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Summary of recommendations

Every year every new organizer faces the same problem of finding special equipment for hydrogen filling. To support part of that equipment as an investment for the inflation of Gas Balloons in FAI CAT 1 Gas Balloon Events we ask the CIA help fund the purchase of this equipment. The cost for 10 gas hoses and 3 manifolds is about EUR 6.200. The organizers of the GB 2014 will pay half of the system and be responsible for the maintenance of this equipment. A system of reselling the equipment to the next organizer will be put into use, where each recipient will take care of the storage, maintenance and also re-certification of the equipment (hydrogen compatible).

Motion

We ask CIA to support half of those costs, EUR 3.100. Agreement between the French Federation and the CIA Bureau must be worked out before funding can be distributed.

Vote: abstain= 4, motion is carried

The WG was asked to check about the category and classification of balloon systems, where an expert helped to clarify this.

Gordon Bennett Event Director Markus Haggene reported that some pilots were changing standard airworthiness of their balloons by adding light weight baskets and loadings, thus making the aircraft fall into the experimental category. Pilots are responsible for insuring they have the proper paper work.

2014 Gordon Bennett rules will be submitted to the Rules Subcommittee for approval.

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