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WINGSUIT WORKING GROUP*

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2012

The wingsuiting Working Group had an uneventful year, with very few activities.

General

At the 2012 IPC meeting 3 people resigned from the Working Group. Fortunately new members have been found. The objectives of the Working Group are as follows:

- a) *To create a clear working definition of a Wingsuit*
- b) *To investigate ways to define and judge no-contact Wingsuit large formation records.*
- c) *To make a recommendation to IPC for consideration of a new unlinked World Record performance Category for Wingsuit, Largest Formation.*

Objective a) has been agreed upon, but as such not incorporated into the Sporting Code, Section 5. The parameters as under b) have been listed in the 2012 IPC agenda. However, the recommendation is still in limbo with no agreement on the parameters under b). The plan was to work on this in 2012 but no initiative has been made. As Chair of the Working Group I take responsibility to this.

The intention is to make a clear move forward in 2013 - with the help of the Judges Committee - and see what this will do in the field. If this does not work out, or no real results are made, the Working Group should re-evaluate the value of its existence.

Competitions

There have been several wingsuit competitions around the globe during the year. These competitions focus on either artistic flying or on performances like longest distance or longest freefall time. These however are out of scope of the Working Group. They do show however quite a few parachutists are entering these kind of events. The Working Group also notes more and more people make wingsuit jumps, and that more and more NAC's regulate wingsuiting by installing manuals regarding safety and training.

Wingsuit big formation attempts

There has been a wingsuit big formation record attempt at Perris, USA, September 2012, with a Guinness record of 100 wingsuiters on September 25th. It is the first wingsuit record submitted to Guinness. This shows the media potential for this kind of events. However, it also showed the problems with how to set criteria for this as it did not meet the grid system as supported by Taya Weiss.

Teamwork with the Working Group members

My appreciation goes to the current members Pål Bergan (Norway), James Hayhurst (USA), Jarno Cordia (Netherlands) and Taya Weiss (USA).

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