MINUTES BA/BX Working Group Meeting
12 March 2019 - Istanbul, Turkey

Working group members
Chairman: Luc VAN GEYTE (BEL)
Members: Jerzy CZERNIAWSKI (POL)
         Oscar LINDESTRÖM (SWE)
         Rokas KOSTIUSKEVICIUS (LIT)
         Sylvia MEINL (GER)
Expert: Pit THIBO (LUX)

Minutes
01. Roll Call and apologies for absences
   • Members: Luc VAN GEYTE (BEL), Sylvia MEINL (GER)
   • Excused: Jerzy CZERNIAWSKI (POL), Rokas KOSTIUSKEVICIUS (LIT) and Oscar LINDESTRÖM (SWE)

02. Approve agenda

03. Activities 2018
   • No competitions after the Worlds 2018

04. Situation refund costs WAG2015 - Lithuania and Germany.
   • Three year after the last CIA Conference in Mallorca, and three years and 4 months after the WAG2015
     those people are still waiting on the refund of the extra costs. In Hong-Kong (2017) we ask the plenary for a solution
     for the refund of the extra costs WAG2015, we did the same in Mallorca (2018)
   • Contacted the President of the CIA about this issue.

05. Rules
   • Some little rule changes
   • Add a new chapter to the BX-MER 2019 - experimental tasks
     This for testing out new tasks on NO CAT1 events. Evaluation by BX WG.

06. World Air Games 2022 - Airships
   • No information

07. Ranking lists
   • The list is updated with the results of the Worlds 2018. The ranking lists are now complete with all the results
     of all the Worlds, Europeans and WAG.
     ✅ List published website FAI.

08. Any new business
   • Update the pilots inventory 2019
   • Check the rules to find abnormalities.
09. 2019/2020 WG members and Chairperson

- Luc VAN GEYTE (BEL) – Chairman
- Jerzy CZERNIAWSKI (POL)
- Rokas KOSTIUSKEVICIUS (LIT)
- Oscar LINDSTRÖM (SWE)
- Sylvia MEINL (GER)

EXPERT (no member): Pit THIBO (LUX)

→ Motions to the plenary

- to accept the minor rule changes
- to accept to add a new chapter with experimental tasks

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12.2 TYPES OF MARKER DROP

12.2.1 General
Before the first flight, the Pilot has to declare the side of gondola where he drops the marker during the competition. (Organizer may provide a sticker to mark the “dropping side”). If he wants to change the “dropping side” it must be approved by the event director.

The pilot releasing the marker must seated in the gondola. Penalty: The score will be reduced by 50%.

12.2.2 Gravity Marker Drop
The marker must be completely unrolled when released. The tail may be loosely collected in the hand of the pilot. The pilot releasing the marker must hold the unrolled marker by the tail (non weighted part of the marker) and release the tail of the marker. Gravity shall be the only means for the marker drop. No horizontal motion shall be applied to the marker in relation to the airship.

The pilot releasing the marker must sit in the gondola:
A marker thrown into a scoring area will be regarded as a valid result and penalty will be applied. Result will be reduced by 50% if horizontal motion, in relation to the airship is added, or Pilot is not in a sitting position. Score will be reduced by 50% if horizontal motion is seen by any officials on the ground.

12.2.3 Free marker drop
Before the first flight, the Pilot has to declare the side of gondola where he drops the marker during the competition. (Organizer may provide a sticker to mark the “dropping side”). If he wants to change the “dropping side” it must be approved by the event director.

The marker may be thrown by hand. No devices for propelling markers are permitted. Marker must be unfurled when thrown or dropped from the airship car. It must be released from hand before the weighted part touches ground, otherwise the case shall be regarded as a ground contact.

No score if marker is not dropped from the “dropping side”.

12.2.4 Penalties
-- No score for a competitor using his marker to move another competitor’s marker from its position.
-- No score if marker is dropped or thrown by another person than the competing pilot.
-- No score if marker is not dropped from the “dropping side”.

RULE 14.4.1
Correct the achievable points at Position 8 (max. 250 pts.) to 75 instead of 125. A mistake in the rules 2017.

10.9 FLIGHT CREW AND PASSENGERS

Competitors may be required to perform a particular task solo. The Director shall use his discretion to ensure a fair balance between mandatory solo flights and flights with the option to carry a passenger. This balance should also apply to the number of points which can be earned in the two types of flights. When a competitor is permitted to carry other crew during a flight, they may perform any duties he wishes to assign to them, except to act as pilot in command (operating the engine, the burner and the rudder).

Note: If solo flight is required and the airship has not enough weight, officials might be flown as passengers without duties.
8.3 TASK SELECTION

The Director shall select tasks from those described in chapter “15 TASKS” & chapter “16 STARTS, SCORING LOCATIONS, POINTS”. Particular tasks may be set more than once or not at all. Racing Tasks are not allowed to be chosen as tasks more than two times in a row and maximum TWO three times out of every six tasks.

PROPOSED NEW TASKS

TURNING GOAL
A 180° curve has to be flown though 2 pairs of gates (or 3 poles). The curve must be finished before a limitation pole. Distance between gates an limitation pole min. 200m. The gates are 50m wide.

FUNNEL GOAL
3 pairs of gates are set as a funnel in wind direction. First pair is 50 m wide, second is 40 m wide third is 30 m wide. Distance between goals is min. 100m. The task is to be flown from wide to narrow.

SHARED POOL
a pool with a diameter of 1m gets an additional scoring area in the center of 50 cm in diameter. Markers within the 50m earn 100 Pts., between 50cm and 1m earn 50 Pts. Markers on the boundary will be scored to the better result

CHICANERY
a 360° has to be flown though 2 gates (or 3 poles). The curve must be flown within 2 limitation poles. Distance gates - limitation poles min. 200 m, the gates are 50 m wide. The gates might be parallel or crosswise to the flight direction