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IPC Wingsuit Flying Committee – Chairman’s Report – 2016

Committee:- John Smyth, Chair (GB); Randy Connell, Deputy Chair (USA); Klaus Rheinwald (GER); Jackie Harper (GB); Sergey Panteleev (RUS); Sandro Boehme (GER); Kate Charters (GB); James Hayhurst (USA); Henne Wiggers (NL);

The effective 2016 committee as above, was not the one that was voted in by Plenary. This requires explanation. In April of 2016, James Hayhurst resigned from the USPA and as such complied with USPA regulations and also stood down as IPC Delegate. We were in the midst of complex negotiations with the Bureau, re the next FCE, so there was a vacuum; therefore I took over as Chair. However, we did not have another Delegate on the committee, to fill the post of Deputy. We ran light until June 2016, when Randy Connell was officially appointed as USPA Alt Delegate, so naturally he stepped in to take up the role of Deputy.

A special mention to Jimmy Hayhurst. I am thankful that he has agreed to continue on the committee as a Member/Advisor. I am also grateful to the USPA who have agreed to allow him to attend Plenary in 2017 as an official observer. I would like to express the most sincere gratitude to Jimmy, on behalf of the whole wingsuit community. I have no doubt that we would not be where we are today if it was not for his efforts. “Thank you Jimmy Hayhurst”

Between the 2nd of November to the 10th of November, Skydive City, Z- Hills hosted the 1st World Championships in Wingsuit Performance Flying and the 1st World Cup in Wingsuit Acrobatic Flying. There was some confusion and an intense debate between me and the Bureau about the interpretation of an amendment presented to Plenary in Frankfurt, to include Acro. Not helped, in my opinion, by the internet difficulties we all experienced there. It is not the place, in this report, to go into the “ins & outs” of the debate. Suffice to say an IBD directed that the FCE go ahead but as 2 separate FCE’s with Performance first. This was not what TK at Skydive City, with an honest held belief, thought he had bid for. Nonetheless, after numerous conversations between myself and TK, Skydive City, being a “Can Do DZ” (TK quote) went ahead and produced a very successful FCE in both events. There were 64 competitors in Performance from 22 Countries and 24 Competitors in Acrobatic; 8 Teams from 6 Countries. So, a big thank you to TK and all the Staff at Z Hills from all the Wingsuit Community. It has been a long journey and despite all the difficulties, your tenacity in the face of adversity, helped ensure that Wingsuit Flying has now arrived as an IPC discipline. The future looks good. Yes, there were some issues that need to be resolved but to put all in perspective, Wingsuit Flying, as a discipline, is evolving with the current 2 Events. We expect teething troubles, as we had in all our disciplines; the important thing is to learn from them. We have, and those lessons are reflected in the agenda items for discussion at the Open meeting and implementation, if agreed at Plenary.

To that end also, you will note I used the term “Wingsuit Flying” as a “Discipline” with 2 Events; ‘Performance’ and ‘Acrobatic’. The committee also intend to synchronise Wingsuit Flying with all other IPC Disciplines. So 2017 will be a World Cup year in both Events and 2018 a World Championships in both events. The concept behind this and how it will be implemented at future FCE’s, will be presented and explained to the Open Meeting and if necessary voted on at Plenary. (See Agenda)

Also we have many rule changes to implement out of the lessons learnt at Z- Hills. At the time of writing this report, we have formulated many of them. Please see the attached Rule Doc. However, this is also, work in progress. Plus, as some of the more technical changes require extensive consultation and given that our FCE’s were only completed a few weeks ago, and I am required to complete this report by the 30th of Nov. I have also included, in the agenda, an

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item, to present rule changes still in the consultation stage. I hope this is acceptable. We need to get them right and I do not want to rush the process.

In that same vein, I am aware that we have potential Bids for 2017 and 2018, again, at the time of being required to complete this report, I am aware that they are being finalised by their respective NAC's. So the Agenda reflects that, while also acknowledging we will require the 2/3rd Majority vote to even consider them (There are NO Bids on the table to date).

Respectfully

John Smyth

Chairman, Wingsuit Committee

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WINGSUIT FLYING COMMITTEE

OPEN MEETING AGENDA – 2017

1 Introduce Committee, present and absent

2 Chairman's Report

3 Z Hills Video

4 Lessons learnt:-

To include Wingsuit Flying; The discipline, with 2 Events: - Performance and Acrobatic, Explain why.

Synchronisation with other Disciplines; - Explain How.

Implementation: - Acrobatic and Performance must not be run as separate FCE's, as in Z Hills. This means the same opening and closing ceremony (as in FS). It will be at the discretion of the Meet Director as to timings but preference should be given to Acro first. Explanation and discussion

5 Rule changes: - as per Annex published 30/11/2016

6 Rule changes; - finalised in Dec & Jan, not in Annex, but as a result of consultation period.

7 To ask for 2/3 Majority to consider Bids for a World Cup in Wingsuit Flying in 2017, and if agreed, presentation and discussion.

8 To ask for 2/3 Majority to consider Bids for a World Championship in Wingsuit Flying in 2018, and if agreed, presentation and discussion

9 Wingsuit records; - To amend SC-5 in coordination with the R & R committee and the IPC Records officer.

10 The Future: - To include: - Acrobatic; 4 plus video person: Performance, Ground to Air; Sammy's Video: Red Bull Racing; Video; Invite FAI comment: Proximity Flying; Video:

11 AOB: - To discuss any issues arising in the 2 Months after this Agenda had to be published, given the Wingsuit Flying FCE's were in November.

10 Confirm members of the 2017 Wingsuit Flying Committee (Chairman plus eight).