure list and marked each figure as useable or not useable in future STACK competition. The reasoning behind this was that a lot are not flyable or judgeable or are simply too open to misinterpretation. This is also as a precursor to the changes that will be invoked when the I SKJB is released. All valid figures at this time will require descriptions rewording and the intention is to come up with a way to get STACK, AKA and AJSKA members to help with this work. A list is to be published before next year giving the ones still valid for selection within STACK. It was noted that there is a distinct lack of Multi Line Pair and Multi Line Team figures, this will be worked on with the co-operation of flyers also. Responsibility for the above falls to A. Wakefield and M. Emery.

22. Mixed Sponsorship, discuss SIEC position:

The Issue of Organiser/Festival sponsors versus Personal or Team sponsors was discussed. A. Wakefield to add an Official SIEC Sponsorship Statement to the Sanction forms and ensure copies go to NDs for distribution.

23. Stackint.com Tee shirts:

The decision was taken to offer specific people within the STACK membership who come from a design background, the opportunity to present designs to the SIEC for Official STACK Tee Shirts. These would be commissioned and paid for by the SIEC and distributed to STACK NDs for inclusion in new members packs and for general sale to members. Five linked designs will be asked for the, fifth being limited and only given to Festival Auctions at the discretion of the SIEC. G. Galli and A. Wakefield to oversee this.

24. EC Qualifying:

Methods of consolidating EC Qualifying procedures was discussed and made clearer. Details to be documented and sent out in due course by J. Mitchell.

The SIEC gratefully thanks Chris Eichenberger for arranging the Hotel, the meeting rooms for the Saturday and for turning his home and Coffee over to us on the Sunday.

The SIEC also thanks Hans Peter Schenk for attending on such short notice and for his invaluable input and loud volume ;-).

A. Wakefield would like to thank M. Emery for not snoring.