

# **Report to the CIVL Bureau Meeting 2006**

**By Louise Joselyn, 25 October 2006**

## **Paragliding Accuracy**

### **General:**

Paragliding Accuracy is steadily generating more interest worldwide. Currently there are 196 pilots listed from 21 countries. This is a significant increase over last year (121 pilots from 14 countries). Over the past year, Japan ran its first FAI Category 2 Paragliding Accuracy competitions, adding 13 Japanese and 4 Korean pilots to the WPRS. Turkey, too, was reported to have run a successful Cat 2 event, (I suspect alongside an XC event) which brought the first two US pilots onto the Accuracy WPRS together with 38 Turkish pilots.

### **Pre-event for 2007 World Championships, Lake Trakai, Lithuania, Feb 2006**

See Steward's Report. Safety reported as good. Riikka is in discussion with organiser (4/5Nov) on all other points to address before event. Update at Bureau Meeting. Two important S7 issues discussed below.

### **2007 FAI World Championships – Paragliding Accuracy**

Local Regulations for this event, which takes place the weekend following the 2007 Plenary in February, were agreed by the Bureau in September, and were promptly published on the event website. Medals have been ordered, including a number of 'blanks' which can be engraved nearer the time if sufficient women enter.

### **European Cup**

The 2006 Paragliding Accuracy European Cup held 6 (FAI Cat 2) competitions this year, in Lithuania, Italy, UK, Croatia, Czech Republic and Serbia. 89 pilots took part (overall) from 11 countries. Reports that in Czech R. (parachuting) judges not up to speed with S7C rules, but experienced UK judge in place to put them straight. Plans to develop/improve for next year. Full report for Plenary.

### **Judging Training & Seminars**

Following CIVL agreement in February 2006 for budget to run Judging Seminars during the year, unfortunately, only two were held (Lithuania and Japan), resulting in a significant under spend for the year. The primary reason was the enforced absence of the key trainer, UK Chief Judge, Andy Cowley, despatched to Iraq for 8 months. But also there was poor response from countries originally thought to be interested. The International Judging Database is now underway, with data collected and the database framework under construction on the CIVL website (hopefully). International Judging Logbooks have been printed and distributed to Chief Judges in UK, Slovenia, Lithuania, Croatia, Serbia and Netherlands. In terms of expenditure for 2007, figures have yet to be finalised, but I would like to request a modest budget to complete the initial 3year programme, and specifically to cover seminars in North America and possibly Iceland, Turkey or Greece and France. (See separate report for more details).

### **Section 7 Rule changes & clarifications**

SC is in discussion over a number minor clarifications and rewordings to Section 7C (appended). These are the result of continuing adjustments and ongoing maintenance. I would expect these to be passed by the SC with a simple vote and no further

discussion. This (short) list can be circulated as an Appendix to the SC Agenda and circulated with the Plenary Agenda, and (if the Bureau agrees) can be easily passed without going through the detail at the Plenary. There are a number of additional issues under discussion now, some of which may be resolved at the SC meeting prior to the Plenary. A list will be included with the SC Agenda.

Two should be highlighted now to the Bureau:

Unsportmanlike behaviour – as per Steward's report from Lithuania. This should probably be discussed/agreed wording across all disciplines.

Minimum length of Practice Event – again highlighted by Riikka's report. There was only one practice day and one flying day scheduled in Lithuania, not regarded as long enough to test the organisers. Wording should maybe agreed across all disciplines, for consistency.

### **WPRS**

No issues arising since it was changed last year. However, I should like to request that the Paragliding Accuracy subcommittee is informed in good time, of any proposals from the other SCs to change the formula. (Paragliding Accuracy formula is currently the same as HG, I think, and should probably stay in line)

### **Website**

It is not clear as to how the Paragliding Accuracy SC can post items on the CIVL website. Typical items include notes from the Judging Seminars, reference information on training judges, etc. Also possibly competition reports etc.

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## Appendix 1

### CIVL Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee Rule Clarifications & Corrections October 2006 for 2007

This first section is relatively straightforward, with no fundamental change to existing rules, only clarifications and corrections.

New (as already stated in Sections 7A and 7B and inadvertently omitted from S7C when Safety Committee chapter was added):

#### **2.6.3 Safety Director & Safety Committee**

##### **2.6.3.1 Safety Director**

*The Competition Organiser shall appoint a Safety Director, acceptable to the CIVL Bureau, whose primary responsibility is safety. A review of the suitability of the Safety Director should be made by the Steward after the pre-event, and the Bureau may require a replacement Safety Director. The Safety Director should be able to communicate in English and the local language. The Safety Director must have knowledge and experience of the site being flown, and ideally should have appropriate competition experience.*

##### **2.6.3.2 Safety Director Responsibilities**

*The Safety Director is responsible for monitoring all aspects of safety. This includes, but is not limited to: wind speed, adverse weather conditions, in-air crowding and the presence of dangerous air traffic. Further duties are to prevent pilots launching with unsafe equipment. He must give a mandatory safety briefing to all pilots prior to the start of championship flying. He should attend safety committee meetings and accept input from the Safety Committee. The Safety Director should collect accident reports and discuss the accidents with the Steward and present the conclusions at the pilot briefing.*

##### **2.6.3.3 Safety Committee**

As existing 2.6.3

#### **2.12.4 Acceptance check**

Point duplicated, so move to 2.15 Registration and scrutineering. Reword so 2nd para of 2.15 reads:  
*All gliders must be made available to the organisers during the period of registration, for an acceptance check, in the configuration in which they will be flown. After the first competition flight of the first round on the first scheduled competition day, no change of pilot or glider may be made except as specified under the conditions of 2.18.4 Damage to a competing glider.*

#### **2.18.3 Pre flight check**

Reword for relevance to PG

*Each glider shall be given a pre-flight check by its pilot and may not be flown unless it is serviceable. Pilots shall ensure that all harness straps are properly fastened and there are no twists in the risers/lines.*

#### **2.27.2 Assisting injured pilots**

Correction: chapter reference should be: See chapter 11.

#### **5.1.4.1 Small teams**

Correction: delete the word "five" in the first sentence.

#### **8.2.5 The Recorder**

The Recorder will repeat, *in English*, and record on an official log sheet, a competitor's score, which is called by the Fichet Judge. The score shall be signed by the competitor.

##### **8.2.4.2 Failure to agree**

Proposed rewording to clarify:

*If, after comparing the observations of the judges at the target (Event judge, three fichet judges, front and back strike judges), two or more judges still cannot agree with the rest of the team on the first point of ground contact, a re-launch will automatically be awarded to the pilot in question.*

## Appendix 2

### **CIVL Subcommittee – Paragliding Accuracy – Judging Working Group Judging Seminars & Training: 2006 - Summary Report**

#### **Objectives:**

- To ensure Paragliding Accuracy Judging Teams operate consistently and to high standards across different nations.
- To provide a Judging training programme and process for countries new to the sport
- To encourage more Judges to train to international standards
- To promote the sport of Paragliding Accuracy to other countries

#### **Activity Summary:**

- Two Seminars and Training Sessions were held, in Lithuania in February and Japan in September, both in conjunction with a FAI Cat 2 competition. (Detailed minutes available)
- Official FAI International Judging Log Books printed and distributed
- CIVL hosted International Judging Database under construction

#### **Direct Results:**

- 33 people from 4 countries attended the Seminar theory and practical training sessions. Another 10 benefitted from additional practical training/coaching during the competitions
- Seminars resulted in another 27 people added to the Judging roster, now with some Judging training to build on
- Valuable judging experience contributed to success of Japan's first Paragliding Accuracy Cat 2 competition. This success will ensure Japan brings a team to the World Championships in 2007, the first time Japan will have competed at this level.
- Judging experience and extra judging resource available in Lithuania contributed to the success of this Cat 2 event, also practice event for 2007 World Championship. Valuable advice and guidance provided for the growing team of Judges they need.
- Judges beginning to be recognised for their expertise and professionalism, through the International Judging Database, and use of the Logbooks.

#### **Indirect/follow on results:**

- Discussions highlighting areas of inconsistency and differing interpretation internationally, which can be addressed by the Subcommittee
- Pilots new to Accuracy, as well as trainee judges attracted to competitions running seminars
- Increased interest from other countries (Korea, Japan)

#### **Future development:**

Good consolidation during 2006, though there was budget for further seminars which was not taken up. For 2007, we have identified the following needs:

- Broaden the geographic scope of the Seminars to North America
- Consolidate and expand in Europe, particularly aiming at countries new to the sport including possibly Iceland, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria and others
- Establish high level, international discussions among Senior Judges.
- Ensure that International Judging Log Books are used at all Cat 1 & 2 events
- Ensure judging teams are selected from those on the International Judging Register.

## Judging Seminars & Training: 2006 - Summary Report – page 2

### Summary of accounts (provisional) for 2006:

Budget Allocated	Judging Seminars 2006			
	2,100 €CIVL	2,100 €ARISF		
Expenditure	Travel	Subsistence	Amount in €	Totals
<b>Seminar 1 - Lithuania, February 2006</b>				
Air Fare, Liz Lawrence	£103.40		145.80 €	
Liz Lawrence - Subsistence/accom/taxis	560LTA		162.26 €	
	<b>Subtotal Seminar 1</b>		<b>308.06 €</b>	<b>308.06 €</b>
<b>Seminar 2 - Japan, September 2006</b>				
Air fares, N. Spence & D. Bodill	£1,269.90		1,803.26 €	
Car parking	£33.25		47.22 €	
Accommodation		97650Yen	630.48 €	
	<b>Subtotal Seminar 2</b>		<b>2,480.95 €</b>	<b>2,480.95 €</b>
International Judging Logbooks		120 €	120.00 €	
Postage from France		34.13 €	34.13 €	
Postage from UK		£5.09	7.23 €	
<b>Subtotal Additional Costs</b>			<b>161.36 €</b>	<b>161.36 €</b>
<b>Total actual expenditure for 2006 (provisional)</b>			<b>2,950.37 €</b>	
Representing an underspend on budget of:			1,249.63 €	
Providing a saving on budget to CIVL (50%) of:			624.81 €	

The original budget allocated by CIVL + ARISF was €4200.

We did not spend as much as anticipated for several reasons:

- Chief Judge and trainer, Andy Cowley became unexpectedly unavailable during the year. This meant some seminars were impractical (North America), and I did not push to organise alternative trainers or alternative venues.
- Countries initially enthusiastic did not come forward, and I did not follow up.

However, for next year, the training programme needs to move up a gear. Plans underway and will be presented at the Subcommittee meeting & Plenary in February 2007.

***Request for 2007, same budget as 2006, ie €2100 from CIVL to be matched by €2100 from ARISF.***

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