

Accuracy Open Group - Meeting Minutes 28 Jan 2022

1. Intro

Martin, the committee chair, stated that committee has not been active except for contributions by only a limited number of participants.

He reported on the competitions through the year and the limitation of activities due to CV. He also reported on the World Champs in NMk and acknowledged there had been challenges in many areas. He was pleased to report that there was a significant increase in the number of countries / NACs in competitions and the motivation and quality of pilots was also better than expected as the discipline expanded across the world. He noted that there were many good pilots that were not in the top 500 WPRS ranking.

He wished to continue this expansion, especially in Asian countries.

2. AMD systems

It was acknowledged that there had been trouble with the CIVL target equipment and Mark Bignell had updated the system with new pads. Kamil had also been developing a new system. Martin wished to integrate all available systems under the PGA auspices.

3. Proposals

There were now a couple of proposals for the meetings consideration that had not been previously put forward to the Plenary. These had been put on basecamp but not received any significant feedback.

a. Removal of Judges Code from S7C

It was noted that the PGA committee should have been put to the Bureau in advance... this was acknowledged by the Chair as a shortfall. Nevertheless, it was that accepted that this could go forward.

b. Addition of 'into wind' requirement on final approach.

After discussion and the potential for protests if it was introduced, it was decided not to go forward with this proposal.

c. Target Area requirement

Kamil suggested a proposal for the removal of the Target area requirement defining that it must be flat and horizontal.

It was decided not to forward the proposal but leave to PGA committee to discuss further.

d. Demonstration of tow launch experience

Kamil requested that the requirements be removed for Cat2 events. It was agreed that this should be forwarded to Basecamp for further discussion. Further, it was suggested that organisers understand and should be following the S7C rules.

e. Video evidence

Again, there was much discussion. This will not go forward but to be discussed further on Basecamp.

f. Judges' Discretion

Concern regarding the ability for getting a relaunch and pilots are concerned that they are not being awarded / getting agreement from judging for a relaunch. (They now risking too much because they are worrying about the fact the EJ will not give approval for relaunch). Acknowledged that a better procedure for means of pilot getting a relaunch.

This concern is basically the competitors do not trust the judges, also the competitors are not following the procedures. Martin suggested that concern is that many judges are not pilots - in particular with Cat2 events. It was noted that there is not a system for training judges in PGA and getting the common standard required.

It was agreed that the task of judging is difficult and can lead to conflict. Riikka again stated that PGA must create a system for judging and training. It was decided to put this to Basecamp for further discussion. Martin noted that CIVL is willing to assist...

g. Team Scoring

Kamil proposed that where teams are allowed in Cat2 events, then the formula for calculating the team results should be the same as in para 5.4.4 for Cat1 events.

It was agreed that this should go forward to Basecamp for further discussion and Cat2 events should have licence to do their own methodology.

4. World & Euro Cup events

Andy Shaw mentioned challenges regarding the personality problems with organising World and Euro Cup events. It reported that he is very uncomfortable with the experience.

Martin stated that he already spoken to representatives of both organisations and requested that this be taken to Basecamp so that CIVL can support the organisers.

5. Bids (2024)

There are bids from:

- Russia NAC for European
Riikka supported this bid and mentioned how well the organisers have been working to make this happen. Inga backed up this support including the quality of the organisers and their teams. Mention was made regarding the exclusion of Russia by WADA. This is currently only applicable for 2021 and 2022.
- Colombia for Pan-American
Pedro explained the event and how the team are working together including the judging where he has already been doing the training. We have time to support. The meeting agreed that they support this bid.

These are the only bids and there is no competition for holding the event.

6. UK events

Andy Shaw reported that the BHPA is holding their 50th year anniversary celebration with the organisation of a series of 4 events. He is looking forward to the PGA committee's support.

7. Asian Event

Yoshiki requested more information about the event in KAZ. Riikka reported that the LRs are complete and Elena reported that the website is up and running. Also, the national situation in Kazakhstan is calming down and it anticipated that the event will happen as planned.

8. Summary

Martin thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to working with them during the following year.