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of the
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1. FAI General Conference

Agust Gudmundsson reported on different aspects of this meeting.

2. Status of current upcoming Category 1 and Practice Events

Spain HG Euros - 2014

The Bureau and the Stewards of the competition have great concerns on the viability of the competition as the test event was conducted. Agust will discuss the situation with the organizer and FAI.

Annecy HG Worlds - 2014

Discussion of Local Regulations re maximum number of pilots.

Max overall is 150 and if there are fewer pilots than expected in any given class, those "spaces" can be allocated to another class. Sport class event is open to any pilot in the WPRS rankings (no restriction to only sport class ranked pilots).

The Local Regulations have been sent to the HG-Committee for review.

Annecy Aerobatics bid - 2015

It is being reviewed by the Aerobatic Committee.

Need more information on budget, judges fee, whether there are likely to be any HG participants, etc.

Argentina Practice Pan-American - 2013

Decision to send Kari Castle as Trainee Steward as we need more Stewards, particularly in HG.

3. Practice Event Rules

S7 requires Practice Events to follow all its rules and not, like others Category 2 Events, only "as far as appropriate". This strict requirement is never implemented.

It is felt that if Practice Events must follow more S7 rules than other Category 2 Events, following all of them does not always make sense.

The Bureau will push for a proposal to change S7 so Practice Events follow S7 rules "as far as appropriate". The Practice Event Steward will be required to use his/her common sense and reasonable interpretation of what is "appropriate" under the particular circumstances.

4. Evaluation of competitions

It should be more valuable and readable as a Quality value. Agust Gudmundson has suggested each Cat1 (and possibly the test events) are to be evaluated based on certain criteria for number of factors of the competition.

Jamie Shelden will start with a draft re-write of Jury & Steward reports into a more summary/evaluation/tabular format with corresponding comment fields.

5. Bids for 2016 Championships

The rule voted by the 2013 Plenary requires that bids be sent to CIVL 4 months before their presentation to the Plenary, i.e. before October 22. No bid has been received so far. The new rule is probably not known. CIVL has not communicated enough on this matter.

The Bureau decides to extend the bids' deadline to December 1st for this year bids.

6. Out of Competition Anti-Doping programme

The FAI requirement is to select pilots from top 100 pilots of our ranking lists. The pool of pilots was 150 individuals. Four names were selected randomly (by random program function).

Two of them will be in the Registered Testing Pool for out of competition testing of anti doping.

7. Pre-registration, allocation

Deadlines should be stated clearly, should be the same for our different disciplines, might be different for World and Continental Championships. It is suggested that first allocation rounds could be done 60 days before World Championships and 30 days before Continental. S7 must be modified to allow this for the continental championships. A matter for the Committees.

8. Distance calculations in competitions and records

FAI Working Group has defined/clarified distance calculations and their proposal was accepted at the General Conference. It will be implemented in General section and applied by the Airport Commissions including CIVL.

9. Defending Champion

Synchronize S7 on defending champion if not selected in National Team. It is felt that he/she can participate as an individual. This rule needs to be synchronized among all disciplines. Currently, this only applies to PG XC.

10. PG & HG XC Qualification Criteria

It must be clarified that in Continental Championships the "Top X" rule means Top X Overall, or Top X European or Asian etc.

S7 must be more precise. A matter for the Committees.

11. Sporting License

The new sporting license system is online. It is mandatory for NAC's to have their pilots in the system from January 2014. The system allows for QR code for checking expiration/validity of the licences. Next phase in preparation is to set up a competition management system for online registration.

A pilot can become qualified for Category 1 Events based on competitions he/she entered even when he/she didn't have a valid Sporting License. It is felt that qualification for Category 1 Events should not be gained without Sporting Licence. The qualification rules should state the WPRS points must be made when the pilot had a valid Sporting Licence.

12. S7 has to be modified.

Asian – Oceanic Championships

It has been checked and will be accepted by CASI as temporary if needed. We can encourage such bids.

13. Jury & Stewards

The Jury & Steward Handbook still need to be revised.

Jury & Steward for upcoming Events and Practice Events were chosen in coordination with the Jury & Steward Coordination Officer (see Appendix A – Appointment of officials).

The Bureau considered the cost of Trainee Steward to be a budgeted and pre-set amount for each individual competition, where the organizer handles the costs and is then reimbursed. With a set amount, organizer has incentive to keep costs reasonable and trainee will then be in the same accommodation, share car and other transport costs, etc. This would need to be written into/included in the bid/sanction.

Trainee Stewards can be used at Practice Event or on the main Events as needed on a case by case basis.

14. Incident reporting of Category 2 Events

... Or more correctly the non reporting by some organizers.

We need to improve our procedures to iterate the reminders to organizers after a competition is finished.

15. Section 7

Brian Harris and Louise Joselyn are sought to re-write Section 7. A general outline is to be presented to the 2014. The revisions should be completed by the 2015 Plenary.

Agust Gudmundsson and Stéphane Malbos will define the scope, cost, timeline and will follow the work as it is done.

16. Records & Badges

The Bureau approved Section 7D changes finalised during the year.

Minimums for Continental records must be set. Individual minimums could be different in different continents.

17. Finances

Reviewed account summary and issues with FAI accounting procedures including line item for "depreciation" line item for IPPI cards.

Reviewed summary of income and expenses for a sampling of Category 1 Events to get an understanding of how much CIVL is making/losing on Category 1 Events. Decided to do the income/expense review of every Cat1 and test event competitions.

Reviewed how we can reduce organizers costs. Most obvious place is Jury expenses. We need to consider different Jury options. Agust Gudmundsson to review and come with recommendations.

Bureau is considering how to do booking travel for some officials where those officials expenses have been unusually higher than others.

18. From the HG Committee

No report received.

Inactivity of Committee and Chair was discussed and changes are needed. Agust Gudmundsson to discuss with Chair.

19. From the PG Committee

Interim Report received and studied.

- CIVL Comp Class requirements. PG-C is still working on it.
- Scoring 2014. Should be equivalent to PWCA scoring system.
- Scoring 2015 and beyond. PG-C is envisioning many modifications.
- Competition Pilot Proficiency Certification. Pilot skills are supposed to be mandatory in 2014 in Category 1 Events. Difficult to implement. Bureau felt that it might be impossible, that it should stay a recommendation. S7 to be adjusted. A matter for the PG-C.
- WPRS. From May 1, 2014, WPRS will use n=3 i.s.o. n=4. The aim is to make the WPRS less Eurocentric. It is suggested that all commissions adopt this proposal and implement it in their own parts of S7. Bureau felt that the proposal needs further discussion in committees.
- Airspace violation rules. Airspace infringement, horizontal or vertical: 10 points per meter of infringement up to 50 m; zero for the day after that. Bureau recommends accepting this change in PG and HG, but removing the "up to 50 m; zero for the day after that" part.

20. From the PG Accuracy Committee

Interim Report received and studied, including the aims of PGA-C to promote this discipline in the Middle East, Australia and the US and possibly combining accuracy with another discipline like aerobatics.

21. From the Aerobatic Committee

Interim Report received and studied, including difficulties due to shortage of judges, event organizers and sponsors.

22. From the Software Working Group

Interim Report received and studied.

Bureau would like to allocate 5500 Euros from the budget for Software. 4000 Euros are allocated now and chairman will be asked to send the expense claims right away for 2013 development.

23. From the Safety Officer

Interim Report received and studied.

Need to double check on receipt of re-written SafePro that Raymond sent to the Bureau in July.

24. From the Record & Badges Officer

Interim Report received and studied.

Question about aerobatic records – need to know from Aerobatics Committee specifically which records they would like to see. Igor Erzen to remind the Committee that if they are still interested in records, they need to submit a proposal (specifying which records, the potential risks and what can be done to mitigate the risks).

25. From the Competition Coordinator

Interim Report received and studied.

Bureau needs to look into validity of a subdiscipline of competition being scored with only one pilot competing.

26. From the Jury & Steward Coordinator

Bureau proposal to have Nikki Moss take over Flip Koetsier's position as Jury & Steward Coordinator was accepted.

27. From the Communication Officer

Website Front Page has been modified on our request. More modifications are discussed and agreed upon.

28. Miscellaneous

a. Quorum

There is no quorum requirement for our Plenaries in CIVL Internal Regulations. It is felt that it is not needed. Along the years, there is always more or less the same number of NACs represented and it is much higher than what Internal Regulations usually require.

b. Plenary 2014

The timetable is confirmed. An official invitation will be sent.

c. Appointment letters

Some Officials (Jury, Stewards) will receive appointment letters, which could also work like diploma for work done. To be tried out for this year appointments of Jury and Stewards.

d. FAME MoU and non performance

The Bureau has doubts on the FAME scheme.

Promotional packets are prepared and can be used by the NAC's/organizers.

e. IPPI cards

The marketing of the scheme must be reassessed. CIVL could consider creating an IPPI logo for use by NAC's in connection with/printed on their own rating cards at a lesser fee than for a full card.

In terms who can issue to whom, the rule is that if a pilot has a Sporting License, the country issuing that pilot's Sporting License is the only country that can issue an IPPI card for that pilot. If the pilot does not have a Sporting License, any country can issue that pilot an IPPI card.

f. Austria

The Austrian Delegate will be asked to explain at the Plenary the position with respect to licenses to fly in Austria.

g. Relations with WG6

Should CIVL request that we be part of the Working Group and suggest a possible candidate to join the working group? Agust Gudmundsson will contact Angus Pinkerton, WG6 Chair, to learn more about membership, agenda, etc. and decide if and how we can work with them in the future.

h. Online meeting

Received preview of the new FAI online meeting system and tried it.

i. WXC Online Contest

We need more participation and communication.
2013 results need to be reviewed and published.
2014 season has started as of October 1, 2013.

j. Jury decision in Forbes 2013 HG Worlds

The Slovenian NAC submitted an Appeal to FAI against a decision taken by the International Jury. Max Bishop was appointed by CASI to chair the Tribunal to hear this appeal. Patrice Girardin and Raymond Caux (FRA) were appointed as Tribunal members. The Appeal has been withdrawn by Slovenia. Max Bishop made proposals to CIVL and FAI based on information gathered in preparation for the Tribunal. It was studied by the Bureau. It will be forwarded to both the HG-C and PG-C for comments and possible proposals for next Plenary.

Appendix A – Appointment of officials

2nd FAI Asian PG Accuracy Championship, Ranau Sabah, Malaysia, 12 - 19 March

Steward: Violeta Mastikeine (LIT)

Jury President: Andy Cowley (GBR)

Jury Members: Huub Coumans (NED), Wes Hill (AUS)

HG Worlds Class 2 & 5, Sports Class and Women's class 1 Championships, Annecy, France, 21 June - 5 July

Steward: Dennis Pagen (USA)

Jury President: Flip Koetsier (NED)

Jury Members: Heather Mull (AUS), Kari Castle (USA)

13th FAI European Paragliding Championship, Kopaonik Raska, Serbia, 1 - 16 August

Steward: Nicky Moss (GBR)

Trainee steward: Nikolay Yotov (BUL)

Jury President: Vitor Pinto (POR)

Jury Members: Peter Brandlehner (AUT), Stephane Malbos (FRA)

4th FAI European PG Accuracy Championship, Vrsac, Serbia, 31 August - 7 September

Steward: Violeta Mastikeine (LIT)

Jury President: Roman Pogacar (SLO)

Jury Members: Andy Cowley (GBR), Huub Coumans (NED)

2nd FAI PanAmerican Paragliding Championship, Lomo Bola, Tucuman, Argentina, 1 - 10 November

Steward: Dennis Pagen (USA)

Trainee steward: Kari Castle (USA)

Jury President: Agust Gudmundsson (ISL)

Jury Members: Kurt Meyer (GUA), Haroldo Castro Neves (BRA)

19th FAI European Hang Gliding Championship, Arangoiti, Spain

Steward(s) and Jury not yet selected

HG Pre World Championship, Valle de Bravo, Mexico, 25 February - 8 March

Steward: Dennis Pagen (USA)

PG Pre World Championship, Roldanillo, Colombia, 6 - 13 January

Steward: Louise Joselyn (GBR)

PG Accuracy Pre World Championship, Puncal Bogor, Indonesia, dates TBD

Steward: Violeta Mastikeine (LIT)