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Bureau: Andy Cowley, Igor Erzen, Stephane Malbos, Zeljko Ovuka, Jamie Shelden.

Committee Chair: Claudio Cattaneo, Riikka Viikuna.

CIVL Administrator : Elena Filonova.

Excused: Goran Dimikowski (Bureau member), Jun Zhang (Asian Liaison Officer).

ALL DISCIPLINES

Event Managing System

The project is moving forward as expected. Noosphere is so far reliable and responsive.

Cat 1 – Sanction Fees

They have stayed at the same level since 2004. It is time to adjust them to the reality of the cost of living. The Bureau will propose to the Plenary that:

- There is no more ceiling for Cat 1 events (currently €3,200 for Continental and €5,100 for World)
- The fee per pilot is €4.50 instead of the current €3.20. This is under the 2004-2019 inflation rate.

Cat 1 – Eligibility to compete criteria

They must be revised in all disciplines, especially for Continental championships where they could be deemed too low. Bureau will push a proposal to the Plenary.

Cat 2 – International participation

Our rules request that 25% of the event spots must be reserved for international participation until 15 days before the event. The Bureau was made aware that this might not be appropriate for events that have been on the calendar for a long time. The Bureau agreed and will propose to the Plenary a sliding scale that could be:

- 15 days for event sanctioned between 30 and 60 days before the start of the competition.
- 30 days for event sanctioned between 61 and 90 days before the start of the competition.
- 45 days for event sanctioned between 91 and 120 days before the start of the competition.
- 60 days for event sanctioned 121 days or more before the start of the competition.

WPRS

The 2018 Plenary adopted a Brazilian proposal in these terms: 'Task CIVL to ... find a solution to reduce disadvantage for non-European competitions points in WPRS, with perhaps the idea of taking the top 25% to 33% pilots as the reference of the event's points instead of the top 50% pilots as it's today.

The Bureau will push a proposal to the Plenary.

Penalties, complaints, protests

The current official texts defining various processes are analysed (FAI Statutes, Sporting Code general and specific sections).

The Bureau will push a proposal to the Plenary that clarifies the penalty-complaint-protest process and makes mandatory a Jury in all Cat 2 events. The composition of the jury (pilots or not, appointed or elected) needs to be discussed.

Participant Incident Policy

The current text must be updated to cover not only unsporting behaviour. It will then be moved from Section 7 I to Section 7 Common.

The Bureau will push a proposal to the Plenary.

Allocation Guidelines

The allocation process is poorly defined. A new chapter must be added to Section 7 I. A document is currently being discussed. It must be finalised before December.

The Bureau will then push a proposal to the Plenary.

CIVL Officials and Volunteers Insurances

The work of FAI when Riikka had her accident in Kazakhstan was underlined and praised. We need to get more precise information on the recent contract that covers some CIVL Officials and on the project to cover most CIVL Officials. The FAI will be contacted. Information on the need for CIVL Officials to get correct insurance when travelling abroad on CIVL mission will be spread.

Badges

The current scheme allows only issue of badges by the NAC. The NAC must buy them from FAI in minimum batches of ten. Some NACs don't want to do this because they seldom issue badges.

An alternative to issuing badges could be: the pilot will

- Ask the NAC to approve his/her performance.
- Pay a fee to FAI.
- Receive the badge from the CIVL Administrator.

The Bureau will push a proposal to the Plenary.

Finance and Budget

Andy showed the Plenary/FAI agreed budget for 2020. He asked that all extended Bureau members be aware of this budget when planning their commitments as well as providing their budgetary requirements and input for the fiscal year 2021. This is needed by December 10, so that the new 2021 budget can be prepared ready for approval by the 2020 Plenary.

World Air Games 2022

The current situation is worrisome. An early September visit to the XC venues has raised more questions than solved issues. In the wake of long-standing discussions in the Committees, the Bureau defined the conditions in which CIVL can be involved in the WAG and communicated them to FAI.

Kosovo

2019 situation analysed.

2020 potential situation discussed: we have two championships in countries that don't recognise Kosovo. (As a reminder, 93 UN countries do not recognise Kosovo.)

CROSS COUNTRY

CIVL Competition Class Paragliders Requirements – CCC 2020

The 2020 Plenary will implement the new requirements for the CCC certification scheme. The new requirements are being discussed in the appropriate Working Group. The Working Group proposals will be communicated to all manufacturers for comments and screened by the CIVL Bureau before being pushed to the Plenary.

Current discussion concerns

- Reorganisation and simplification of the document.
- Simplification of the requirements.
- Adjustment of shock test requirements – glider tested, procedures, weak links...
- Removal of the 'availability' criteria.
- New longer deadlines for presenting certification documents for gliders to be accepted in Cat 1 events.

The proposed rules for Cat 1 acceptability are

- Same certification deadlines for all sizes of model.
- Certification documents to be crosschecked by manufacturers during a fixed period.
- Final certification documents to reach CIVL no later than 90 days in 2020 and 120 days in 2021 and on before the start of the Cat 1.

All manufacturers to be informed ASAP of the new deadlines.

Cat 2 – XC requirements

Following a discussion during the 2019 Plenary, it was agreed to study requirements for Cat 2 XC events. A specific Basecamp Project was implemented and is currently working on the guidelines for an ideal Cat 2 event.

The Bureau will push a proposal to the Plenary that may be: add to the current Section 7 the following minimum requirements

- Local regulations in English are mandatory. A template is available. The said LR must be provided when the application for Cat 2 status is processed or at the latest 30 days before the event. When failing to do so, the event is de-sanctioned.
- A webpage in English must include key mandatory information. A list of information is available in the application form. Link to the webpage must be provided when the

application for Cat 2 status is processed or at the latest 30 days before the event. Failure to do so, will result in the event will be de-sanctioned.

- The competition results are published daily on the webpage.
- A jury is available to deal with protest.

Formula and Software

Software

CIVL FS has served us well. It should be developed and maintained as long as there is no reliable replacement.

Naviter See You development has stopped for now.

PWCA CompCheck is reliable but designed, updated and owned by an individual. This makes it difficult to be chosen as a CIVL software.

AirScore has been developed by Antonio Golfari, Steward McIntosh and Geoff Wong. It looks promising and seems to fit the needs of CIVL (open source, appropriate technology, online use allowed).

With Joerg Ewald

The contract between Flytec/Volirium and CIVL/FAI will be terminated at the end of the year. Joerg is willing to keep working for CIVL.

Joerg agrees to follow FS and WPRS maintenance and development as long as needed. He proposed a budget to the Bureau.

Joerg agrees to follow AirScore development and make sure that it answers CIVL needs.

With Antonio Golfari

Antonio explained how AirScore is working.

Antonio agreed to participate in the project of transforming the current AirScore into a CIVL-approved software.

The Bureau agreed to finance FS and WPRS as presented by Joerg.

A specific AirScore Basecamp Project will be implemented ASAP. Igor Erzen and Mitch Shipley will represent the CIVL Bureau. The Project will define what exactly needs to be done to transform AirScore in a CIVL-approved software. Deadlines and budget will be proposed. The CIVL Bureau will then make a decision, which will have to be approved by the Plenary.

Formulas

How do we process GAP and WPRS changes? It has often been difficult and sometimes improvised.

A restricted Formula Implementation Working Group (FIWG) will be established. Mitch and Igor will represent the Bureau.

All proposals from CIVL Committees and Working Group will be screened by the FIWG, which will decide what will be pushed to the Plenary.

All proposals from NACs will be screened by the FIWG, that will make recommendations to the Plenary on their appropriateness.

Deadline for FIWG rulings is December 10, 2019.

Long Term

XC Competition scoring has become impossible to understand for most of the pilots and the public. There is something basically wrong when the first group of pilots in final glide to reach the goal have no idea of who will win the task, or when additional software is needed to help understand the consequences of the used formula.

Despite its failings, GAP is considered as our XC bible and alternative scoring formulas have a hard time being developed, tested, implemented.

The CIVL Bureau believe that it is time to help the development of alternative formulas that anybody – pilots, public, media – can understand. The aim is to change XC competition from a full-of-passion but confidential sport to one that can have media hence commercial impact.

Conclusion

The CIVL Bureau will share its vision with the Plenary and will propose to organise a one- or two-day seminar that will examine all alternatives scoring systems and decide on the way forward.

Asian-Oceanic PG XC 2019 Test Event

The organisers have informed CIVL that the competition that was supposed to be the test event is not economically viable and is cancelled. They have asked CIVL for alternative solutions.

The Bureau allowed the test-event to be moved to a different date.

XC Records

The Bureau will push a proposal to the Plenary to replace 'Straight distance' by 'Free straight distance'.

XC Asian Development

CIVL supported the first season of the new PWC Asian Tour: two trips to China, one to Korea. It has been appreciated. The 2019 season can be understood as a test field and needs to be reassessed. Bureau renews its support to the general principle.

AEROBATIC

The 2019 judges training seminar in Organya, Spain, was a success, with 14 participants, 2 judges immediately validated, 2 validated a bit later, 2 to be validated in the coming competitions.

The current budget provides enough funding to complete the training in Europe in 2020.

A project to organise a judges seminar in South America for Pan-American is under way. An additional budget might be required.

CIVL must reassess which of its Officials are really needed in Cat 1 test events and events. Current stewards and jurors should be made familiar with to the aerobatic events reality and needs. The 2020 World Tour events might be the occasion to do it.

ACCURACY

Overall

- We had 7 judging seminars.
- PGA is growing now especially in North and South America. A Pan-American Cup is being planned. PGA is also growing in Asia, we may need to support with judging training, for example in India.

- The test event for the Asian Championship was successful: work needs to be done on communication and organisational issues. The Bureau accepted a change of dates to 30/5–7/6, 2020. Max number of pilots was accepted to be 130. The organiser does not need to use the CIVL target system (due to transport and customs issues).
- The test event for the European Championship was successful. Two take off methods will be used. The test event was small but the organisation is experienced. The Bureau accepted a change of dates to 28/8-5/9, 2020.
- The World Championships 2019 in Serbia were successful. Good feedback from pilots on future developments. Many wish to go towards smaller competitions. The target issues are the big question: a big Cat 1 is hard on the pads.
- Scoring systems for CAT 2 event were discussed. A smaller working group will keep discussing it.
- Section 7 C – Some changes will be proposed, such as a 2-metre radius measuring field. No major changes otherwise. More discussions needed.

Paragliding Accuracy World Cup (PGAWC)

CIVL had too many problems with the PGAWC since 2015, the latest one being with the 2019 Wasserkuppe which has not been ranked because Cat 2 rules were not followed. The Bureau took the decision that the Wasserkuppe stays unranked.

JURORS AND STEWARDS

Jurors' stipends

The Bureau will propose to the Plenary that each Cat 1 juror receive from CIVL a €50 stipend per competition day.

2020 Officers

PG XC PanAmerican – Brazil – March 7 to 14

Steward: Goran Dimiskovski

Jury: Andy Cowley (GBR), Thomas Milko (BRA), Jamie Shelden (USA)

HG XC Class Sport, 2, 5, Women 1 World – Groveland, USA – April 19 to May 1

Steward: Jamie Shelden (USA)

Jury: Andy Cowley (GBR), Linda Salamone (USA), Trudy Craddock (GBR)

Test PG XC World – France – May 23 to 30

Steward: Goran Dimiskovski (MKD)

PG Accuracy Asia – Kazakhstan – May 30 to June 7

Steward: Riikka Viikuna (FIN)

Jury: Zeljko Ovuka (SER), Jun Zhang (CHN), Tuul Chogsomjav (MGL)

HG XC European 1 – Monte Cucco, Italy – July 4 to 18

Steward: Jamie Shelden (USA)

Jury: Andy Cowley (GBR), Fabio Loro (ITA), Ivan Lukanov (MKD)

PG XC European – Nis, Serbia – July 18 to August 1

Steward: Fabio Loro (ITA)

Jury: Stephane Malbos (FRA), Andy Cowley (GBR), Riikka Vilkuna (FIN)

Test HG XC Class 1 World – Macedonia – July 26 to 31

Steward: Jamie Shelden (USA)

HG XC Class 1 Pan-American – Texas, USA – August 2 to 14

Steward: Mitch Shipley (USA)

Jury: Andy Cowley (GBR), Igor Erzen (SLO), Giovanni Vitola (GUA)

PG Aerobatic World – Trasaghis, Italy – August 5 to 14

Steward: To be assessed

Jury: Jamie Shelden (USA), Thomas Senac (FRA), tba

PG Accuracy European – Romania – August 28 to September 5

Steward: Riikka Vilkuna (FIN)

Jury: Zeljko Ovuka (SER), Andy Cowley (GBR), Artem Lozovoy (RUS)

Test PG Accuracy World – Macedonia – October 4 to 10

Steward: Riikka Vilkuna (FIN)