

AGENDA ITEM 7.3

REPORT OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

XII. WORLD GLIDER AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Niederöblarn, Austria

16-25 August 2007

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There were 51 pilots from 12 countries (National Aero Clubs) taking part in the XII World Glider Aerobatic Championship, including 50 men and 1 woman. All of them were participation in the official classification.

Four types of gliders took part in the Championship:

MDM FOX
SOLO FOX
SWIFT-S1
LO-100 A

There were 10 Judge Standings working at the Championship:

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| – CORRIAS, Lina | ITA |
| – LOUVEL, Remy | FRA |
| – GAWĘCKI, Jan | POL |
| – KORINEK, Tomas | CZE |
| – KÜCHLER, Philippe | SUI |
| – TALABOS, Gabor | HUN |
| – HAPPS, Dick | GBR |
| – PIMENOV, Alexey | RUS |
| – DOERDER, Georg | GER |
| – LAMBERT, Peter | AUT |

On the 15th of August, 2007, in the afternoon, all the Judges took part in the seminary, where I instructed them in “ZERO” procedure (“Soft Zero” and “Hard Zero”) as well as the altitude

control system (in Niederöblarn 1300 – 300 m) by MGT PM-234 device designed by M. Meierhofer.

During the seminary the test has been carried out in order to check their knowledge of the judging rules and regulations.

On 17th of August, 2007, I carried out a practice training. I found the Judges well prepared, they made good evaluation and they were objective. This was just for training of the Judges, not “my pilot” in the program.

In the days 18 – 25 August, 2007, there were 5 programs carried out, however all the time “fighting” against bad weather:

- Known Compulsory Program;
- Free Program;
- Unknown Compulsory Program;
- Unknown Compulsory Program No. 2;
- Unknown Compulsory Program No. 3 – in this Program 50 % of the pilots took part.

Two complaints were addressed to the Chief Judge regarding non-objective judgement:

- 1) “0” granted for the figure by one judge only;
- 2) penalties for the low altitude.

After these cases had been explained and investigated at the video record of the flights, both complaints were withdrawn.

Organizer of the XII WGAC together with the Technical University and its experimental institute Spengergasse have designed and they want to introduce a new quick scoring system to inform the public about each pilot's score.

The system worked as parallel to the previous one on the scoring sheets. The Judge's assistant worked with the computer during free time only. Additional 3 persons at the Chief Judge Standing were employed to handle the system.

Flight Safety

On the Championship I noticed two incidents regarding the pilots' wrong proceeding during take-off . These cases were discussed on the briefing.

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