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1 FAI declaration of conflict of interest

LJ is one of the organisers of the 2009 World Hang Gliding Championship, Laragne, France.

2 President's report on FAI GC

FK reported there was a good presentation from the WAG organising committee about the progress of this event. See also points 17 and 22.

There is a proposal to change the FAI bylaws which can be adopted by commissions: the commission Bureau's will run for a 2 year term. The implication is that if a CIVL Bureau member resigned mid-term, s/he could not be replaced until the end of the 2 year term. New members could be co-opted (without a Plenary vote) but the Bureau would have one less voting member. It was decided that it was too inflexible for our way of working and it would not be proposed to the Plenary by the Bureau.

Brazil has not paid its FAI membership fees for 2007. If the subscription fee for 2007 is not paid before January 1st 2008, Brazil will be suspended and no FAI or international championships may be held in Brazil. This includes the Pan American PG championships. This will be discussed more fully in agenda item 5.

FK summarised it was a very useful meeting, as well as the CASI (General Airports commission) meeting, which was attended by JA.

JA made a brief summary of the proposals relevant to CIVL.

- CIVL proposed that in small competitions, not everyone would get an FAI diploma. The proposal was amended and added to, but it was not passed.
- The UK had proposed to add to the GS that a jury president should not be able to make decisions that could be seen to have the effect of changing a rule (after LRs have been agreed upon by the Plenary); this was also rejected as it was felt to be unnecessary as CIVL should be able to deal with such problems internally
- To help CIVL's cause, JA was nominated to be a Vice President of CASI and was elected.

3 Outstanding matters - from Pleguien 06 and Talloires 07

See attached action list - Annexe 1.

4 Debrief on Cat 1 comps since Feb 07

- i) Manilla - PG Worlds. There was indifferent weather, the longest task was 62 km. There was 1 protest. Ongoing problems are raised as separate agenda items. Changes to the rules are proposed, especially regarding the use and proximity of the gyrocopter. CIVL has learned from the financial arguments surrounding this competition.
- ii) Texas - HG Worlds. It was a very well organised and well run competition with the longest task ever, 285kms. Davis Straub was a good MD.
- iii) Trakai - Paragliding Accuracy Worlds. It was a very successful competition. The lake only just froze in time. There were some problems with holding a competition in such cold conditions. A minor issue was that the deputy MD did not speak very good English and that Violeta took on too much as MD and organiser. There was discussion of safety due to glider performance in cold weather. The medical facilities available were questionable at times. There are some changes proposed to S7, including how to handle the availability of video evidence. This last point refers to a complaint made with amateur video presented as evidence. The complaint was badly handled

by the organiser, in a public way, disadvantaging one pilot, which could have resulted in a protest. It was also noted that the Jury president was not there for the first or last day, so on the last day when there was a protest, FK stood in. There was a virus that affected many pilots and organisers. This highlighted the issue of MD and team leader responsibilities to ensure pilots were 'fit to fly'.

A general conclusion was that the Bureau should take more responsibility to ensure that competition bids are complete before being passed to the SSCs.

5 Debrief on Test Comps in 2007

- i) Europeans HG - Greifenburg: This was a very popular competition with around 140 pilots on 2 launches. The best use was made of changing weather conditions. During the competition the mandatory start gate was discussed at length and tried but was eventually found to be unworkable and unpopular with the majority of pilots. Air marshals were only used on the last day due to difficulties finding suitable pilots and methods of communication. Difficulties in making sprog setting measurements were also mentioned. There was a pilot incident that was outlined in the Steward's report. A separate report on this should have been circulated to the Bureau as required in S7. Next year the landing field will be changed to a larger one, more start marshals will be required and max of 120 pilots will be allowed on the lower launch. FK and JA will work on the LRs. Stewards will advise organisers about registration procedures.

Action: FK, JA

- ii) World Aerobatics - Voss. Dennis Pagen sent a written report. JA noted the organisers were working from the copy of S7 that included some changes that had not yet been approved by the Plenary, not the official version and that S7 had therefore not been followed. These changes had been recommended by the Aerobatics SSC and JA had now received them from Yves Goueslain (ex-Aerobatics SSC chairman). JA will present them to the 2008 Plenary.

Action: JA

- iii) Pan American PG - Brazil. ST reported Brazil is an incredible country to fly and the organisers are superb. A lot of money has been invested and it would be a terrible loss if the competition could not take place because of the country's internal politics. Problems encountered during the test competition included: the organisers had very little concept of S7B, and the LRs were not in English. There was a problem with the scorer, as he does not speak English and there some issues with the scoring not using the correct flight verification software. If it had not been for AG helping via email, the competition would have had serious scoring problems. They have agreed they will use RACE but it is not clear what flight verification software they will be using. There were no safety issues, task setting was good, weather conditions were excellent and the only incidents were due to free fliers launching after the competition window had closed.

For 2008, Leonard Grigorescu, AG, JA and ST will finish the LRs and present them to the bureau before the end of this meeting. JA wanted confirmation that the LRs will include the point that pilots who achieve the speed section but do not make goal get a 20% points deduction. FK will send a letter to all concerned giving deadlines for Brazil's FAI membership and updated, signed Organiser Agreement.

Action: ST, JA, AG, FK, Leonard Grigorescu

- iv) European PG - Nis. The competition was too small to be considered a good test of the organisation for a Cat 1 competition. Some concerns were raised that were outlined in the steward's report. Primarily this concerns the appointment of suitably qualified Meet Director, Safety director and scorer. Improvements are

recommended to be made to the launches. PS, FK and LJ will write to the organisers about concerns, and alert the Sec Gen of the Serbian NAC.

Action: FK, PS, LJ

- v) European Paragliding Accuracy. Riikka Vilkuna was Steward and sent a report. LJ has been in contact with her and the organisers and she has only a few concerns. Regarding the judging team, the chief judge suddenly could not attend and they did not appoint a replacement, despite there being a suitably experienced chief judge on site. The event judge was not very experienced in a competition of this level and a few incidents were not well handled. They also chose to use an appointed jury. Rules issues are being addressed but otherwise the competition was successful.
- v) Closing dates for reallocation of team places in Cat 1 events (all disciplines). There should be a cut off date for reallocation of places. The detail can be finalised in the SSCs but the Bureau suggests 14 days prior to the competition day. To be included in recommendations for Sections 7a, b and c rule updates and added to SSC Agendas.

Action: JA, LJ

6 SSC reports:

- i) HG SSC report. The report (attached as Annexe 2) was brief, but includes noteworthy issues, which will be covered in other agenda points (Pitch stability, aerobatics & WAG)
- ii) PG SSC report. Attached report (Annexe 3) was briefly discussed. Proposals emailed by Martin Scheel for the next PG SSC meeting were accepted for the SSC agenda. The table of penalties will be discussed by Martin Scheel and Christian Quest, then sent to ST for inclusion in the PG SSC meeting.
- iii) PA SSC report (Annexe 4). LJ raised the general point of live video coverage by the public, especially in the event of an accident. It may be a potential issue at the WAG and aerobatics events. When in Lithuania there was an excellent discussion about rules, records and other ideas. The Paragliding Accuracy World Cup (6 comps) was successful. Both LJ and Matjaz Feraric have tried to contact Christian Quest (also via Xavier Murillo) to address the concern he raised about using PAWC name, but have had no response. LJ ran a PG Accuracy demonstration at the Coupe Icare, France, aided by Yves Goueslain. It was very successful and the FFVL (French Association) now wants to adopt Accuracy as a way to encourage more accurate landings and to extend the season. There were 4 judging training seminars this year. The judging database has not been started. AG was reluctant to make any promises, but he realises it is becoming a priority, (along with the Jury and Steward database). 2008 is the 4th year of the ARISF funding and Louise would like to run seminars in USA and Malaysia, where there is increased activity. Dennis Pagen has been in contact with Steve Mayer to run some events in Utah. There are some problems with the WPRS for Accuracy in (see item 14). There are some ideas about setting up records, perhaps initially in FAI sanctioned competitions. LJ will start a table of proofs and ST will help with setting up the requirements to present to the Bureau, then the Plenary. LJ has indicated she would like to hand over the Accuracy subcommittee to someone who is more actively involved in the sport. JA questioned the report of the Accuracy SSC meeting in Talloires that included people who were not physically there, but had been involved in the online ongoing discussion. Louise will clarify this in future.

Action: LJ, ST, AG

- iv) Records & Badges SSC (Annexe 5). Work is mostly by email and the members of the committee respond quickly. Pins have been selling well, and diamond flights are made

on average every other month. As soon as the Atmos project is running, the track log files will be available on the website to be downloaded, and the process will be much easier to administer. It is the opinion of the chairman of the Records and Badges subcommittee that the homologation of records is still a very bureaucratic process. A glossary for S7D is underway (JA). ST would like CIVL to find a replacement chairman for this SSC. It works well via email and it is not essential that the chairman attends every Plenary meeting, providing a Bureau member takes a watching brief. ST will contact Stewart Midwinter to see if he is willing to take over as chairman and WS will join the SSC.

Action: ST, JA

- iv) Safety & Training SSC report. Klaus Tanzler sent a short report (attached as Annexe 6). AG will assist KT in finding the resources to ensure the SafePro and ParaPro standards are updated and to include reference to aerobatics and towing. AG is working with KT on a proposal for an accident database, to be ready by the Plenary. There is a Norwegian document about training in towing that needs translating and adopting. AG will forward this. JA would like KT to be more proactive. AG pointed out there is nothing happening about training. LJ will include a point on the agenda of the plenary that each SSC will appoint a person to the Safety and Training SSC.

Action: AG, LJ

- vi) Aerobatics SSC. Yves Goueslain sent some brief notes and confirmed his resignation as chairman due to work commitments. WS will contact Yves reminding him that a report is needed on the judges training session if he wants to reclaim expenses under the Judging training programme. JA will work on proposed changes to S7 and present them to the Plenary. LJ/FK will contact Dennis Pagen about the LRs for the Voss Worlds, and YG about potential replacement chairman and other outstanding issues.

Action: LJ, FK, JA, WS

- vii) S7 SSC report. These points were discussed in some detail (report attached - Annexe 7). LJ will summarise those recommendations from this year's Jury and Steward reports the Bureau agrees should be forwarded for discussion by the relevant SSCs. One additional point to add to S7 SSC is clarification/emphasis of fact that LRs approved by Plenary are still subject to change if/when S7 changes between then and the competition, both in S7 and on sample LRs.

Action: JA, LJ

7 Working Group reports:

- i) Software development (Annexe 8). The Software WG (SWG) has been focusing on number of CIVL software matters. The main projects are:
- FS flight scoring and verification, competition software for Hang and Paragliding competitions
 - Maintaining Race scoring software, mostly maintenance for new release
 - CIVL database. This includes Pilot database, Competition database, Results database and WPRS system
 - Helping users and resolving problems

Race. A new version of Race (version 6.2) has been in progress since last Plenary. A number of new and known bugs have been fixed. Race is maintained by one programmer, who is still recovering from an accident. That and limited time has delayed the final release of Race, which was expected earlier this year. Hopefully it will be ready early

next year. PS reminded AG that the import function for older versions was important for checking results for the WPRS.

FS - Flight verification and Scoring

The new CIVL competition software has been in progress for almost two years. It has been used in a number of competitions during the year for testing purposes. The system has almost all the basic functionality needed for HG and PG XC competitions already.

There are a number of features in the user interface that need more work for the release of Version 1.0. This includes setting the competition and task parameters, including GAP parameters, and creating a standard set of reports.

The FS system will be made available (hopefully from Nov 2007) in beta release on the CIVL website and free trial encouraged. Feedback is requested. More information on functionality and a tutorial will be published. The Bureau is impressed with progress and its future potential, and congratulated AG for his work so far.

CIVL database

Some work has been done to improve the CIVL database. Now it shows clearly the status of results (whether in, waiting for results or not valid). AG agreed with PS to add the option using Internet Explorer to change the events page to "results received not processed". Also a line will be added to the "competitions used in ranking" page to explain that competitions in red are not received.

The most important issues that need to be addressed are:

- Automatic reminders to organizers on missing results and status changes of events
- Add tables and pages for stewards, jury members and judges for trained Accuracy & Aerobatics competitions.

The upcoming Sporting licence database of FAI adds the need for some synchronization or communication.

Action: AG

- ii) HG stability WG (Annexe 9) The issue of stability and the difficulties of measuring sprog settings were discussed. It was agreed this is an important safety issue and many pilots are being made more aware of the dangers. More education needed. The results of the WG will be collated (input from KT, Steward reports etc) and referred to the HG SSC. Steve Pearson should also be contacted for help. Meanwhile, we need terms of reference for the HG Stability working group. JZ will prepare the TOR, with the help of Dennis Pagen.

Action: JZ, LJ

- iii) Mandatory Start Gates. This was tried in the HG pre-Europeans and did not work. The Bureau concluded that it was not a fair system and was unworkable. Not necessary to add to HG SSC Agenda.
- iv) Sport Class HG definition (Annexe 10). JA has provided a definition of Sport class, though has had no input nor response from the original proposer. It will be forwarded to the HG SSC for consideration.

Action: JA, LJ

- v) Environmental Affairs. Tomas Senac reported that he had been answering some questions from NACs during the year. FK will ask him for a more detailed report of the international meeting he attended, and whether he intends to travel to the Plenary.

Action: FK

8 Jury & Stewards

- i) Database management and appointment process. Leonard Grigorescu has been updating the J&S database until now. AG hopes to integrate this into the CIVL database before the Plenary. Then it will be much easier to administer. PS is now taking over the coordination of the database. Leonard was thanked for his hard work during the previous years. FK will contact him to ensure a smooth handover to PS.

Action: FK, PS, Leonard Grigorescu

- ii) Impact of publishing Steward Reports & response. It was felt that reports are being written differently, and may have lost some of their impact because they are more widely distributed. In future we will specify that response to Steward reports from organisers must be made via the NAC.
- iii) Publishing protests. JA has investigated compiling a list of protests and Jury decisions, but there are difficulties in transcribing these and making them into a useful format. At the moment only the FAI receives a copy of protests. JA will change Jury Presidents' report template in the J&S handbook to include a template for recording brief details of Protests and outcomes. PS will spend a short time compiling a list of past decisions from Jury reports to start this reference work. This will be available to appointed Jury presidents.

Action: PS, JA

- iv) Using & disseminating info from J&S reports. Stewards should receive some feedback. FK will consult with the relevant experts before responding to each. Some officials need guidance on ensuring all (but only relevant) information is provided. Bureau secretary should ensure recommendations from reports are sent to relevant SSCs.

Action: FK, LJ

- v) Updating J&S handbook. JA will update handbook to include revised report templates & information on claiming officials expenses.

Action: JA

- vi) S&J training programme review. The Bureau agreed we need more Jury members and Stewards and we need to be more flexible in our approach to recruiting suitable people. It was agreed that new candidates do not necessarily need to have attended a training seminar to serve, and existing stewards and jury presidents can give one-to-one training. It will be recommended that before Cat 1 competitions, an experienced Jury President and/or Steward should run a short session to promote and inform about the role of Juries and Stewards. These might also serve as an initial training session for potential volunteers. It is important that application forms are completed by those who wish to continue. PS has a mailing list of competition organisers, which would be a good start point for recruiting more candidates. Also need to communicate better and re-motivate those already on the database.

Action: PS, LJ

- vii) Insurance (car, equip etc). It was agreed that Section 7, the Organiser Agreement and Organiser Guidelines, should be updated to clarify that FAI officials should not be personally liable for accidental damage, for example, to vehicles on hire, or equipment provided for their use.

Action: JA

- viii) Organising officials' travel. The Bureau felt it needs more clarity to ensure costs are reasonable and travel logistics are practical. JA will add to the Organisers guidelines and J&S handbook that travel arrangements should be acceptable to both parties.

Action: JA

- ix) Appointment of CIVL officials 2008/9 - See attached list - Annexe 12. The list is subject to confirmation of those selected. Selection is made from those who have volunteered, based on ensuring the optimum mix of experience and minimising travel costs for organisers. PS to contact all volunteers and appointees, and find volunteers for gaps. LJ will assist with Accuracy J&S members, and ask Riikka Vilkkuna if she can be steward for the 5th Accuracy World Championship in Croatia 2009 test competition.

Action: PS, LJ,

9 Test competitions 2008 & Cat 1 competitions

- i) PG Worlds, Valle de Brava, Mexico. The steward, Leonard Grigorescu, should report on progress. ST will ask him for a copy of the Local Regulations and whether there are any other matters that we should be aware of.

Action: ST.

- ii) HG Worlds, Laragne, France. FK will be the steward, he has been in contact with the organisers. The LRs have been checked already. LJ pointed out that the Organisers agreement was signed by two people, one of whom has since died. FK will consult Max Bishop of FAI to see if another signature needs to be sought. The safety director has changed to Ali Gali. The Bureau agreed he was a suitable replacement.

Action: FK.

- iii) PG Accuracy World, Varazin, Croatia. The pre World competition is not yet on the Calendar. LJ will contact the organiser to prompt for dates and sanctioning. She will contact Riikka Vilkkuna about being a steward at the competition and they will work together to prepare the LRs.

Action: LJ.

- iv) Pan American competition. The LRs have been prepared by AG, ST and JA. Because of the time constraint they were approved by the Bureau, to be ratified by the Plenary.

- vi) HG Europeans, Greifenberg, Austria. The LRs will be checked by JA and FK, then they will be sent to LJ to send to the HG SSC.

Action: JA, FK, LJ.

- vii) Voss Aerobatic World Championships. FK has asked the organiser to work with Yves Goueslain to prepare the LRs, which will need to be reviewed by the Aerobatics SSC.

Action: FK.

- viii) PG Europeans, Sicevo, Serbia. ST will contact Leonard Grigorescu (steward) to get a copy of the LRs for the approval of the PG SSC.

Action: ST.

- ix) Paragliding Accuracy Europeans, Niska Banja, Serbia. LJ will liaise with Riikka Vilkkuna and the organisers and the LRs will be prepared and approved by the Paragliding Accuracy SSC.

Action: LJ.

- x) Women's Worlds & Rigids 2008 Monte Cucco. An outline of the bid (Annex A) has been received from Italy. Details were discussed. The Bureau would like to see it take place, even without a test competition in 2007, but some reservations were noted: Fields - will they be cut? English speaking skills of key people? Outline budget?

Some reassurance from organisers was received immediately. Heather Mull has agreed to be steward at this competition. The Bureau decided that the competition

can go ahead, subject to receipt of the bid fee. The Bureau will watch plans closely. FK will contact Flavio Tebaldi to write the LRs with the assistance of Heather Mull.

Action: FK

- xi) Test events - Rules issues: Complaints had been received earlier in the year, as the pre-European HG competition at Greifenburg filled quickly before some top international pilots registered, and the registration process required no financial commitment to reserve a place. The system of priority registration that has been proposed for the HG pre-Worlds 2008, Laragne, was thought to be good and will be recommended by the Bureau.

10 Online competitions, CIVL, S7 & sanctioning

AG proposed to launch a CIVL World Online XC Contest (WXC) - see attached notes in Annexe 12. It would reside on a dedicated server (XCC or Atmos) and should be based on the rules of current online contests that have evolved during the last few years. AG said, and it was agreed, that it is important that CIVL offer such a service for pilots, which would be the first true World online competition. Extensive discussion highlighted the issues of the effort involved and flight validation. It would be popular with the proposed HG sports class and PG serial class and could also enable CIVL to approach sponsors. In summary, the Bureau agreed that an initial contest should be run for a year as a trial. Pilots will not need an FAI licence to participate in the trial. Rules will be defined. Software should be ready to run a trial, no later than January 2008, and will run until 1 Oct 08, accepting flights dated from 1 Oct 07.

AG will work on the rules with Klaus Tanzler then circulate them for Bureau approval. AG assured the Bureau that progress on this project would not adversely impact urgent work on other projects, such as new scoring software, the Jury and Steward database and Accuracy judges database.

LJ will promote it on the CIVL website, and via email lists and forums.

Action: AG, LJ.

11 ATMOS

This project, designed as a flight verification database for all airports, has not progressed in the last year and is now at least one year behind schedule. AG showed the bureau some aspects of the beta version, demonstrating its potential.

12 Plenary bids

- i) For bids for hosting Plenary Meetings, the Bureau agreed to use a modified FAI General Conference bidding document. JA will send the final version to the Bureau so it can be sent out with the Plenary agenda. It was agreed that completed bid forms must be received by FK not less than 2 weeks before the start of the Plenary.

Action: JA

- ii) Checking Competition bids for completeness. Bids will be sent to FK. These will be checked by all Bureau members, and the proposer contacted if information is missing or unclear, before being forwarded to the relevant SSC. Critical issues include information on key organisation staff and an outline budget, plus a completed Annex A form.

Action: All

- iii) Competitions to be awarded at Plenary 2008 for 2010:
 - European HG
 - European PG,
 - European Paragliding Accuracy

Aerobatics - Worlds
Womens Worlds (HG) & Rigids
Other continental championships

13 Aerobatics SSC

See also item 6vi. JA will ask Dennis Pagen to complete the Aerobatic Annex to 7A. JA will also work to identify the changes and proposals to the Aerobatic Annexe to 7B. JA emphasised that until the next release of S7, the only official Aerobatics documents are those that can be downloaded from the website.

Action: JA

14 WPRS

AG presented a report on the success of WPRS formula update made earlier this year (attached as Annexe 13). Steady increase in number of pilots in the ranking system. A number of issues have been highlighted, including adjustment needed for Accuracy competitions, skew effect for small competitions with few high ranking pilots, and increased weighting needed for longer competitions.

LJ has recruited Andy Webster (UK) to join WG to assist with formula for Accuracy. AG will make some proposals at the next Plenary to improve the formula to address all the above points.

Action: AG

15 WPRS/Review of Cat 2 results/sanctioning issues -

- i) Confirmation that FAI licences held This is an ongoing problem, which may be eased in Jan 2009 with the introduction of the FAI Sporting Licence database. It will be mandatory for NACs to update the database of current licence holders. PS reported there is additional workload due to incomplete data in results. Organisers adding CIVL ID to their competitor lists make a big difference and needs to be encouraged.
- ii) Results submission deadlines (PG). Rules are only in place for PG XC competitions, and there are no guidelines for PS who is often asked to revise results for competitions sometimes held 2 years previously. SSCs will be asked to recommend deadlines for submission of, and changes to results. AG will write a definition of the WPRS to include in all S7s to include time limits for submitting results for the ranking.

Action: AG, JA, LJ

- iii) Championship team results on the web. This has been requested, but has not yet been actioned. FK will contact FAI about this.

Action: FK

- iv) Promoting pilot ID use via organisers & on results. PS will amend the sanction application form, JA will amend the S7 registration template and AG reported that the new scoring program already includes it.

Action: PS, JA

- v) Comp splitting. Planned tweaks to the formula, to be proposed at the Plenary, will also put a stop to a recently observed abuse of the system by splitting competitions and running them back to back.

Action: AG

16 Plenary 2008

- i) Handling incoming proposals. LJ commented some proposals are not well written and do not say what the proposer intended. LJ will check proposals for clarity and good

English and review them with the proposer before referring them to the Bureau and SSCs.

Action: LJ

- ii) Logistics of cross discipline issues & proposals. Aim is to coordinate and cross reference all issues that are common to several SSCs and WGs after SSC meeting and before Plenary. Agreed that Plenary timetable should ensure all SSC and WG meetings are finished before S7 SSC meet starts, and all SSC and WG chairs should attend.
- iii) Draft Agenda for Plenary. LJ has started on this and a draft was circulated. No immediate comments. Outstanding points from the 2007 Plenary were reviewed. LJ will add these and other points arising from this meeting and circulate it by email later.

Action: LJ

- iv) Meeting logistics, timetable, communication . The Bureau meeting will be Wednesday afternoon. At 9am Thursday, FK will brief all SSC and WG chairs on how to get the best out of their meetings. The Jury & Steward seminar will be scheduled for Thursday late afternoon. SSCs and WGs will start Thursday 10am. Even with two days some overlap of meetings will be unavoidable. S7 SSC meeting will be late Friday. FK will prepare schedule and agenda (with LJ) and circulate it to the Bureau, SSC and chairmen for agreement.
FK will also liaise with Dennis Pagen about setting up a training session for measuring sprog settings.

Action: FK, LJ

17 ASC Presidents Meetings

- i) World Air Games. Preparations are going well. There is good contact between the FAI WAG coordinator, Jean-Marc Badan (JMB), WAG Organiser and ASC liaison officers (AG for CIVL). JMB asks to be kept informed about our actions including emails from AG and Dennis Pagen to date.
 - JMB needs rules for different Air Sport disciplines. AG will investigate whether previous copies of these are still available with the help of Dennis Pagen.
 - The LRs for each discipline event have to be completed.
 - Possible problems: The organiser has no budget for juries (at least 3 members will be required for each jury) for different airsports and the proposal is: 1 overall Jury President (for all airsports), 1 specialized jury member for each airsport (probably all ASC presidents, who will be invited anyway) and 1 jury member to be chosen from organisations.
 - It was reported that the WAG must primarily be attractive for spectators and media. FK emphasised to the FAI WAG coordinator, the FAI Executive board and the ASC Presidents the importance of also making it attractive and successful for the pilots, otherwise there will be no (top) pilots interested in joining the next WAG.
 - AG will contact the organisers about test competitions in 2008
 - selection procedures will have to be decided on.
 - The bid process for the 2011 WAG starts 15 November 2007

Actions: AG, and all (LRs)

- ii) FAI Sporting Licence Database
It looks good and it is almost ready and will start to work on January 1 2008. It will be operational January 1st 2009. FK emphasised that the weak point - as with the old system of the sporting licences - is the NACs. NACs will be mandated to keep

- the database correct. It will be made mandatory that only pilots listed on the database will be eligible for entry in Category 1 events from Jan 2009
- iii) Finances. ASC treasurers are reminded to use the format sent to us last year.
 - iv) Policy on prize money. The majority of ASCs are against prize money, unless sponsors provide the funds. There are no indications yet that there will be prize money for WAG.
 - v) Policy on refund of car expenses for FAI volunteer officials/bureau members was clarified.
 - vi) May ASC Meeting action note
FAI eshop changes - feedback wanted on service etc. We have a continuing requirement for FAI tagged articles and a future requirement for the ability to collect sanction fees and bid deposits via credit card and/or PayPal via the site.

Action: FK

18 Officials' wear update

ST confirmed that there are no stocks of clothing for CIVL Jury & Steward officials. WS showed jackets that could have patches sewn on. The jackets are about 50 USD and extra embroidery could be arranged. Embroidered polo shirts would be about 25USD, printed T shirts much less.

WS will source printed T shirts with either "CIVL or CIVL official" or the CIVL patch picture on the back and the CIVL logo on the front. PS will collate sizes required for Jury and Stewards for the coming year. Once received, items will be sent to the stewards of the competitions to be distributed to the other CIVL officials. WS will look for sponsors for the jackets.

19 Website - update & clarification of policy

LJ feels she has not had a clear brief on what is expected of her on the website. She would like guidance from the Bureau, or a re-statement of CIVL aims objectives and policy so she can move forward with it. It was noted that the site is complex, difficult to navigate and there are many redundant pages. PS will make an initial inventory of the site, then work with LJ to review the structure of the site. A progress report will be given at the next Bureau meeting.

The Bureau confirmed that any documents that are useful to organisers can be published on the website with suitable approval. LJ to encourage reports, news and documents from SSC and WG chairs and other experts, including Noel Whittall.

Action: LJ, PS

20 Monthly report on Bureau Decisions - review

It was agreed that to report 'no decisions were made' is of no value. It was agreed that in future, a report will only be made when there are Bureau decisions to communicate. Some Bureau members would like to see more information communicated to delegates on Bureau activity. It was agreed that it can be unwise to cover topics that are ongoing as this can be misleading and raise expectations that can later generate disappointment. FK would like to communicate better, and it was suggested we create a President's page on the CIVL website for this purpose. ST emphasised this should be a trackable page so CIVL can assess the success of this initiative.

Action: FK, LJ

21 Mailing lists. It was agreed that SSC mailing lists should be created to prompt better communication and ongoing discussion within the SSCs. PS will ask Thierry Montigneaux to set up the discussion lists for PG, HG, S7, PA, Safety & Training, Aerobatics, Records,

Badges and flight verification. We will request the power to administer the lists ourselves. Only members that are nominated by their NAC or delegate will be allowed to join the group. FK will inform the SSC chairmen that these lists need to be populated and will inform the delegates via the email list.

Action: PS, FK

22 WAG Update & S7 rule changes etc See also point 17. Additional discussion identified that more is needed to promote to CIVL delegates and pilots. FK will inform member countries of the disciplines that will be showcased here. AG will liaise with relevant discipline SSC chairs (PG Accuracy, Aerobatics & HG speed gliding) about writing rules/checking LR's, selection procedures, (by end December 2007) and setting up of test events during 2008.

Action: FK, AG

23 Updating Practical Guidelines for Competition Organisers.

JA was asked to create a specification document within 6 months for a revised version. Meanwhile he will make a number of updates to the existing document. Progress to be reviewed at the next Bureau meeting.

Action: JA

24 Financial report & budget

A new line of J&S travel costs was added, but it must be made clear that this is recovered from the entry fees deposited at the FAI. A provisional report will be sent with the agenda package. The final report and provisional 2008 budget will be sent out by the 21 January deadline. The budget will be reviewed by the Bureau in time for the Plenary meeting. JA and FK will send estimates for travel expenses in 2008. Some of the software provision has been spent this year, though claims have not yet been received.

Action: WS, JA, FK

25 Any other business

FK will contact Max Bishop to agree with him and his staff, that test category 1 competitions can be called "pre" competitions.

FK will order the medals for 2008. Some uncertainties (ie Brazil) need to be clarified. He will liaise with Christine and keep the Bureau informed.

26 Dates & Venue for October 2008 Bureau Meeting

Proposal presented by LJ for France. FK will investigate costs of Amsterdam. Dates will be set by email discussion. Venue will be decided at the next Bureau Meeting in Manzanillo.

Annexes to be sent out with Minutes:

Annexe 1 - Outstanding Actions from previous meetings

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Annexe 10 - Sport Class Definition WG Report - JA/DP

Annexe 11 - Jury & Steward list of appointments for 2008

Annexe 12 - Online Competitions proposal - AG/KT

Annexe 13 - WPRS Report - AG

Annexe 1 - Outstanding Actions from previous meetings**November 2006 Meeting, Pléguen**

Minute	Action	Who	Status	Report from Bureau Meeting October 2007
9.5	It was felt the safety committee is not addressing the problem of safety in PG comps. FK will contact Klaus Tanzler to discuss this	AG FK	Closed	FK spoke to KT and after competitions he will contact organisers about incidents. Issue consolidated to Agenda item 6v of October 2007 Bureau Meeting.
9.6	JA will help ST create a glossary for S7D	JA	Cont.	They have been working on this and JA will ensure it is included in the new revision of S7D
13.1	LG will send letter to all the CIVL officials explaining the agreed process (of claiming expenses). JA will update the Jury/Steward handbook to reflect this	LG, JA	Cont.	First point taken over by PS. Second point will be actioned by JA
15	Inform delegates and the bidders for 2009 World HG Champs that they will include Women.	FK	Closed	They were informed.
16	Propose an amendment to General Section rules which state the top 10 pilots receive FAI diplomas	JA	Closed	See point 2 of Bureau Meeting Oct 07 minutes.
17	Ask the Safety and training committee to investigate updating the SafePro and ParaPro requirements as well as including towing and aerobatics ratings.	LG	Closed	This has been added to the BM07 agenda.
23	Remind SSC Chairmen that, before arriving at the Plenary, the Cat 1 bids should be checked for completeness.	FK	Closed	Covered in BM07 Agenda point 12.
24	Update Cat 2 application form to show NAC acceptance that another NAC may run a comp in their territory.	PS	Closed	Done
25	Update a list of previous Jury decisions and make it available to Jury Presidents via email.	JA	Closed	Covered in BM07 agenda item 9
28	Investigate possibility of imposing financial penalties on Cat 1 organisers who do not meet their obligations	JA	Cont.	Ongoing
28	Investigate the possibility of using the FAI e-shop and/or PayPal for sanction fee payments.	AG	Open	Covered in BM07 Agenda point 17
30	Civil co-ordinator job description	PS	Closed	Done and circulated to Bureau October 2007
31	Keep a log of problems (Complaints) about Cat 2 events.	PS	Closed	Done and covered in BM07 Agenda point 15

31	Include name of Meet Director on Cat 2 application forms	PS	Closed	Agenda point 15
31	Contact the FAI to compile a database of the organisation in each country which has been delegated powers to control the sports of hang gliding and paragliding by each FAI member.	PS	Closed	Done. Some information received
36	Terms of reference for the WPRS working group	JA, AG	Open	
36.4	To be fixed in 1-3 different layouts as a minimum requirement for a competition to be sanctioned. It will be added to the Cat 2 sanction application form.	AG	Closed	Consolidated to BM07 Agenda item 14 (WPRS). Will be tackled with next version of RACE and 2009 the FAI sporting licence database
38	The LR template to include which version of Race and GAP are being used problem.	JA	Cont.	There have been some formatting difficulties in extracting the LR template, but JA is working on it. There needs a proposal to update S7 to approve the latest version of Oz Gap, and the ranking (or scoring?) factors.
41	Introduction of continental records.	JA, ST	Cont.	FAI has proposed new record homologation. S7D would need to be changed. JA will circulate consolidated options to the Bureau, for later discussion in the SSCs.
42	FAI to amend the attendance list template to include the delegates' national governing body.	LJ	Closed	LJ will contact FAI to do this. Covered as part of agenda point 16
46.5	Guidelines for SSCs and Working Group to be updated to be more specific about reports.	AG	Cont.	LJ will finalise template for the reports and it will be added to the SSC guidelines and be made as a downloadable document.

February 2007 Meeting, Talloires

Minute	Action	Who	Status	
3	Specification for organiser handbook	JA	Closed	Consolidated to BM07 Agenda point 23
6	Draft amendments to the Organiser Agreement	LJ	Closed	done
7	Confirm which NAC responsible for PWC events and Cat 2s run in another NAC territory.	PS	Closed	It was confirmed the organising NAC is responsible except for the PWC, when the hosting NAC is responsible.
10	Chase SSC and WG chairmen to produce reports for website.	LJ,FK	Closed	Consolidated to BM07 Agenda item 19
10	Re-state objectives, aims and policy for website	All	Closed	Covered on agenda as item 19
10	Contact Noel Whittal for assistance	LJ	Closed	Consolidated to Agenda item 19

Email - 21 March 2007

Minute	Action	Who	Status	
	Put reference in S7D to FAI website URL giving cost of applying for a world record.	JA	Cont	Link is now on FAI website this morning so S7D will be amended.

Annexe 2 - Hang Gliding Subcommittee Interim Report

HANG GLIDING COMPETITION REPORT TO THE CIVL BUREAU, OCTOBER 2007

During the period from the last plenary meeting and the present, the World meet in Texas took place as well as the Euro test competition. The big issue we are involved with is the testing of pitch stability devices. The respective steward or jury reports have illuminated this process, so I won't repeat most of the material. However, it appears to this reporter that we need more education on the matter for the CIVL representatives and pilots. Many pilots who initially had objections have realized that it is in their best interest to have testing. This is a heartening result. Perhaps several more tumbles by top pilots this summer has made them take their heads out of the sand.

My recommendation to the Bureau is to allow plenty of time in the plenary session for this committee meeting and urge the potential HG stewards and jury members to attend the portion given to discuss *and train* for the testing.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING FOR AEROBATICS AND THE WORLD AIR GAMES

The following is not related to HG XC competition, but I have included it here rather than in a separate document. I have two concerns that we need to solve.

The first: I have sent a previous document requesting that we attend to the problem of training judges for aerobatic competitions. Since we have instituted world and continental championships in this discipline, we have to figure out how to make it possible to hold the meets around the world. It is not possible right now since the only place we have judges is in France, Switzerland and Norway (not all for both types of flying). In my view, aerobatics has great potential to showcase our sports to the public and thus grow the sports. It seems to me that it is in our best interest to spend some money to make this happen.

The second: The World Air Games is going on schedule. We (the CIVL) do not yet have a process in place to select pilots to attend the events we will oversee (PG and HG aerobatics, HG speed gliding and PG accuracy). The request is to have the top pilots from a variety of countries. But there will not be enough places for each country to have representation. If we go strictly from the current standings of the events that have ranking (aerobatics and accuracy) we will not necessarily spread the field to more than a couple countries. In view of the above, I believe we should form an ad hoc selection committee to choose the field. This committee should be made up of CIVL representatives and perhaps those involved with the meets (such as Louise). The committee should be formed immediately since a good bit of communication is needed to confirm pilots' intention to attend and to select alternates.

Dennis Pagen
13 Oct. 07

Annexe 3 – Paragliding Subcommittee Interim Report

CIVL Paragliding Subcommittee Report: Bureau Meeting Reykjavik Iceland 18 -20 October 2007

2007 activities in this subcommittee were very hectic with a change of a committee chairman at the beginning of the year and a world championship almost immediately after our last meeting at which I had the honour and pleasure of being Steward at.

The Minutes of the last PG subcommittee meeting in Talloires and what decisions were made, have been checked and compared with the latest version of Section 7b. These are up to date with Section 7b.

Competitions held under FAI/CIVL auspices in 2007 were the 10th World Championships Australia, Test 10th European Championships Serbia, Test 1st Pan American Championship Brazil and which are partially the basis for future rule changes and amendments: see compilation of 2007 Jury and Steward Reports and their Section 7b rule change recommendations: **Recommendations for Section 7b**

The final portion of this report is made up items of e-mail discussion between Bureau and committee members as well as specialists from within and outside the workgroup and covers issues which have been dealt and discussed since February 2007.

Safety Issues: Meeting in Manilla, Australia with the German Team Leader and organizers of the XC Open, interview with German pilot, follow up with DHV, condolences to deceased Chinese pilot. Press Gyrocopter at PG world championships directly related to accident of Air Marshal and unsafe flying. Suggested rule amendment concerning type of aircraft platforms allowed to be used at PG competitions, mandatory radio communications, limit distance to pilots flying other aircraft. Penalty if this is not complied with.

Base Team Size: discussions with FAI and the bureau members on an automated process running over the FAI Server (ATMOS) update from Agust. We require a clear and concise definition of what makes up a base team size using the WPRS and pilots qualification.

Austrian appeal to CASI: discussions and preparations with Bureau members and FAI concerning a bureau decision which was appealed.

Cat 2 competitions with multiple rounds: discussions within the Bureau if it was covered adequately in Section 7b.

Air Marshals: the use of Air Marshals in Australia was a positive one and should be considered in future competitions, it will be proposed at the next plenary meeting and discussed further.

Table of Penalties: Martin Scheel and Christian Quest have promised to work on a this project during the winter period and will come with a proposal for the Plenary in February 2008.

Task Factors: Proposal from Switzerland, Martin Scheel, Scoring formula in GAP, value of Task based on type of task.

GPS Error Margin: A figure of 0.5% error margin is a number that is difficult for pilots to fully understand and the problem will be taken up by the Software working group for both better and understandable wording and possibly a meter figure instead of a percentage.

Scott Torkelsen
Chairman CIVL Paragliding Subcommittee
October 2007

(PG Subcommittee)

Recommendations: 10th World PG Championship, Manilla - Steward Report

2.5.3 Once competition flying has started

To be add : [The CIVL Steward and Jury President must approve any further additions to the Local Regulations and such additions must be approved by a majority of the team leaders; only minor or necessary matters may be so approved.](#)

We suggest modifying according to GS 3.9.1 and instead of “only minor or necessary matters may be so approved” to have [only safety matters may be so approved.](#)

2.4.4 Official practice period

To be added at the end: [in order to check if the organization is well prepared.](#)

14.3.3

To be added: [The re-allocation will stop with one week before the start of the competition.](#)

Recommendations: 10th World PG Championship, Manilla - Jury Report

2.4.6 The practice task run on one of the practice days was totally ineffective in testing any aspect of the organisation. This is a regular failing and it is recommended that the Section 7 rule about this should be expanded to specify that all aspects of task organisation and scoring should be practiced.

2.29.2 The scoring problem which gave rise to the only protest of the championship arose because although the organiser used the latest approved scoring software, he opted to use an older version of the scoring formula. This problem is not the first time problems have arise from use of older versions of either software or formula and it is recommended that a requirement to use the latest approved versions be included in Section 7.

2.9 Stewards need to be able to monitor competition frequencies and communicate by cell phone in the competition area. It is recommended that Section 7 include a rule that the organiser provide radios compatible with competition frequencies and cell phones compatible with the local system when needed. The Jury should also be provided with a minimum of one radio and cell phone.

5.2 The jury approved the introduction of a rule to finish the speed section before goal in line with recent plenary decision on safety grounds. To be effective there had to be a significant penalty for failing to make goal and this was set at zero speed points. The CIVL Race scoring programme has an option to give a penalty of 20% of speed points in these circumstances and it may have been better to use this and avoid the need to implement the larger penalty manually. In any event it is recommended that the relevant CIVL subcommittee should consider including a standard penalty in Section 7b to ensure uniformity in future Cat 1 meets.

2.24.1 Specify in Local Regulations the circumstances in which launch window extension time will be used.

8.5.2 Tighten up the rules on media flying by specifying that a GPS is to be carried and the downloaded track log made available to FAI officials. Make it mandatory for radio communications to be maintained with safety director i.e. press aircraft to fly down and land if comms are lost. Make it mandatory for the day's press flying activity to be included in the daily team leaders briefing.

16. Some rules are worded as if goal and the end of speed section will always be coincident. This is not always the case and these should be specified separately, particularly in the chapter on flight verification - currently 16.

Annexe 4 – Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee Interim Report

Report to the CIVL Bureau Meeting 2007

By Louise Joselyn, 1 October 2007

Overview:

A great year for Paragliding Accuracy with a successful World Championship in Lithuania in February, and a Pre-European event in Serbia in August. There were 20 Cat 2 competitions sanctioned during 2007, the highest number yet, including six events forming the Paragliding Accuracy World Cup series. The discipline now has more than 400 pilots listed on the WPRS from 21 countries. Asian countries are becoming more active with a couple of FAI Category 2 Paragliding Accuracy competitions in Japan, and competitions also in China and Malaysia. Contacts have been made in Hungary and Switzerland, with strong interest there now to run Category 2 events next year. Most gratifying (to me) is the interest shown by France (see below).

A number of rules issues have been raised, and will be addressed at the (virtual) Subcommittee Meeting, held between October and February, with solid proposals going forward to the Plenary. Judging Seminars continue to be successful, with four taking place during the year. In many cases, the Judging trainers are also acting as unofficial competition organiser advisers. We urgently need to establish a Judging database, now outstanding for the second year.

4th FAI World Championships, Lake Trakai, Lithuania, Feb 2007

See Steward's Report. S7 rules issues raised:

- a) Live video of landings presented on screen and online. Consider impact of filming an accident. *Not covered in Guidelines/Serious Accident if press & camera crew on site, or with footage. Also control over amateur video/photographs – can be on the internet in minutes or may be transferred instantly to giant screen.*
- b) Similarly – Incident management was not good with press on site, and later asking questions, pilots & spectators in proximity. *Does this need more emphasis in Bid Guidelines, Organiser Guidelines, Steward checks (particularly at test event)?*
- c) Video evidence (official and/or unofficial) – use of in complaints & protest procedure. *Propose to add clause to Judging Code (8.2.3). Role of Chief Judge, to agree with MD and should be specified in advance in LRs and announced at first Pilot Briefing. Also amend sample LRs.*
- d) Provisional results were immediately uploaded to website, as they were recorded. Although labelled, they could be misleading or misused. Also, world knew results before pilots did! *As with online tracking of XC to goal, may need to emphasise 'provisional' labelling aspect in rules?*
- e) Diplomas: Discrepancy between S7 (4th to 10th) and GS (1st to 10th). *JA can you fix this in S7C 2.4.1.3, and check other sections?*
- f) Competence of medical staff – treatment of typical injuries (ie back). Neither doctor nor paramedics operated according to recognised practices. *Does this need more emphasis in Bid Guidelines, Organiser Guidelines, Steward checks (particularly at test event)?*
- g) Fit to fly: illness & injury. *S7 states TL responsibility, but can MD overrule?*
- h) Reflights – need clarification on time limit. *Proposing slight amendment to 2.24.6.*
- i) Judging team & their qualifications/experience must be agreed in good time prior to the event. *Proposing slight amendment to 8.2.2.*

Pre-Europeans, Serbia, August 2007

See Steward's Report. S7 rules issues raised:

- a) *Qualifications: LRs had said minimum IPP3, S7C says min IPPI 4. CIVL website says only an FAI licence needed to qualify (some NACs issue with IPPI 3 or 4).*

- b) *No Chief Judge (not available at last minute). Riikka did not think this critical even though it was a test Event – especially as suitably qualified person was available – who was appointed observer/Jury even though not technically required at Cat 2.*
- c) *Appointment of a Jury for Cat 2 – although not in the rules, can be helpful (Riikka suggests) as sometimes complaints over a Judging decision (typically comp organiser will side with Judge's decision as Judging team appointed by Organiser).*

Section 7 Rule changes & clarifications

The subcommittee is in continuing discussion over a number of issues, mostly listed above. My aim is that these topics should be resolved to specific proposals to include in the Agenda of the Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee Meeting prior to the Plenary. Two issues worth highlighting:

- a) Request to simplify the wording of the complaints and protests procedure as it seems to require continuous explanation at virtually every competition. *It may be a combination of poor understanding of English, and unfamiliarity with S7, but maybe we should review it.*
- b) Add to S7C 10. Sample Championship entry form - CIVL Pilot ID number. *And for other Sections?*

Paragliding Accuracy World Cup

The 2007 Paragliding Accuracy World Cup held 6 (FAI Cat 2) competitions this year, in Macedonia, Italy, UK, Croatia, Serbia and Bulgaria. Reports indicate that Italian organisation not very experienced, and site is difficult for Accuracy (6km from launch to landing). UK event was not well attended (expensive for other nations to travel). Macedonia – ongoing issue of checking/issuing of FAI licences to Serbian pilots. Full report later.

NB We have heard nothing further from Christian Quest concerning his complaint about using PAWC, despite several attempts to start a dialogue and repeated requests for a response that he has received our emails.

Coupe Icare Accuracy demonstration 2007

I ran a demonstration of Paragliding Accuracy at the Coupe Icare (a world renowned flying festival – www.coupe-icare.org) over the three days (thanks to the Organisers – led by Yves Goueslain). The FFVL supported the demonstration and has indicated that it will start to encourage the discipline, and competitions, through clubs in France. We had 11 ranked Accuracy pilots from 7 countries participating. We also had three invited pilots (two from US and one from Brazil). Audience could be counted in 10s of thousands!

It became clear over the three days that there is a high level of interest from, and synergy between Accuracy and Acro pilots. Acro pilots are used to going up to come down (rather than getting up to stay up in XC), and are much more appreciative of the skills involved. They were also very keen to get involved in something that they could do when it was not thermic. The display also demonstrated that the discipline is highly 'media' and 'spectator' friendly. Bodes well for the WAG.

Judging Training & Seminars

Four Judging Seminars were held during 2007, in Lithuania, Italy, Turkey and Macedonia. The first three were budgeted as part of the ARISF/CIVL funded programme. The seminar in Macedonia was held by qualified Judges from Slovenia and Serbia, using the materials prepared by the Chief Judges running the CIVL seminars. It was anticipated that a Senior Judges seminar would be held during the Pre-Europeans in August, but this did not take place. Full report and expenditure report later in the year.

Further International Judging Logbooks have been printed, for distribution to Judges trained this year. Similarly, Certificates will be produced for those who wish them.

The International Judging Database is urgently required and considerably delayed. I have held back from entering the information into an Access database, as I was waiting for feedback from the CIVL software/database working group on formats, to avoid double entry problems with the

data. I first requested information on how to proceed and timescales at the start of the Judging Training programme in 2005.

In terms of budget for 2008, I would like to run seminars North America (US) and Malaysia. I believe that for countries in Europe new to Accuracy, seminars can be organised and run by Chief Judges in neighbouring countries, incurring only minor costs to the host country.

WPRS

The Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee has raised questions about the new formula for the WPRS. It needs urgently reviewing as it does not well suit the quite different scoring system used (a function of the larger spread of scores from first to last placed pilot). The SC is urgently trying to find one volunteer to work with AG on this.

Website

As website coordinator, and Trainee Steward at the 2007 World Paragliding Accuracy Championships, I was in an ideal position to write and upload stories to the CIVL website daily. I have also updated some of the Paragliding Accuracy section pages. I would like to make available more documentation that I have prepared to help competition organisers (Cat 2), and Judging Training information. Advice required on whether these documents need 'approval' ?

Records & Badges

Much discussion among the SC and broader pilot community on this. We desperately want to introduce both. We have some ideas on what we want to do, but do not really understand how we should proceed to introduce this. Help wanted!

WAG

Only just started looking at the Rules for this. More information needed to do a good job.

Paragliding Accuracy Subcommittee Chair

I have decided that it is time for someone else to take over this role, and, providing I can secure their agreement before February (I have someone in mind, in agreement with other SC members), I will resign in their favour at the Plenary. I have said I will continue to help out, especially with wording for Rule changes etc, and to present reports at the Plenary, if they cannot make it to the meeting.

Louise Joselyn

Chairman, CIVL Subcommittee, Paragliding Accuracy

1 October 2007

Annexe 5 – Badges, Records & Flight Verification Subcommittee Interim Report

CIVL Records, Badges and Flight Verification Subcommittee Report: Bureau Meeting : Reykjavik Iceland 18 -20 October 2007

Work in this subcommittee is primarily done on the internet with multiple monthly contacts and e-mail discussions between some of the members of the subcommittee and others with specialist interest in Records and Badge flights.

As of 2006, FAI has on it's website (Web shop) been selling Pins and Badges for CIVL. At present I have no statistical information on how many countries are incorporating this program now, but if the number of questions asked that need to be answered by FAI, Paula and myself concerning ordering these items, is anything to go by, then one of the next issues will be to get this program automated and online with the FAI server to decrease the complexity of validating these flights and ordering these items. Diamond pins which require a track log from the pilot as validating information at present, is manually examined and checked before the Pin can be sent to the individual's NAC. At present it is only NAC's that can order and pay for these items, a seemingly difficult concept for a record breaking pilot to understand and will hopefully be alleviated with the advent of FAI Online flight data services (ATMOS) soon.

Notable world records have been achieved during this year in both hang gliding and paragliding and the hope that making records will become a less bureaucratic jungle once the FAI online program becomes available and thereby also making record chasing more attractive. At present the documentation system for Record flights is old fashioned hard copy dependant and opens the opportunity that flights cannot be validated due to simple, but crucial mistakes and omissions in the paperwork. This is frustrating to any pilot that has such ambitions.

The Subcommittee has had discussions on possibly developing a new category of record flight called "Free Distance" which utilizes an OLC based flight optimization software to calculate the longest distance flown irrespective of the landing and or takeoff. This will come up in further discussions, especially if we receive any proposals to make this a "new" category of flight. Other questions answered and discussed have had a variety of subject matters, such as being able to set world record tasks and getting them validated at a competition such as a Cat 1 or 2 hang gliding or paragliding cross country competition and the use of motorized assistance when setting records. Last but not least Section 7d has finally received a glossary which will be part of this document as of 2008.

Scott Torkelsen

Chairman CIVL Records Badges and Flight Verification Subcommittee

October 2007

Proposed Glossary For Section 7d in combination with Glossary General Section 7

FAI Sector Observation Zone - A sector observation zone is the airspace above a 90-degree sector of a cylinder with its apex at the waypoint.

Section 3 Observation Zone – A section 3 observation zone is the airspace above a 90-degree sector with its apex at the waypoint

8 FAI Sporting License-

Most international Federations have implemented a mandatory international licence for their competitors. FAI has done the same.

Category 1 or 2 competitions are truly international when the pilots who participate officially represent their country. To be sure that the participants do represent a country, the FAI entrusts the National Airports Controls (NAC) to give to their pilots an international licence called the Sporting Licence. Pilots must show this Licence when they enter a competition.

The FAI makes no charge to NACs when they issue Sporting Licences.

Each NAC issue the Sporting Licences on proof of identity to those of its individual members who are either citizens or residents of that NAC's country.

A pilot cannot at the same time hold a Sporting Licence issued by more than one NAC

The precise regulation concerning the Sporting Licence can be found in the General Section of FAI Sporting Code, Chapter 8.

FAI Proficiency Badges - CIVL proficiency badges have been in place for many years. They are standards of achievement, intended to provide a graduated scale of difficulty to measure and encourage the development of a pilot's flying skill, particularly in cross-country flying.

FAI Records - The FAI maintains files of all aviation records and CIVL lays down the requirements for class conformity and flight verification where hang gliding and paragliding are concerned. The requirements are to be found in Section 7 of the Sporting Code.

There are many types of record within each class:

- Straight distance
- Straight distance to a declared goal
- Out-and-return distance
- Distance around a triangular course
- Speed around triangular courses of 25, 50, 100, 150, 200 and 300 km
- Speed over out-and-return courses of 100, 200 and 300 km
- Gain of height

In addition to the open record in each class, there are categories for female and multi-place crews.

FAI Official Observer – Official Observers are appointed by the NAC (or it's delegated National Association). They are empowered to control and certificate flights for FAI Records, Badges, Championships and Competitions in their own country and in another country if it's NAC gives permission.

IGC/GNSS Flight Recorder - With the advent of satellite navigation equipment at an affordable price, glider pilots can provide precise evidence of position without using either ground-based observers or photography. There is a Technical Specification for IGC-approved Flight Recorders, which includes the provision of a pressure altitude sensor in addition to a GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) receiver. Functions such as Pilot Event (PEV), task declaration and navigation to turn points, may also be incorporated. The pressure altitude system in an IGC-approved FR is a barograph in its own right, and is subject to normal barograph rules (such as on accuracy and calibration).

Barograph/ Barogram - A barograph is a recording aneroid barometer. It produces a chart called a barogram that records the barometric pressure over time.

Flight Data Recorder Verification Software - The verification software must confirm that all points used to verify the flight occurred at reasonable times (e.g. on the day in question, between the start of the task and the end of the task, and showing the correct chronology of start and turn points). It must also have an integral security feature (often known as the G Security Record) which will indicate if a track log has been tampered with at any point since recording. It is the responsibility of the NAC controlling the record

attempt to provide evidence of this security to the FAI, that is, an electronic copy of the secured track log, in IGC format.

GPS Verification Procedure – Consists of a number of steps concerning the correct procedure of ensuring the validity of the GPS track log. Preflight procedure, Post flight procedure and Official Observer procedure.

GPS (3D) - GPS track log with altitude encoding

GPS (2D)- GPS track log excluding altitude encoding

Aerotow Launch – to aid in the determination of the “start” altitude, the glider pilot and the tug pilot, when a barograph is in board, must ensure that a low point or “notch” is indicated on the barogram immediately following release.

Motorized Power Source – A hang gliding record may only be attained if the power source, after being stopped cannot be restarted in flight.

Power Source Recorder – a recording device which can determine when a power source is being operated.

Distance Calculation – The preferred method of distance calculation in the GPS or approved flight data recorder, set to the WGS84 datum and the WGS84 ellipsoid.

PHG - Powered Hang Glider

PPG - Powered Paraglider

Annexe 6 - Safety & Training Subcommittee Interim Report

Report for the CIVL bureau

5. Oktober 2007

Sub committee safety and training

There has been no meeting of CIVL the safety and training sub committee but at least the European EHPU sub safety and training committee had a meeting. See minutes attached. They dealt also with a proposal from New Zealand concerning Para Pro with the result:

"After considerable discussion, the unanimous view was that stalling is NOT an acceptable manoeuvre to be set as a requirement for a ParaPro, Our recommendations are as follows: ParaPro Stage 3, Practical Requirements: No 9 should be removed in its entirety. No 10 should be rewritten to read Asymmetric Collapses, instead of Frontal Collapses. A new Requirement should be added which includes Big Ears at this level. ParaPro Stage 4, Practical Requirements: The B-line stall should be added here as a Requirement." The answer from Zealand to this was:

"Perhaps big ears should be required for stage 2. After 6 days and 30 flights I would expect students to be comfortable with big ears. It's a basic flight manoeuvre, although not without its hazards and a skill that pilots flying unsupervised should have. Otherwise I agree with the rest. Steve O'Shaughnessy."

We still have not found a capable person willing to care for ParaPro work. According to the minutes of the last CIVL meeting AG (Agust) will help find someone to set up a working group for extending Para Pro to cover towing and aerobatics.

When we discussed how we best coordinate incident and accident information I have been tasked to investigate the Parachuting commission's system. Thierry wrote to me: "What was developed for the IPC was 100% custom-programmed and is still being fine-tuned by the developers, and depending on your needs, there may be the quicker, cheaper and more flexible way of checking if our current content management system does not have some generic modules that could be of use to quickly assemble such a system." We have exchanged more information meanwhile. I would like to discuss the details with Agust in short time in order to prepare a proposal.

Concerning the hang gliding sprog setting problem: I have not yet seen Paula's report from the pre-Event in Greifenburg. She told me in Greifenburg that some measurements have been made and in rare cases drastically low settings have been seen by pilots who should know what they are doing. Well, we had one tumble there (an Austrian pilot, parachute rescue) and after the comp Oleg was seriously hurt after a tumble in the Greifenburg area and so he could not defend his world champion title in Big Springs. DHV has ruled out such low settings in the Hang Gliding German Open 2007. Please see the report of Christof Kratzner attached to this mail. Unfortunately measurements during the last worlds in Big Springs was not possible. I will discuss with Dennis Pagen what that means for our next CIVL plenary meeting. I am glad that we had no serious accidents during the last worlds flying in flatlands. I fear that we will get problems in Greifenburg, if we allow dangerous sprog settings there.

Klaus Tänzler

Annexe 7 - Section 7 Subcommittee Interim Report

Section 7 Subcommittee Report to CIVL Bureau

1. The following are planned or in progress for the 2008 edition of S7:

Section 7C - Consolidation of all Category 1 entry rules into Chapter 3 (in line with S7A & B) and subsequent renumbering of other chapters.

Section 7A, B and C - Consolidation of all rules regarding scoring into a single chapter (5).

Section 7D - addition of a glossary.

S7A & B, 1.6 Flight Definitions - insert "Competition" before "Flight"

S7A & B, 1.6.5 Types of Flight - Add new sub-paragraph "1.6.5.3 Competition Flight or Task. This may be a combination of the above with the various elements being specified at the task briefing.

S7A & B, 1.6.6 Courses - Add new sub-paragraph "Measurement" specifying how distance is measured for a task using cylindrical features such as the start, turn points and/or goal.

N.B. *Also put this item on agenda for HG & PG SCs and consult Software WG.*

S7A & B, 1.6.7.8 Ground Signal - Delete as these are no longer used in Category 1 competition.

S7A & B, 1.6.7 Start of a Flight - Add new sub-paragraph headed "Start Periods" and providing a simple definition.

S7A & B, 1.6.8 Turn Point - Add new sub-paragraph specifying how a TP is achieved when cylinders are used.

S7A & B, 1.6.11 Speed Section (of a task) - Add a new sub-paragraph giving a simple definition.

S7B - 2.1 General Rules - delete last sentence as this is repeated in 2.3.

S7B - 2.3 Aerobatic Events - replace "hang" with "para" in penultimate line.

S7A & B, 2.24.2 add new paragraph - **Extension of Launch Window** - a paragraph specifying the circumstances in which the time will be extended.

N.B. *Also put this item on agenda for HG & PG SCs.*

S7A & B, 2.4.4 Official Practice Period - Replace the second sentence with "On at least one day a task shall be set, flown and scored under competition conditions except that the scores shall not be counted in the championship. All competition staff must be present for this task as the aim is to fully test all aspects of the organisation as well as familiarising pilots with competition procedures.

S7C - 2.4.5 Official Practice Period - Add second sentence "This round shall be set, flown and scored under competition conditions except that the scores shall not be counted

in the championship. All competition staff must be present for this round as the aim is to fully test all aspects of the organisation as well as familiarising pilots with competition procedures.

S7B - 2.9.2 Appointment of Stewards - change second sentence to read "If an entry of more than 100 is expected two stewards may be required".

S7B - 3.2.1 Team Size - insert new sentence "This process will stop 14 days before the first planned flying day of the competition" after "the process will start at the top again" in the third line.

S7B - 8.5.2 Media - add second sentence "On days when media flying is to take place the Meet Director is to brief Team Leaders in advance.

S7A & B - Chapter 9 Sample LRs - ensure this includes requirement to publish both scoring formula **and version** to be used.

S7A & B - 16.2.4 Registration of GPS Units. In last sentence replace "will be rejected" by "may be rejected".

S7A & B - 16.4.5 Goal Data change heading to "**End of Speed Section**". Change wording to "Where the point being claimed is the end of a speed section and the track-log has 2 points either side of the sector boundary at most 30 seconds apart, then the finish time will be interpolated from these points (constant speed being assumed). Otherwise a finish time is taken from the first (in time) point outside the boundary of the speed section; if the end of the speed section is a goal sector then this will be the first (in time) point within the goal sector.

2. Aerobatic Annex to S7A - None of the listed appendices are present in the current edition. DP asked to provide.

3. Aerobatic Annex to S7B - An unofficial version of this was used at the Voss Pre-Worlds. A document with recommended changes to the official version highlighted have now been received from Yves Goussain but I have to extract them.

4. In addition to the above, recommendations for changes to Section 7 have been made in several jury and steward reports since the last plenary. These have been distributed to delegates and sub-committee chairmen.

John Aldridge
Chairman S7 Subcommittee

Annexe 8 - Software Development Working Group Interim Report

CIVL Software Working Group report for Bureau meeting in Reykjavik 2007

The Software WG (SWG) has been focusing on number of CIVL software matters.

Main projects are:

- FS flight scoring and verification, competition software for Hang and Paragliding competitions
- Maintaining Race scoring software, mostly maintenance for new release
- CIVL database. This includes Pilot database, Competition database, Results database and WPRS system
- Helping users and resolving problems

Race

New version of Race (version 6.2) has been in progress since last Plenary.

Number of new and known bug fixes have been done.

New bug was discovered and fixed during the PG Worlds 2007 in Manilla Australia. That bug was in calculate the scores using GAP 2000 formula when arrival and departure points were disabled.

Race is a delicate piece of “spaghetti”. It is sensitive to all changes and they have to be tested well because changes in one place can change behavior in another part of the program.

The Race is maintained by one programmer. He had a bad Paragliding accident and is still recovering. That and limited time has delayed the final release of Race, which was expected earlier this year. Hopefully there will be a release version around next Plenary meeting

FS - Flight verification and Scoring

The new CIVL competition software has been in progress for almost two years. It has been used in number of competitions during the year for testing purposes. The system has almost all the basic functionality needed for HG and PG XC competitions already.

There are number of features in the user interface that need more work for the release of Version 1.0. This includes setting the competition and task parameters, including GAP parameters. Also a standard set of reports is still to come.

The FS system will be available in beta release on the CIVL web for the world to do look, try out and send comments and suggestions to the group.

It is intended to be published beginning of November 2007.

At the same time more information on the functionality and usage will be published.

CIVL database

A little work has been done to improve the CIVL database. Now it shows clearly the status of results. So when competition is finished but results are not received “waiting for results” is shown in red and if competition was not valid, then it will show “no tasks”.

The most important issues that need to be addressed are:

- Automatic reminders to organizers on missing results and status changes of events
- Add tables and pages for stewards, jury members and judges for competitions and training sessions

Also upcoming Sporting licence database of FAI adds need for some synchronization or communication

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Software WG

Annexe 9 – Hang Gliding Stability Working Group Interim Report

(Interim report forwarded by Klaus Tanzler, see also HG SC report)

Gmund 03. July 2007

Summary of glider inspections at the 2007 German Open hang gliding championship in Ruhpolding, Germany

During the 2007 German Open hang gliding championship in Ruhpolding, gliders pitch settings have been checked on behalf of the DHV.

These Tests have been carried out by Christof Kratzner, Andreas Schmidler and Hannes Weininger, all working in the Technical Department of the DHV.

The tests were mandatory and taken at random.

During a rest day pilots were given the chance to get their gliders measured without consequences. 11 pilots went for this opportunity.

A measuring tolerance of $\pm 2^\circ$ or ± 40 mm was given depending on the Method used.

Results

1. 24 gliders out of the 57 flex wing were measured altogether.
2. 2 gliders have been within the certified values and/or the manufacturers specification. The rest of the gliders were showing significant lower values.
3. 8 gliders out of the 13 gliders taken for the random tests were beyond the given measuring tolerance.
4. There was a loop hole in the proclamation, not asking for a landing in the official landing zone for the first two days. So a number of pilots avoided measuring by landing in other fields. To keep the fairness up, in the end the pilots who got measured negative on day one and two did not get disqualified. For the third task a landing in the landing field was compulsory. On the third task no glider was found negative.
5. Some gliders have been measured several times by different people, as well as indoor and outdoor. The real existing measuring tolerance is less than $0,5^\circ$ or 10 mm. Pilots deliberately made use out of the given measuring tolerance by adjusting the gliders 2° or 40 mm beyond certified settings. Therefore the measuring tolerance should be reduced in future.
6. The measurements were effective. Pilots raised their sprogs to less dangers levels before and during the competitions. Although conditions were strong and sometimes turbulent there was no tumbling accident.
7. Pilots appreciation and understanding of the problem has improved. The majority of the pilots had never measured their sprogs, although almost everyone did lower them.

Recommendations for future competitions.

1. The measuring tolerance should be set to smaller more realistic values
2. Manufacturer could publish an adjustment tolerance to a level which they still consider safe. This should be based on vehicle testing for liability reasons.
3. To be able to check all Pilots, landing in the main landing zone must be compulsory to Pilots who “make goal”.
4. Pilots should be given the chance to get their gliders measured before the competition. to realize what their actual sprog setting is and to become more educated and familiar with the problem itself.

Christof Kratzner

DHV/OeAeC Technical department

Annexe 10 - Hang glider Sport Class Working Group - Interim Report

PROPOSED DEFINITION FOR SPORT CLASS HANG GLIDERS

These are hang gliders that meet the FAI definition for Class 1.

In addition:

- They must be production models of hang gliders for which a certificate of airworthiness for type is in issue from either the HGMA, BHPA or DHV.
- Must be currently available for sale to the general public or have previously been available for sale for a minimum period of one year.
- Must be unmodified in any respect which could affect flight characteristics except that retro-fitted streamlined uprights and basetubes are permitted*.
- Must have a king post which is an essential part of the design and which supports the majority of the wing load when the wing is not flying.
- The pilot must be within the manufacturer's stated weight range.

DP suggests the addition of "The rule includes pitch stability devices which must be within the manufacturer's stated tolerances" and an additional bullet point "Gliders must be available for inspection upon request". If this last one is to be added it should be qualified in that it is to be made available to FAI and meet officials - not left open. I do not think it is really necessary as we already require all gliders (in Cat 1 meets) to be available to organisers for an "acceptance check" at the start of a comp (S7A 2.10.4) though perhaps this should be changed to "the organiser and FAI officials."

Additional Notes:

1. The US ran some Sport Class national meets and also specified that the pilots had to be below a certain level in their national ranking. Although this could be seen as a good way of giving "new" pilots a chance to be a champion, in CIVL we have always run championships in which the limitation on entry is by class of hang glider rather than by any handicapping system and several of our top pilots regularly compete in different classes (Boissilier, Ciech, Reisinger, Chaumet etc).
2. We could also include technical stuff like max wing loading, aspect ratio etc but I am trying to go for something simple to understand i.e. a king posted glider which is not a "special" produced as a "one-off" just to give a manufacturer another thing to hang his advertising on.

Annexe 11 - Steward & Jury appointments for 2008 (provisional)

HANG GLIDING

16TH FAI EUROPEAN HANG GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP

Greifenburg, Austria 7th - 21st June 2008

Steward	-	Flip Koetsier
	-	trainee - to be arranged
Jury President	-	John Aldridge
Jury members	-	Lillian LeBlanc
	-	Stephane Malbos

2ND FAI WORLD HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Voss, Norway 22nd - 31st August 2008

Steward	-	Dennis Pagen
Jury President	-	Scott Torkelsen
Jury members	-	Anestis Paliatsos
	-	Alain Zoller

11TH FAI WOMEN'S WORLD HANG GLIDING AND 4TH CLASS 5 CHAMPIONSHIP

19th July-2nd August 2008

Steward	-	Heather Mull
Jury President	-	tba
Jury Members	-	tba

TEST COMP FOR THE 17TH FAI WORLD HANG GLIDING CLASS 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

24th June - 5th July 2008

Steward	-	Flip Koetsier
	-	trainee steward (Bureau to search for suitable candidate)

PARAGLIDING

TEST COMP FOR THE 11TH FAI WORLD PARAGLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP

Valle de Bravo, Mexico 23rd Jan - 7th February 2009

Test competition - 27th Jan - 3rd February 2008

Steward	-	Leonard Grigorescu
	-	trainee steward (Bureau to search for suitable candidate)

1ST FAI PAN AMERICAN PARAGLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP

Castello, Brazil ? dates? 2008

Steward	-	Scott Torkelsen
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- Fernando Amaral
Jury President - Leonard Grigorescu
Jury members - Vitor Pinto
- Giovanni Vitola Sutter

10TH FAI EUROPEAN PARAGLIDING CHAMPIONSHIP

Nis, Serbia 01-14.07.2008

Steward - Leonard Grigorescu (possibly)
Jury President - Vitor Pinto
Jury members - to be arranged
- to be arranged

1ST FAI EUROPEAN PARAGLIDING ACCURACY CHAMPIONSHIP

Niska, Serbia 03-10.08.2008

Steward - Riikka Vilkuna
Jury President -
Jury members - LJ (possibly)
- Davor Novak

5TH FAI WORLD PARAGLIDING ACCURACY CHAMPIONSHIP

Varazdin, Croatia 20-27th June 2009

Test competition ?dates? 2008

Steward (for the test competition 2008) - to be arranged

Annexe 12 - World Online XC Competition - Discussion Report/Proposal to Bureau

1, Can Online competition/contest be sanctioned ?

Can a online competition be sanctioned as Category 2 competition ?

Usually a online contest is a National XC contest. So there is a NAC behind the comp, that could sign the sanction application.

Many National competitions are sanctioned, but they have to be "open". So a National online contest could be done in the same way, open for foreign pilots.

The foreign pilots can win the Open competition but the Nationals are only ranked by the local national pilots.

Multi round competitions have not been accepted for sanctioning as this requires foreign pilots to travel to or stay in the country, which is not fair for open competition.

In Online competitions usually there are 3-6 flights during the year that are counted for the results. This can easily be achieved by foreign pilot in one visit.

It is even more convenient than conventional competition. The pilot can visit the country and do flights whenever he feels like or when it is convenient or economical for him during the year.

Also important to note, in many cases pilots can register flights outside the "local" country.

Many Online contests allow 6 flights in the format of 3+2+1.

The 3+2+1 refers to number of flights, 3 in the country, 2 in the continent and 1 anywhere in the world. For local pilot all of the flights can be in the country, as the country is in the continent and in the world.

That means a pilot in Austria could participate in say the German online contest (if it was Cat2 sanctioned and open) use 3 flights from anywhere he normally does fly in Austria, and then one visit to the Germany and do 3 flights there during the year.

If CIVL starts World Online Contest, can it be Category 1 competition ?

Which NAC would sign the sanctioning application ?

Does FAI allow sanctioning of online contests or can FAI not accept online contests as sanctioned competition?

Does the General Section of FAI need to be changed to allow CIVL World online contest, so CIVL can award a world online champion ?

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Agust

2, CIVL World Online XC contest

I propose to the Bureau to launch CIVL World Online XC Contest.

It would reside on a dedicated server (XCC or Atmos) where all flights would be.

The rules would have to be defined, but based on the rules of current online contests that have evolved during the last few years.

First of all, a server must be established to handle the registration of flights, evaluate them and produce scoring according to the rules.

The rules would at least have separate results (contests) for each class of Hang- and Paragliders. Normally an Online contest starts October 1st every year and finishes on September 30th the year after. By doing that it will take the flying season of both South and North hemisphere in the same contest.

The contest for the first year would be a trial, allowing pilots to register flights up to 3 months old (or whatever window is reasonable, up to allowing flights to be registered up to the deadline of say October 1st 2008).

Flights have to be validated (like not a gps track from car driving around).

One way could be to accept only flights that are entered in some official online contests (or any cat1 or cat2 competition).

By doing that flights are validated and accepted in some competition, then the flight is accepted in the CIVL World Online XC Contest (CIVL WXC).

Current online contest servers could be enhanced to send validated flights to the CIVL server for the WXC.

CIVL WXC team would validate say all flights of the top 10 pilots before announcing the results.

Preliminary results and all flights would be accessible at any time on the CIVL Web.

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Agust

3, Online contests, do we need something in Section 7

There are many online hang and paragliding contests around the world.

Many countries have had National Cross Country league competitions for decades (total of 3-5 best flights during the year).

Those competitions are in most cases now online competitions where pilots register their flights and download the GPS tracklogs of the registered flights.

I guess the total number of competitions online are not less than 20-50 every year. Most of them are national XC competitions but not all.

I know of a competitions where 26pilots went to the Alps and did some 8days of flying. This was created as a virtual competition for those pilots, or a separate online competition. The pilots were scored for the flights they did during those 8days.

Afterwards the pilots were medals for first, second and third place.

There are number of servers offering online contests for free or almost free.

They even have sponsors that pay for prizes for the winners.

There will be increase in this kind of competitions, even in ways we do not anticipate now.

In Section 7 there is no reference to any Online competitions, so there are no official rules or guidelines.

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Agust

World XC (from Klaus Tanzler)

A working group of experts has been established short after our last CIVL meeting. It has worked on a draft of the FAI World online contest rules for Hang Gliding and Paragliding. Document attached. And it has discussed the technical aspects of connecting the national datas with the international FAI/CIVL server. Since many month we are waiting for the cooperation of Naviter because this company has a contract with FAI. As I mentioned in my mails to you before: we should not wait any longer!

Annexe 13 - WPRS Update & Interim Report

WPRS-World Pilot Ranking System -Working Group report for Bureau meeting, Reykjavik, 2007

A new formula for calculating the World Pilot Ranking System (WPRS) was decided on at the Plenary meeting in Tallories in February 2007.

The formula is an improvement of the old formulas, based on the same principles.

The improved WPRS formula started March 1st 2007. Rankings before that date are as they were, basically a snapshot of the rankings at 1st of each month.

The new formula is based on performance for the last 3 years so for every ranking date the points are recalculated for the last 3 years from the ranking date.

Competitions in WPRS

Year	Number of competitions	Number of ranked pilots
2001	69	899
2002	106	4321
2003	113	5787
2004	125	6211
2005	125	6641
2006	233	7060
(as of 01.09.07) 2007	245	7475

This shows the increase of sanctioned hang and paragliding competitions in last 7 years. Also the increase of “active” pilots, meaning pilots participating in sanctioned competition in the last 3 years. We intend to have statistics page as a part of the WPRS web so more info and trends are visible to the world.

At the Plenary meeting in Tallories in February 2007 it was decided to press organizers to send in results of their competitions. Still there are number of competitions with missing results, as the organizers fail to send results to CIVL.

The formula has to be improved on regular basis to serve its purpose.

Already there are needs for improvements and there will be a proposal from the WPRS WG for improvement on the formula for the Plenary 2008.

The main issues that have been raised:

- Formula is too biased on competitions with high ranked pilots
- Formula does limits “growing” countries to gain points
- Weight of score in competition has to be improved for PG Accuracy
- Task value gives full points for 3 tasks but should be more for longer competitions
- Some organizers now organize two 3 day competitions in one week at same place, instead of one week long competition to gain more WPRS points, as full WPRS points for a given group of pilots will reach maximum after 3 tasks.

There is always work and sometimes problem to add a competition to the WPRS because of incomplete data. Organizers are getting better in adding CIVL ID to their competitor lists. Still there are problems when the CIVL ID is missing and pilot names are nicknames instead of full names and nationality is missing.

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WPRS WG