

Report of the Sporting Code Committee, 2015

The committee has been kept very busy for the past year, in the most part dealing with the results of the year one proposals last year on the simplification of the Sporting Code. The proposals made then were not all accepted at the Plenary which led to much discussion. One of the most important features was changing any declared course start and finish to only a start line and a finish line. This was only narrowly defeated. A questionnaire to delegates in 2013 had showed a distinct majority in favour of this, so the rejection at the plenary was quite surprising and led to our renewing this aspect of the simplification in this year's proposal.

Queries from various sources including the FAI office have raised some interesting subjects which needed clarifying. Such as a badge flight where the performance claimed was completed before sundown but the landing was after legal twilight so was the claim valid? Did the performance claimed or the entire flight have to be done legally? After much discussion and consultation with the Bureau, it was determined that the entire flight had to be legal for a successful claim. Luckily for the pilot involved, it was found that the local regulations gave a 15 minute allowance before the flight became illegal.

Personnel

Towards the end of 2013 our member, Axel Reich, decided that he should retire from the committee due to pressure of work. At the time and since, it was felt that the remaining members were sufficient to give good discussion and opinions on the committee's work which was concentrated on the simplification process. Now that this work is well towards completion, a suggestion from the bureau that we should consider some new members, was greeted enthusiastically. One recommendation was from the Bureau for Wojciech Scigala from Poland, and Axel Reich's recommendation for Howard Mills, a UK citizen but living in Germany for many years. Both were known to the committee and both were involved in the Sporting Code in their respective countries, and both have accepted that they would be available.

So it is with pleasure that I recommend to the Plenary meeting that these two be added to the existing members, Tony Burton, Judy Ruprecht, Tor Johannessen and myself, all of whom are available for the committee.

I mentioned last year that Tony Burton has been a tower of strength during the simplification discussions. This year he has continued his deep involvement in this work and gliding should be most grateful for his efforts. This not to belittle the contributions of Judy whose flight data analysis skills have been very useful. She is also a very logical thinker which has helped us keep proposed wording to the point. Also Tor, whose opinions are always thoughtful and highly respected, based on his many years involvement in the Sporting Code.

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