



CIVL 2015 PLENARY – ANNEX 16 PARAGLIDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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CIVL Safety Officer: Raymond Caux (France).

The PG-C has grown up to 16 persons as discussions were progressing. The members in bold are this year addition. You find there top level competition pilots, team leaders and competition organisers, designers, specialists of aerodynamics, engineers... and one self declared bureaucrat.

Since the last Plenary, the PG-C worked mainly on Basecamp (FAI project management online tool), which makes all discussions easy to follow and archived automatically. The PG-C had 35 new discussions since last Plenary (over 1400 exchanges).

The main issue of this year was the implementation of the new **CIVL Competition Class** (CCC) paragliders. It was voted by the 2014 Plenary with provision for modification by the Bureau if deemed necessary.

Necessary it was and still is. The voted text was complex and needed many adjustments as we were progressing toward the deadlines. This adjusting work is now finished but the CCC document needs rewriting to include the last weeks adjustments and sometimes to be made clearer. We could not do it in time to be included in the Plenary's agenda, so we will ask the plenary to allow the committee and bureau to finish the job.

CCC requirements as they are valid for 2015 and 2016. We have to anticipate and think about what we wish them to be for 2017 and 2018. This will be on the floor of the Paragliding Open Meeting before the Plenary.

In parallel to the CCC implementation work, the PG-C worked on **glider control**. Denis Cortella was – is – of great help along the way. As directed by the last Plenary, we took the opportunity of the Serbian Euro in Kopaonik to built up definitions and procedures, controlling EN gliders: a first in CIVL history. It was not felt necessary to send a controller to the Pan-American, as asked by the Plenary.

On the controls matter, we've come a long way and Denis will be in the coming Colombian World for the first CCC gliders controls.

Another first in Kopaonik: the implementation of the **Final Glide Decelerator**. The Conical End of Speed Section (CESS) was chosen and was a disaster. Bureaucratic reasons kept the organisation from getting rid of it after the first task was flown. Too bad, it could have been done.

On proposal of this Committee, the Bureau recently suspended the Final Glide Decelerator.

Another discussion: how to adjust **WPRS** to reduce the compounded inaccuracy in the ranking due to the fact that Europe is the center of mass of paragliding?

The subject is an important and complex as the WPRS formula applies to all disciplines. The Software Working Group was asked its advice on a few proposals in August and we got the first "thoughts" on it in early November.

Obviously the **Software** WG is not working as it should. We are not blaming anyone. Its Chairman, Joerg Ewald, has been of tremendous help during the implementation of CCC and we know that he has been recently very busy professionally, to say the least. Still, solutions must be found. The Software WG is a central, indispensable partner in most changes that this committee wants to implement. Without it, not much is possible.

After further discussions with Joerg, we've come with two cautious proposals, knowing that anything bold that has not been thoroughly tested should not be implemented.

A discussion started on what we would like competition to be in the future: the thread is called ***PG Competition 2020***. A long term project!

Other current discussions concern subject like:

- FTV calculation,
- Exceptions to eligibility of pilots,
- Rest day policy,
- 3D cylinders turnpoints,
- Value of practice task...

Finally, local regulations and stewards' reports were discussed.

The continuous work from the PG-C got 100% support from the Bureau, thanks. The Bureau modified a few times the texts and rules laid out by the Plenaries.

This show that the Bureau can indeed have a very active role in the running of CIVL on a daily base, and that it is not here simply to make sure that Plenary decision – and only Plenary decisions – are implemented.

Maybe CIVL Internal regulations should reflect that more clearly.