



AGENDA ITEM 5.2

REPORT OF THE CONTEST DIRECTOR

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**VI ADVANCED WORLD AEROBATIC
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Ljungbyhed, Sweden**



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The 6th Advanced World Aerobatic Championship was organised by the Swedish Aerobatic Federation on behalf of FAI and CIVA. The event was organised entirely by volunteers, not only from Sweden but from all over the world. AWAC 2004 was very well appreciated by pilots, team members, officials and visitors alike.

Contest



The 2004 AWAC was held between August 5th and 13th, 2004 at Ljungbyhed Airport in the most southern part of Sweden. Because of its infrastructure, Ljungbyhed is an ideal contest site. It was the former military aviation school with a long and interesting aviation history going back to 1910.

63 pilots from 20 different countries flew the Q-flight. Unfortunately, an Italian Cap 21 had to drop out after this round due to an engine problem. Therefore, 61 pilots flew the Free Programme and

the 1st Unknown. In the 2nd Unknown, 45 pilots had the opportunity to fly. On the 8th day of the competition, bad weather forced the cancellation of the 3rd Unknown. All flights were safe and no incidents were reported.

AWAC 2004 was a truly global event. We were pleased to welcome pilots and officials from all corners of the world, including a delegation of Official Observers from China.

Glen Dell -- New World Champion

The new 2004 Advanced World Aerobatic Champion is Glen Dell from South Africa who flew the





Norwegian Extra 230. In second place was Gerard Bichet from France who also flew an Extra 230, and in third was Petr Biskup from the Czech Republic flying a Zlin 50LS. Best Team honours went to France, followed by Russia and then the Czech Republic. More detailed results can be found on www.awac2004.aero.

Officials

The International Jury was made up of Alan Cassidy from Great Britain, Robert Chomono from France, Osmo Jalovaara from Finland, Jiri Koblirle from the Czech Republic, and was led by Mike Heuer of the USA. The international judging teams were led by Chief Judge John Gaillard from South Africa.

I'd like to thank all of the officials and volunteers who worked so hard to make AWAC 2004 such a success.

Environmental Approach

Experience from earlier contests showed us that we could reduce the perceived environmental impact of the event by making sure that those who could potentially be affected were given plenty of information beforehand about what we were planning. In addition, the actual environmental impact can be significantly reduced by ensuring a high level of environmental awareness amongst volunteers.

To this end information about the contest was sent out to surrounding households via ordinary mail. We also used our own AWAC radio on 100,8 MHz FM to distribute information wider to the entire county. As a result, AWAC 2004 was entitled to carry the "Green event" logo - issued by the Swedish Sports Confederation. In the future an environmental approach will be essential for contests in many countries.

Suggestions for future contests:

Reduce the cost for the event

If we had not generated additional revenue through an airshow we organised to conclude the event, then we would have had to charge an entry cost closer to 2000 Euro instead of 1400 Euro. Unfortunately, in countries like Sweden costs are high and the possibilities to arrange sponsorship are limited. As such, for any future international contests held in the Nordic region we would suggest reducing the number of flights in order to keep entry costs down.

Keep up and continue to improve judging standards

At AWAC 2004 we had a very high standard in judging. The judges were international and independent. Pilots competing at international events devote a great deal of effort, time and money towards fulfilling their goals. As the International Aerobatics Commission it's our duty to have the best possible judges. Today we have approximately 170 judges for powered aerobatics on the approved CIVA list. I suspect that many of these may not be as current as they should be. We need to ensure that all of our approved judges are really qualified



to do the job. In addition, we need to have an on-going recruitment programme if we are to maintain a high quality judging corps.

Environmental approach;

For AWAC 2004 we created an Environmental Agenda. This helped us a lot during contacts with municipal and governmental authorities. It also gave us a better understanding of the different environmental issues that an event organiser needs to consider. Perhaps the most important outcome was the decreased number of environmental (noise) complaints.

Conclusion

We put a great deal of effort into the organisation of this World Championship in order to achieve the best possible conditions for all. Again, we gained a lot of experience, which will help us to develop aerobatics and the organisation of aerobatics competitions not only in Sweden but throughout the whole of Scandinavia. As Contest Director, I am very proud of the event and the results that we produced. It has been an honour for me to serve the FAI and CIVA.

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