

### **Competitors Sub Committee (CSC) Minutes 2012 meeting in Birštonas, Lithuania**

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- David Bareford (UK)
- Alan Blount (USA)
- Thomas Fink (GER)
- Sabrina Handl (GER)
- Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
- Peter Olsson (SWE)
- Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)

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#### **1. Roll call, accounting for absences**

*A moment of silence was held in honor of Alan Blount  
Present: Andrew Baird, David Bareford, Paolo Oggioni  
Observers: Lindsay Muir, David Levin, Mark Sullivan, Mathijs deBruijn*

#### **2. A Event Questionnaires, Evaluations and Jury Reports**

*Jury summary reports were examined but no CSC action was needed*

#### **3. Invitation to chairman of EDS to speak with the CSC committee members about EDS issues**

*Since Paolo and Andrew are members of both EDS and CSC, no presentation was needed. Various EDS-related items were discussed as they related to agenda topics.*

#### **4. CSC pilot questionnaire results. General discussion**

*The pilot questionnaire from the European's in Lleida was reviewed and discussed at length. Mathijs presented a request to have a standardized survey available for all events. This has been discussed at CSC for some time, with many questions about how to properly implement such a survey. It was agreed that CSC will develop such a survey and make it available to Event Directors to distribution at events.*

*The survey will be divided into several sections to allow for standardized questions divided by topic as well as a section for non-standardized questions to address event-specific subjects.*

*The 2012 CSC Survey was reviewed and will be made available online shortly after the Plenary. Andy will work with Alex to make sure there is a link from the FAI/CIA website to access the CSC surveys.*

*A list of topics for the 2013 CSC survey is being developed*

5. Logger and/or Observer updates

*No updates were presented*

6. CSC Website and mailing lists

*The CSC has initiated a mailing list in order to better communicate with competitors regarding surveys and other important information. So far there are 32 competitors signed up. To subscribe or unsubscribe use the following link: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSC\\_MailingList](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CSC_MailingList)*

7. Review of tasks and scoring / measuring issues

*CSC Members were present in other working group meetings where scoring / measuring and other rule changes were implemented or discussed. No action is needed by the CSC at this time.*

8. New business

*No new business was presented*

9. Summary of CSC-Working Group recommendations

- *It has been proposed that the winner (or possibly medal-winners) of the **Junior Hot Air World Championship** and **Women's Hot Air World Championship** be granted an automatic invitation to the **World Hot Air Balloon Championship**. The CSC recommends that the CIA and its committees/working groups study this proposal and develop rules or guidance as appropriate this year, to be voted on by the Plenary as necessary. (Similarly, an automatic invitation for the winner of a CAT-1 pre-worlds, should be considered as part of this study).*
- *The CSC requests the support of other committees to encourage adoption and use of the standardized survey, once published. It is not intended to replace other surveys (such as the Jury survey or de-brief) but to add additional data that can be used to track changing trends in competitive ballooning.*

10. 2012/2013 CSC and WG Members, CSC Chairperson

- *Andrew Baird (USA)*
- *David Bareford (UK)*

- *Thomas Fink (GER)*
- *Sabrina Handl (GER)*
- *Paolo Oggioni (ITA)*
- *Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)*
- *Maury Sullivan (USA) – new member*

11. Proposed Motions to the CIA Plenary Meeting

*There are no motions for the plenary*

12. Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned*