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Minutes
of the
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of the
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Present: Goran Dimikovski, Igor Erzen, Stephane Malbos, Zeljko Ovuka, Jamie Shelden.

Excused: Adrian Thomas, Wahyu Yudha.

ALL FIRST CATEGORY EVENT

Numbering Events

When naming FAI 1st Category events, it is the tradition that we number them, like for 2017:

- 21st World HG Class 1 – Brasilia, Brazil
- 9th World PG Accu – Vlora, Albania
- 15th World PG XC – Pedavena, Italy

As per FAI regulation, it is possible not to give numbers.

The Bureau agrees that we should keep numbering 1st Category events, but research will be done to make sure the given numbers are correct (there is confusion in some Hang Gliding Classes).

FAI Air Sport Medal

These Medals “may be awarded to individuals or groups for outstanding services in connection with air sport activities, e.g. for work in FAI Commissions, for organising World and Continental Championships, for training and educating new pilots, parachutists or aeromodellers, and for promoting aviation in general, especially with regard to young people.”

The Bureau will ask the Plenary to nominate the organizers of our Championships for this award.

Competition Website

Airtribune is said to finish service next February.

FAI will be contacted to see if any service can be available through them, outsourced or not.

Database for our Officials...

... Jurors, Stewards, Judges.

It is badly needed. FAI will be contacted and asked if they are currently working on one.

ALL DISCIPLINES – SECTION 7 COMMON

Allocation, Selection deadlines...

Repatriate in Section 7 Common rules found in the Section A-B-C.

For competitions with less pilots than the maximum allowed (so with no allocation needed), no deadline should be needed, pilots being allowed to enter until the last minute.

Bureau proposal:

Modify the rules accordingly.

Sanction Fee, Amount of Fee

The rule was changed in 2016 but was not applied as budgets had been already planned and approved. After further analysis with competition organizers, what was thought to be a good idea seems not to be a good one: increments are too far apart and sanction fees can be significantly raised.

Bureau proposal:

Go back to the previous rule.

Complaints and Protests

We have deadlines for team leaders to complain or protest, but not for Meet Directors or Jury to act on them.

Bureau proposal:

After receiving a complaint, the Meet Director must rule on it in the following 24 hours unless exceptional circumstances require more time.

HANG GLIDING & PARAGLIDING XC – SECTION 7A

CIVL GAP

Some definitions found in CIVL GAP should be in S7:

Bureau proposals:

GAP Chapter 3, 7, 13 and 14 go in Section 7A and are just summed up in GAP as an indication to where they are defined. (it would be really helpful for everyone – including this Bureau member, if we at least give a super short summary of what these chapters are, rather than make everyone look it up. I remember discussing this, but don't remember what rules/provisions are covered by each chapter.

GAP Chapter 6 stays in GAP and is summed up in Section 7A as an indication to where it is defined. Same here.

Minimum Track Log Points

Current rule says that the interval between points in the track log must not exceed 5 seconds.

In last summer competitions, tracks with longer delay were accepted when between turnpoints.

Bureau proposal:

The interval between points in the track log must be set to 5 seconds or less.

Instruments download

Experience shows that tracklogs can be hacked before they are sent by mail.

Bureau proposals:

Tracklogs must be downloaded directly by the scorer. Tracklogs sent by e-mail are not acceptable. All tracklogs must be kept on his/her instrument by the pilot until the end of the competition. I already objected to this on Basecamp, but either way, I don't recall discussing this last part (keep tracklogs until the end of the comp) at our Bureau meeting.

Rest day

Current definition refers to "competition flights" and the definition given in CIVL GAP. We need a better definition that refers to "flying days" as opposed to "rest days". A flying day may be defined differently according to the championship sites.

Bureau proposal:

"After six consecutive flying days, there will be one rest day, etc."

'Flying days' are defined in the Local Regulations.

The Template Local Regulations will have a few possible definitions of what could be a flying day. For instance...

- A flying day is defined as a day when a team leader briefing is held and pilots travel to the take-off regardless of whether any pilot starts a task. (Can be used in situations where take-off is a significant distance from HQ, hotels, etc., such as Brasilia).

- A flying day is defined as a day when a team leader briefing is held, pilots travel to the take-off, a task is set and at least one pilot takes-off to start the task. (Can be used in situations where the take-off is very close to HQ and traveling to the take-off doesn't take very long - e.g. Krushevo.)

Organizers will be asked to carefully consider the conditions of the competition, the nature of the site and craft a suitable definition of a "flying day", using the examples above, if appropriate.

Reminder: the Local Regulations are created in collaboration with the Steward and are approved by the Bureau and by the Plenary.

Pilot Safety Form

Current rule request that pilots, after landing and at the latest when downloading their instruments, fill out a Pilot Safety Form...

In last summer competitions, the Pilot Safety Forms were used extensively in hang-gliding, and absolutely not in paragliding, although they were available.

Bureau proposal:

Modify as follow: After landing and at the latest when downloading their instruments for scoring purpose, it is recommended that pilots correctly fill out and sign a Pilot Safety Form...

Live Tracker Project

The use of Flymaster live-trackers during the Krushevo PG European championship has been very successful: a game-changer. Should CIVL buy a stock of Live-Trackers for its 1st Category events? Live-Trackers would also be send to test events. A CIVL dedicated person would be available if local organizers do not have the right persons to run it. Live-Trackers would be free of charge, but cost of dedicated person to run it would be paid by the organizer.

Action:

Keep working on the matter.

"Pro Team" in Cat 1 and Test events

The minutes of the 2012 Bureau Autumn Meeting reads:

"The Bureau discussed improving the quality of the organisation of Cat 1 events, from bids to completion. The idea is to work toward a system where we have a full service professional staff to be used by organizers for a fixed fee or portion of entry fee. This "Cat 1 Kit" would restructure the way Cat 1 events are run, including steward's duties. This proposal would require proactivity in getting bids and having CIVL services to Cat 1 clearly defined so planning and budgeting for organizers would be simpler."

We are probably ready to act around the Live-Tracker project. It should be an option given to organizers.

Action:

Keep working on the matter.

HANG GLIDING XC – SECTION 7A

Task Validity for HG in the WPRS.

The last Plenary implemented that one task was sufficient to validate of an event and 3 to validate fully an event. There was confusion around the discussion and the decision and it is felt that the matter should be revised.

Bureau proposal:

Send the matter back to the Committee for discussion and proposal to the Plenary.

PARAGLIDING XC – SECTION 7A

2016 CCC Paragliders certification and controls

Denis Cortella to be contacted to follow the new certification program and control paragliders gliders in the coming championships.

Bid for Euro PG XC in 2018 in Montalegre, Portugal

The bid has been discussed in the Committee. The Committee and Bureau agree with the bid but have the following requests:

- Live-Tracking is mandatory; a dedicated manager must be appointed; it has to be used as primary source of scoring.
- The Safety Director cannot have another responsibility.
- The map of the area has to be Google terrain with only turn points in.
- Sim Card for pilots are mandatory. Cost have to be included in the Entree Fee.
- It must be clarified if lunch packs are included or not in the Entree Fee. They usually are.

Competition numbers on paragliders

They should be kept mandatory but appropriate removable material has to be found. The position of the numbers will have to be defined. The only acceptable place could be in the middle of leading or trailing edge. Numbers on stabilizers could be acceptable if positioned on both side.

PARAGLIDING AEROBATIC – SECTION 7B

No report or proposals received.

PARAGLIDING ACCURACY – SECTION 7C

No report or proposals received.

The Bureau supports the idea of a general reset.

Accuracy is our fastest developing discipline, it needs work, ideas, long term projects.

We have faced lately issues due to lack of structure or lack of respect for the structure.

We have to make sure that the foundation of the discipline is sound and respected.

Work and discussions should be going on throughout the year. The Plenary is not the place to improvise proposals and changes of regulation.

- Judging Code: it has to be revised.
- Judging Trainings: procedures and contents have to be defined or revised.
- Judges List: they have to be updated. Judges must have their NAC approval.
- 2nd Category Events: they must respect the rule concerning the Judges' requirements and the Sporting Licences regulation.

ANNEX TO SECTION 7

Bureau proposal:

Create an Annex to Section 7 and publish there what is not directly rules but more guidelines.

- Safety Briefing.
- Cross-Country Thermalling Guidelines.
- Local Regulations Templates.
- Entry Form Templates.
- Sample Waiver Form.
- Certified Glider Statements
- Paraglider Pilot Experience Declaration Form.
- ...

Specific Section 7 to be modified accordingly.

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

Summary of activity since the last Plenary.

- Incidents Types Lists: Instead of waiting another 10 years a database not yet chosen referring to competitions only, these lists are syntheses of general practice national databases over several decades. They seem to remain unknown and useless.
- Safety Network: Operational mailing list, not quite active during the last months.
- Safety Notices: Updated.

Issues still on-going to be resolved

- Safety Management System: Stand by.
- Database management: nobody in charge.

Issues or concerns requiring Plenary or Bureau guidance/response

- At the last Plenary, the SMS was adopted unanimously, but needed to be implemented by the National Federations to make it work really. Not a single one did it. So until now, our SMS is nothing more than "Safety first", while it works in Civil Aviation with several thousand times better results.
- The Bureau discussed SMS. CIVL President will take the matter to the pre- FAI General Conference meeting between the Executive Board and the Commission Presidents. (This was done. Nothing came out of it.)

Revision of SafePro Para

- A Temporary Working Group as been implemented and has started the revision of the document. A 'Competition Level' will be added. The WG includes: M. Abrard, Maxime Bellemin, Manu Bonte, Jacky Bouvard, Pierre Braems, Raymond Caux, Laurent Chamerat, S. Harre, Greg Kelley, Sylvain Orthlieb, Dennis Pagen, Nikolay Yotov, Joel Yout.

CIVL INTERNAL REGULATION

Remunerated roles

When a remunerated role becomes vacant, it is mandatory to advertise for it before the Bureau can appoint the most appropriate candidate.

The Bureau may know in advance who is the best candidate to hire. In this case, the advertising of the position is a meaningless exercise and only gives false hopes to the people who apply for the remunerated role.

Bureau proposal:

Not make the advertising mandatory.

Plenary procedures

Before any vote or amendment on any item, a motion must be made and seconded.

This procedure was not respected during the last two Plenary and is seen as not necessary.

Bureau proposal:

Suppress the procedure.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Competition organiser handbook

The document needs updating. For instance, "Pigeon holes" (page 42) are not used anymore and, considering today's technologies, should not be.

Bureau proposal:

The document will be revised.

Template budget for First Category Event bids

Some bidders seem to copy/paste the amounts in the Template budget without further analysis).
Bureau proposal:

The document will be revised and the amounts taken out.

ALSO DISCUSSED...

... without any decision or action being taken:

- Multi-disciplines All Women Championships: Hang-Gliding and Paragliding Cross Country, Paragliding Accuracy. Krushevo would be a good venue. Sponsor(s) needed.
- Purely invitational 2nd Category Events where pilots are scored in the WPRS. Bureau see no reason why it could not be possible.
- Road to the future World Air Games and the Air Games Event Series that are supposed to mark this Road.
- Coming FAI General Conference.
- Sporting Licences issues.
- Doping controls in our events.
- Next Plenary in Salzburg, Austria.
- CIVL Bureau and Committee Chairs for 2017-2018. Building a new Team.

JURY AND STEWARD PHILOSOPHY

When we look way back at the list of people that have filled Jury's duty, the CIVL Bureau and its President have always been very present. It is still the case, maybe more than before, and it is a political choice this Bureau has made.

We find that being present in competition is a unique opportunity to confront the reality of our disciplines, to exchange with all its actors, to learn from them and to convey to them our policy.

The FAI Jury Handbook will be revised before July 2017 by CASI (or Air Sport General Commission), the body that rules the General Section of the Sporting Code and associated documents.

It needs updating and adjustments to what the Commissions are really doing. A lot of them send just one Jury President, all the others being remote. CIVL tried it, but it didn't work well for us. There are other solutions possible.

Will also be discussed the possible degree of involvement of the Jury in the running of the competition.

JURORS AND STEWARDS FOR 2017 EVENTS

Test PG Pan American – Baixo Guandu, Brazil – April 8 to 15
Steward: Goran Dimikovski (MKD)

World PG Accuracy – Vlora, Albania – May 5 to 14
Steward: Violeta Masteikiene (LIT)
Jury President: Riikka Vilkuna (SWE)
Jurors: Zeljko Ovuka (SER) — Stephane Malbos (FRA)

Test PG Accuracy Asian – Loburi, Thailand – May 22 to 28
Steward: Andy Cowley (GBR) – Assistant: Elsa Mai (Chinese Taipei)

World PG XC – Pedavena, Italy – July 1 to 15
Steward: Kari Kastle (USA) – Assistant: Jamie Shelden (USA)

Jury President: Stephane Malbos (FRA)
Jurors: Fabio Loro (ITA) – Andy Cowley (GBR)

Test Euro PG XC – Montalegre, Portugal – 22/07 to 29/07
Steward: Jamie Shelden (USA)

World HG Class 2 – Serres, France – July 24 to August 6
Steward: Louise Joselyn (GBR)
Jury President: Dennis Pagen (USA)
Jurors : to be appointed.

World HG Class 1 – Brasilia, Brazil – August 6 to 19 (Dates may be moved forward one week)
Steward: Mitch Shipley (USA) – Assistant: Igor Erzen (SLO)
Jury President: Stephane Malbos (FRA)
Jurors: Trudy Craddock (GBR) – Fabio Loro (ITA)

Test PG Accuracy Euros – Kobarid, Slovenia – September 20 to 24
Steward: Andy Cowley (GBR)