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19th FAI World Rally Flying Championships
17th to 22nd August 2014

Toruń, POLAND

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

General:

The 19th FAI World Rally Flying Championships took place in Toruń, Poland, at the Airfield of Aero Club Pomorski, according to the FAI Rules and Regulations for Air Rally, divided to two competition categories – Unlimited and Advanced.

Altogether 56 crews from 16 FAI member countries and FAI crew took part in both Championships classes.

The Competition run according to the approved FAI Rules and Regulations for Rally Flying, edition 2014, but before start of the event, International Jury must decided about some controversial matters (see appendix), what should be additionally discussed during next GAC FAI Plenary meeting.

Competition Maps:

Maps in scale 1:200.000 were available, produced especially for the Championships. The maps were good to navigate on.

Transportation:

Transportation was well organised. The travelling time from places of the accommodation to the airfield was approximately 10 minutes.

Accommodation and Meals:

Participants were accommodated in Hotel Filmar in Toruń (about 4 kms from Airfield). Hotel Filmar have 4-star standard accommodation.

Breakfasts and dinners were served in the competitions hotel with large scale of excellent quality meals and drinks, the lunches at the airfield in the big tent. Meals were of very good quality and very acceptable. There existed more kinds of meals.

Ceremonies:

Opening Ceremony took place at the Aero Club Pomorski Airfield Torun with standard programme points according to FAI procedures for Opening Ceremony. After ceremony was organised nice Air Show for participants and many spectators present.

Closing ceremony took place at Toruń City Hall and continued by dinner party in Hotel Filmar.

Standard Opening and Closing ceremony with speeches of the guests (Mayor of Torun and President of Torun Town Board, Secretary General of Aero Club Poland and Vagn JENSEN – GAC FAI President of Honour) and Polish and FAI anthems were played.

Mr. Pedro CABANERO from Spain, GAC FAI President of Honour, officially opened the Championships

Mr. Jean-Pierre DELMAS from France, President of the FAI General Aviation Commission, was present here and he officially closed the Championships.

Airfield Facilities/Registration and Information Office:

All necessary facilities were available and all people of the staff very nice and helpful! There was concrete and grass runways available. The Registration and Information office made excellent job during the whole time. International Jury had the own room for meetings and handling the protests and own car for transport.

Briefings/Communication:

All Briefings were held in a big tent on the airfield. Every National team, Chief Judge and International Jury had own boxes and all given information were placed not only to these boxes, but they were hanged at the Official Information Board placed at the airfield tent for lunches.

Training Practice:

Training routes with photographs were available, weather was good, landing strip good marked.

Competition flights, landings:

German landing system was available with experienced staff in Torun airfield as the official device for landings and to help to judges. Official results were taken by judges and two independent video cameras were used, placed on the opposite sides of the zero line. International Jury not performed the Check flights before competition flights.

International Jury constructed all of the prepared stages according to the instruction, given to the competitors in envelopes. Remarks and notes were mostly accepted by Chief Judge and Route Planner and corrected.

1st Competition Day:

International Jury received two protests, one for positions of three enroute photos - protest was denied, one for Navigation Result – protest was withdrawn by protester crew.

2nd Competition Day:

International Jury received one protest for the mistake in plotting instructions. With respect, in instructions was description of one CP "Forester's Lodge" instead "Forester's House", as was in the map, protest was upheld.

3rd Competition Day:

International Jury received 4 protests, three of them for landing results, one for T/O Line position. Landing was checked from video and EMS evidence. One of "landing protest" was denied, two of them were upheld. Protest for T/O Line position was denied.

Judges:

The International Chief Judge – Mr. Paul SZAMEITAT from Austria – arrived about one week before the start of the competition. He checked all the routes with the route planner, Mr. Andrzej OSOWSKI. The International Jury got all the necessary information, whenever they wanted it and there was a very good and friendly cooperation between the International Jury, the International Chief Judge, the Competition Director Mr. Jerzy WISNIEWSKI, his deputy Mr. Andrzej OSOWSKI, Mr. Martin HRIVNA – Chief Scorer and the other officials. Many thanks to all of them!!!

There were enough International and National Judges available. The results were prepared in time for presentation them to the Team Managers every day evening at 20.00 o'clock, thanks to excellent job of all judges and Computer Centre, leaded by Mr. Martin HRIVNA from Czech Republic, who used his modified programme for both Unlimited and Advanced class results.

GAC FAI Trophies awarded:

- 2014 FAI World Air Rally Champions Unlimited Category – Julien CHERIOUX and David LE GENTIL – France
- 2014 FAI World Air Rally Team Champions Unlimited Category – Poland
- 2014 FAI World Air Rally Champions Advanced Category – Tomas VALA and Ondrej POKORNY – Czech Republic
- 2014 FAI World Air Rally Team Champions Advanced Category – Slovakia
- 2014 FAI World Air Rally Landing Championships – Javier Lopez GARCIA and Francisco RODRIGUEZ – Spain

Conclusions:

Sanction Fee and Protest Fees:

Amount of Sanction Fee was calculated by President of International Jury. According to decision of GAC FAI, the organisers paid EUR 40,- for every competitor (pilot, navigator). With reference to the fact, altogether 56 crews participated, it means duty for pay EUR 4.480,-. This amount was paid to the GAC FAI account during the Championships.

President of International Jury received amount EUR 300,- as the fees for denied protests. This amount will be handed to the FAI Secretariat during FAI General Conference 2014 in Pattaya (Thailand) and confirmation will be presented during GAC FAI Plenary Meeting 2014.

Deposit:

Event had been conducted correctly and according to the Rules, so the International Jury decided to return the Deposit to the Organisers.

Duties, arisen from Jury Hand Book:

- a) Jury Final Event report Form, signed by all the International Jury Members was given to Competition Director Mr. Jerzy WISNIEWSKI immediately after verification of the Championships as valid.
- b) Report of the President of Jury to the FAI Secretary General was sent together with enclosures and results to the FAI Secretariat immediately after the finish of the Championships.
- c) Report by Jury President to the Air Sport Commission was sent together with enclosures and results to Mr. Jean-Pierre DELMAS immediately after the finish of the Championships.

Recommendations:

Members of the International Jury of the event (in alphabetical order) Mr. Pedro CABANERO, Mr. Jiri DODAL and Mr. Vagn JENSEN are giving the next recommendation to the GAC FAI Plenary and Sub-commission for Air Rally:

1. Rules and regulations

Valid article B.14.4 e) is victimising of the better teams in Advanced Category, who can not receive the medals, if their team colleagues in Unlimited Category are holders of the medals. Proposal: To cancel the last sentence of the article B.14.4 e) – “Countries with Team Medals in Unlimited Category can't have Team Medals in Advanced Category“.

Finally:


Event was organised and prepared very well, all the staff was very friendly and helpful!! Championships was successful and I have to give my special thanks to International Jury Members, Mr. Pedro CABANERO from Spain and Mr. Vagn JENSEN from Denmark, who helped me very much as very experienced persons.

My special thanks are going to Mr. Paul SZAMEITAT from Austria, who served as the International Chief Judge.

My big thanks must go to Mr. Jerzy WISNIEWSKI – Competition Director, Mr. Andrzej OSOWSKI – Deputy Competition Director and Route Planner and all their enthusiastic staff!!!

Prague, 29th October 2014

Jiri DODAL
President of the International Jury



Attachements:

1. Problems, solved by International Jury before start of the 19th FAI World Rally Flying Championships 2014
2. Final decision

**PROBLEMS, SOLVED BY INTERNATIONAL JURY BEFORE START OF THE 19th FAI
WORLD RALLY FLYING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**

- 1) President of the International Jury received on 11th March 2014 question from Spain, regarding to amount of the Official Entry Fee of the Championships. During GAC FAI Meeting 2013 in Cordoba (Spain) was, after discussion, approved amount of EUR 700,- per each pilot and navigator in double room. Published Local Regulations contains amount of EUR 800,- and this Entry Fees were paid by all crews, participated in Toruń.

Jury recommendation:

This difference between approved and published Local Rules should be solved by GAC FAI Plenary 2014 in Lausanne.

- 2) President of the International Jury received through Team Manager of team Poland letter from Secretary General of Aero Club of Poland from 8th July 2014:

Dear President of the Jury, Mr Jiri Dodal
Dear International Chief Judge, Mr Paul Szameitat

Upcoming 19th WRFC in Toruń are getting closer but recently some doubts had appeared about the accuracy of the rules and regulations concerning the number of competitors. Due to the fact that we have added Advanced Class, it led to the misinterpretation of the number of entries allowed to take part in the above mentioned competition. According to LOCAL RULES approved in Cordoba (C.7.2) each participating country is allowed to send a maximum of 10 crews but according to FAI AIR RALLY FLYING RULES AND REGULATIONS the amount is different and additionally it is stated (A 6.7) that the host country shall not enter more entries than the maximum number entered by any other country. Unfortunately both regulations don't mention anything about Classes. This lack of suitable rules causes the problem with decisions regarding the number of competitors in particular classes qualifying for the upcoming competition.

Aero Club of Poland considers that in this case, when we are dealing with two classes without the support of appropriate rules, the solution should be following. Until the time in which the legislator will come up with the suitable rules, the crews should be entitled to take part in the event, in total amount regardless of the class. In practice the above mentioned theoretical sentence means that if there are entries from any country consisting of for example 4 crews in one class and 3 crews in the other, host country may enter 7 crews in any class.

At the end we would like to underline one more time that we are faced with the problem whether we should apply general rules or follow local rules, however both don't provide us with suitable solution. We would like to terminate unnecessary discussions at these last days before competition. In Poland we have many competitors not entitle to fly in Advanced Class and they won't have a chance to participate in the championships. The creation of the Advanced Class caused the problem that some of the best competitors can't participate in World Championships.

We are kindly asking you to give us suitable interpretation hoping that you will share point of view of Aero Club of Poland, stated above. We would like to remind you that Aero Club of Poland entered 7 crews in Unlimited Class and 2 in Advanced Class. Unfortunately the organizer has invented his own interpretation, inconsistent with the Aero Club of Poland point of view.

With best regards,


Bohdan Włostowski

Secretary General of Aero Club of Poland

After consultation with both Jury Members, President answered by E-mail from 10th July 2014 as follows:

Dear Bohdan
Dear Marian
Dear Paul

with reference to Bohdans letter (attached) I am sending you the official statement of International Jury.

Jury will not solve any problem between NAC (Aero Club of Poland) and Organisers (Aero Club Torun). Jury will accept approved maximum 10 crews, as stated in C.7.2 of Local Rules. If Organiser will use the Rules and Regulations, para A.6.1 and A.6.7 and will accept 8 or less (with respect to para A.6.6 or A.6.7) crews, jury will not accept any protest from NAC of Poland.

I am looking forward to meet you all in Torun.

Best regards

Jiri DODAL
President of 19th WRFC International Jury

International Jury during Pre Event Meeting with Event Director and Organisation Staff on 16th August 2014 afternoon checked the preparation of the Championships according to the "International Jury Members Hand Book". Members of the International Jury with reference to Check List (Appendix E), paragraph A.1 d) compared both COMPETITION RULES with FAI ADOPTED RULES. Both documents were not in compliance.

With reference to the fact, FAI ADOPTED RULES are superior document to COMPETITION (in this case LOCAL) RULES, Jury decided after discussion with Event Director and his Deputy as follows:

1. Permit 10 crews from Poland even if the paragraph A.6.7 of the FAI ADOPTED RULES admit (with reference to Official Entries from abroad) 7 crews only.
2. To prevent possible rightful protest from any Team Manager, will Jury President explain all the situation during General Briefing and will ask all Team Managers, if agree with proposal to permit 10 crews from Poland in the Event.
3. If any Team Manager will not agree with this proposal, team Poland will have 7 competition crews and other 3 crews can compete together with others, but out of official order only.

With respect, one Team Manager (Czech Republic) did not agree with 10 crews from Poland, Jury offered to Polish team, 3 crews can compete together with others, but out of official order only.

Immediately after the General Briefing on Sunday 17th August 2014 evening, International Jury and Mr. Marian WIECZOREK, Team Manager of Poland, debated long time about possibility to put three Polish crew to the Advanced class under FAI flag as the FAI crews. International Jury at the first moment argued, that it is not possible, if they are regular members of Aero Club of Poland, who can issue them the FAI Sporting Licences. But after reading of the relevant Chapter of the FAI Sporting Code – General Section and with respect to the fact, on Sunday evening nobody from FAI Headquarters (FAI Secretary General nor FAI Sports and Marketing Director) were not available for consultation, jury decided to put three Polish crews to the Start List of Advanced class under the FAI flag.

After next discussion between International Jury members, the final decision of International Jury was:

1. To allow three Polish crews to compete under FAI flag in Advanced category.
2. They could compete as an individual crews, not as a Team.
3. They are able to be published with penalties, but out of ranking.
4. They are not able to get medals, neither as a Team, or individuals.

Jury recommendation:

Any Local Regulations must be any time in conformity with valid Rules and regulations. Any GAC FAI S-C is responsible, that will submit to approval by GAC FAI Plenary conformed documents only.

FINAL DECISION

After e-mail discussion (7th to 10th OCT 2014) between Mr. Jiri DODAL, Mr. Pedro CABANERO, Mr. Markus HAGGENEY and Ms. Christine ROUSSON I decided to accept remarks and recommendations of Mr. HAGGENEY and Ms.ROUSSON:

1. Is not possible to take crews Rodney Blois – Alain Dambre, Jaroslaw Sysio – Marcin Skalik, Piotr Koper – Zofia Garwacka and Marek Masalski – Marcin Kwiatosz as the FAI crews.
2. The final result list of the Advanced Category will be corrected as follows

Rodney Blois – Alain Dambre	INT
H/C Jaroslaw Sysio – Marcin Skalik	POL
H/C Piotr Koper – Zofia Garwacka	POL
H/C Marek Masalski – Marcin Kwiatosz	POL

Jiri DODAL
President of International Jury

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Official results individuals – advanced category

				<u>Total</u>	
1	Vala Tomas – Pokorny Ondrej	CZE	C-152	OK-JHM	207
2	Kirchner Thomas – Kirachner Alexandra	GER	Z-42	D-EWON	216
3	Sosovicka Robert – Kasak Roman	SVK	C-152	OM-SVK	231
4	Rancak Michal – Drgova Tereza	CZE	Z-43	OK-FOH	329
5	Vittek Boris – Nevidzan Martin	SVK	C-172	OM-TNB	439
6	Deppe Robert – Moses Carla	GER	C-172	D-EHUZ	505
7	Lengal Iva – Cekan Juraj	CZE	C-152	OK-MDK	524
8	Blois Rodney - Dambre Alain	INT	C-172	G-ATKT	568
9	Fuchs Alexis – Lebas Julien	FRA	C-152	F-HFLY	593
10	Nebot Vincente – Nogueroles Pere Joan	ESP	P 92	EC-ZBA	623
11	Eckard Frank – Eckard Caroline	RSA	C-172	SP-GIT	710
12	Norevik Kurt – Stroemme Petter	NOR	C-172	SP-KIE	786
13	Cabejsek Martin – Rudolf Jiri	CZE	Z-43	OK-FOH	883
14	Grubek Arnold – Luchetta Herbert	GER	C-172	D-EEFY	920
15	Rabassa Yuri –Colombas Jaume	ESP	P 92	EC-ZBA	937
16	Kalugin Pavel – Bykov Sergey	RUS	C-172	SP-FKM	950
17	Schwebel Hans – Stirk Ronald	RSA	C-172	SP-GIT	1083
18	Garcia Lopez Javier – Rodriguez Francisco	ESP	C-150	SP-ICE	1279
19	Jazdauskas Dainius – Jazdauskiene Jurga	LTU	C-150	SP-ICE	1468
20	Manuel Pablo – Arino Jose Enrique	ESP	C-150	SP-KHL	1500
21	Erlikhman Aleksander – Lapshin Alexey	RUS	C-172	SP-FKM	1622
22	Gambaro Stefano – Giovannetti Roberto	ITA	C-150	SP-KIC	1772
23	Ahijado Fernando – Prieta Ignacio	ESP	A 22	EC-FL5	2407
24	Jonkers Robert Paul – Meyer Martin	RSA	C-172	SP-KIE	2436
25	Hansen Iver Mathisen – Hansen Karen Damhoj	DEN	P 28A	OY-TFK	3456
26	Solomou Andreas – Merhi Joseph	CYP	C-172	SP-FTC	3840
27	Meletiou Modestos – Limnatitis Christos	CYP	C-172	SP-TFC	4636
28	Bernardo Goucha dos Reis – Filipa Oliveira	POR	C-172	CS-APA	4824
29	Marco Serrano – Bruno Ribeiro	POR	C-150	CS-APA	5798
30	Andre Costa Seixas – Joao Francisco	POR	C-172	CS-AVA	6132
31	Ricardo das Fontes – Joao Antonio Pires	POR	C-150	CS-AVA	6925
	H/C Sysio Jaroslaw – Skalik Marcin	POL	C-152	SP-KCH	72
	H/C Koper Piotr – Garwacka Zofia	POL	3XTrim	SP-YUD	365
	H/C Masalski Marek – Kwiatosz Marcin	POL	C-152	SP-KCH	400