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CIA New Technology Subcommittee Minutes 2013

Presences: Claude Weber LUX (NTSC chairman), Steve Ireland AUS (NTSC member), Garry Lockyer CAN (NTSC member), Marc Andre, SWI (NTSC member)
Observers: Luc van Geyte BEL

Excused: Lukas Andre SWI, Bengt Stener SWE, Gerald Stürzlinger AUT

Balloon Logger development

A brief report on the logger activities in 2012 was given.

Logger uses until the end of 2012 total 650, summing up the total number of tracks recorded to more than 3000 tracks.

The pool has reached the number of 110 devices available. With this number, the pool is ready to be used in any event, including continental and world championship.

As this was an goal of the logger project, and a demand for purchasing an own device was brought up from several NACs, the NTSC members agreed to not continue the “sponsorship” policy but switch to a new policy of individual logger purchase. NTSC shall continue monitoring the pool size with regard to the number of loggers used in parallel.

Pre-negotiations have been made with Flytec and a model of purchase through Flytec retail channel, with special conditions have verbally been agreed on (6020 retail price, royalties, rental limitation). Claude Weber and Marc Andre shall negotiate a definite agreement (with Flytec, FAI, ...), so that this purchase program can be put in place in the coming weeks. The conditions as well as all practical details will be posted on balloonloggers.org as soon as available.

Motion 1: NTSC moves that individual purchases be allowed, conditions being negotiated by NTSC in the coming weeks.

List of approved loggers

The CIA plenary 2009 voted on 2 motions from NTSC to implement a list of approved loggers. The process and forms have been finalized in 2011 and 2012. An application for an approval has been submitted for the CIA logger (Flytec). Marc Andre has gathered and analyzed all technical and practical details of the logger and it's use. An approval document has been established with an approval for all type of competitions. The use in record flying could not be approved yet as requirements are not clear for this type of flying. NTSC asks Records SC to provide more information so that the approval can be upgraded to “All competition” and “Record flying”.

As only one application has been received, NTSC encourages all event organizers and NACs to submit their logger for approval. The approval document is available on cia-forums.org (NTSC board) and will be made available on the FAI website.

Motion 2: NTSC moves that the date of effect for the list of approved devices to be used at CAT1 events be April 1st, 2014.

The initial list of approved loggers is planned to be completed by the plenary 2014.

Other items

We decided to automate the registration of new users in the cia-forums.org site. Security checks like captcha at registration and email verification will be put in place.

NTSC encourages all other SCs and WGs to use the forums.

The “Guidelines for Use of GPS Loggers in Balloon Competitions” is dated 2004 and turns out to be completely outdated regarding its content. As we do not have an updated version and the COH also covers GPS use in some parts, we would like to remove this document from FAI website.

Motion 3: NTSC moves to remove the “Guidelines for Use of GPS Loggers in Balloon Competitions” from the FAI website.

On a side note we agreed that the document section on the FAI website is a mess.

NTSC also recommends to put more prominent links to cia-forums.org and balloonloggers.org on the main Ballooning Commission website.

Proposed New Technology Subcommittee members 2013:

Claude Weber, Luxembourg (chairman)

Steve Ireland, Australia (member)

Garry Lockyer, Canada (member)

Marc Andre, Switzerland (member)

Lukas Andre, Switzerland (member)

Bengt Stener, Sweden (member)

Gerald Stürzlinger, Austria (member)