



IGC 2018 Plenary Meeting

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SC3 Committee

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The Sporting Code committee had a busy year again. Effort is ongoing to make the Code text as plain as possible and several changes to SC3 were made arising from ambiguities (however improbably imagined at times) that were advanced by pilots whose flight evidence has been questioned by Claims Officers; these changes closed some of the loopholes thus removing these “alternative interpretations” of the Code.

Committee members were concerned about the future structure of the Code as pro-posed by chairman Alexander Georgas in his 2017 annual report. As a result, he with-drew from the committee in June and after some serious consideration of the health problems which had caused my withdrawal, I offered to stand in as interim chairman until a new one is selected.

The FAI record forms were revised to reflect the changes in evidence requirements that had occurred over the previous three years.

Especially for record claims, where evidence must be as solid as possible, the potential exists for multiple FRs to be misused, deliberately or not. The committee found that the problem of making the proper use of multiple FRs plain in SC3 required a great deal of discussion. The 2018 Code addressed this, but we recognise that further work may be needed.

The committee sees that too-rigorous rules for use of multiple FRs could be a dis-incentive if applied to pilots in attempting badge flights. This would be bad for the sport, so the ability to correct some claim errors was important. However, in August a revision to the Code was reissued making it (perhaps unnecessarily) plain that record pilots cannot use the claims correction available to badge pilots.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for the depth and amount of work they have completed this year, and whose range of skills with the Code are most impressive. Wojciech Scigala (Poland) and Howard Mills (Germany) are very involved in the Sporting Code claims matters in their respective countries and bring practical problems to the committee. Judy Ruprecht (USA) is our technical guru in the use of flight analysis software and the traps it harbors. Tony Burton (Canada) is our SC3 editor par excellence and maintains the Annex C, OO and Pilot Guide. Beryl Hartley (Australia), our newest member, is working her way into the broad work we do and is exploring the potential for making claims on-line. Finally, thanks to Tor Johannessen (Norway) who watches us carefully from the background.

All remain available for the committee in 2019....

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