

## **F1 Subcommittee**

### **Report by Ian Kaynes, December 2019**

The subcommittee for 2019-20 has 18 members, but not all of them have been active in correspondence during the year. One long standing member, Cesare Gianni of Italy, unfortunately had to resign recently for family health problems and is being replaced by another nominee from Italy.

Discussions during the year have included:-

- Championships status of F1Q. Suggestions have been made for a regular Championship event for the electric class, or for its use to replace the power class F1P in the Junior Championships. It was determined that currently the class does not quite meet the number of nations participating in specific events that are required for championship status. This will be kept under review in future.
- Junior World Cup for F1Q. Allied to the consideration for championships, it was agreed that establishing a Junior World Cup in F1Q would provide additional impetus to juniors taking up the class. A proposal has been submitted for 2020 Plenary meeting. As an aside to this, Germany have donated a trophy for the existing "senior" F1Q World Cup.
- World Cup points. This year has seen the application of a new points allocation method which was approved by Plenary 2018. This gives points linearly reducing from the winner down to half way down the results. In a large competition this results in a small points difference between each place, so that a place a few below the winner receives almost as many points as the winner. While this opens up the top places to people who have not won every event, it gives little reward extra to the winners. A proposal has been submitted to increase the bonus points for the top three in the results.
- F1B flyoff. Discussions at the World Championships considered the interpretation of the new rule for 7 minute flyoff period with an allowance to wind motors before the start of the period. A clarification was discussed in the Subcommittee, but it was decided not to go ahead with a clarification proposal this year but rather to wait for a more fundamental reconsideration of the rule for a proposal next year in the regular year for changing F1B.
- Timekeeping at World Cup events. There have been complaints about World Cup events at which timekeepers are not provided and helpers or other competitors time the flights. On the other hand some contest organisers emphasise the difficulty of providing official timekeepers. A proposal has been submitted to state if official timekeepers are not being provided then this must be announced in advance in the bulletin.