PROPOSAL TO IGC PLENARY 2011

Proposed by USA

It is Proposed:

to remove from the Sporting Code the requirement that the identity of the pilot and glider be included in the Flight Log for all Badge and Record claims involving electronic declarations.

This Proposal affects:

Sporting Code Section 3 para. 4.2 Annex A Rule – nil Other – SC3 Annex C para. 6.3, 6.4, and 10.3

Reasons supporting the Proposal:

It is of fundamental importance that in all Badge and Record flights, the identity of the pilot, Flight Recorder, and glider be known with absolute certainty. The <u>only</u> means of accomplishing this is for the Official Observer to state that the pilot, the Flight Recorder and the glider were "together" at the time of takeoff.

SC3 4.2 currently requires that the pilot and glider be identified in the Flight Log. This has two effects, both negative:

- 1. If the requirement is properly obeyed, nothing is accomplished. It is still possible that a substitute pilot or glider was used.
- 2. If the requirement is not obeyed (usually inadvertently), then there exists a frivolous basis for denying a valid Badge or Record claim. This is a common situation in clubs in which gliders and Flight Recorders are shared.

The Official Observer's statement is the only means of asserting the identity of the pilot and glider, and that the pilot, glider and FR were "together" at the time of takeoff.

Note:

This proposal does not affect Annex A, in which Official Observers are not used.