

CIVL 2015 Plenary

HG & PG Open Meeting Report

February 19

Chairpersons: Oyvind Ellefsen (Norway), Stéphane Malbos (France).

Present:

Agust Gudmundsson (CIVL President),
Hamish Barker (Australia),
Thomas Brandlehner (Austria),
Herbert Seiss (Austria),
Carlos Schmitz (Brasil),
Francisco Santos (Brasil),
Daniel Dimov (Bulgaria),
Han Zhaofang (China - Peoples Republic of),
Elsa Mai (Chinese Taipei)
Kamil Konecny (Czech Republic),
Niels J Askirk (Denmark),
Scott Torkelsen (Denmark),
Didier Mathurin (France),
Nicola Di Bernardo (France),
Goran Dimiskovski (FYR Macedonia),
Klaus Tanzler (Germany),
Emmanouil Andreadakis (Greece),
Wayyu Yudha (Indonesia),
Paolo Zammarchi (Italy),
Yoshiki Oka (Japan),
Violeta Masteikiene (Lithuania),
Koos de Keyzer (Netherlands),
Andy Jaxa-Rožen (Poland),
António Fernandes (Portugal),
Ugljesa Jondzic (Serbia),
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Igor Erzen (Slovenia),
Andres Kolar (Slovenia),
Martin Scheel (Switzerland),
Semilt Sayir (Turkey),
Adrian Thomas (UK),
Jamie Shelden (USA),
Dennis Pagen (USA).

The Open meeting discussed all points of its agenda. It was not felt necessary to take minutes and report all exchanges. Said exchanges stayed well organised and very civilized. The meeting lasted three hours. It was decided to organize the following day two non-programmed meetings on the future of paragliding competition and on task setting.

Welcome words from Agust Gudmundsson, CIVL President, for the first meeting of the 2015 Plenary.

Section 7 reorganisation

The Bureau proposal (annex 10abcd) was discussed.

One general section. Specific sections for aerobatic, accuracy and XC. HG and PG share the same specific section. The Bureau's intention is to unify HG and PG rules as much as possible (for ease, clarity and a lot less work to keep tidy).

The proposal stands as it is.

Internal regulations – Bureau powers

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-1) was discussed.

Confirm that the Bureau has executive powers in between plenaries, very much like what it did about CCC requirements this year. Plenaries have to approve Bureau's decisions.

The proposal stands as it is.

Internal regulations

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-2) was discussed.

Simple cleaning up of terms.

The proposal stands as it is.

CIVL Steward and Jury

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-3 and 4) was discussed.

Role of Jury adjusted to be in line with FAI philosophy. Organisers can refuse to pay for alcoholic drinks for steward and jurors. No more daily stipends for jurors.

The discussion drifted toward the Jury, Stewards and Meet Organisers responsibilities and to the pros and cons of the remote Jury system that we have been testing. Many feel that remote Jury does not work and that we must consider going back to all jurors on site.

The proposal stands as it is.

Practice event

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-5) was discussed.

Practice events are still mandatory except if the Bureau or the Plenary agrees that they are not necessary. Example: there has been no practice event for the coming 2015 Dubai WAG for Accuracy and Aerobatic.

The proposal stands as it is.

Change to Local Regulations

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-6) was discussed.

Additions to or modifications of LR during the comp is possible only with agreement of team leaders + jury's. (The steward can advice but cannot make executive decision.)

The proposal stands as it is.

Diplomas

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-7) was discussed.

We make sure that in championships were women get a World or Continental title, the first ten women get diplomas.

The proposal stands as it is.

Award for Hang Gliding and Paragliding

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-8) was discussed.

Change of term asked in FAI ByLaws: the "Hang Gliding Diploma" becomes the "Paragliding and Hang Gliding Diploma".

The proposal stands as it is.

WPRS Champions

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-9) was discussed.

Create a yearly ranking ending Sept 30th. No devaluation of points during the year.

The proposal stands as it is.

"Subcommittee" Rewording

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-10) was discussed.

Change of term asked in FAI Statutes: "Committee" i.s.o. "Subcommittee".

The proposal stands as it is.

Live tracking logs

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-11A) was discussed.

Live tracking data can be used to score competitions.

The proposal stands as it is.

Flight recording devices / GPS

The Bureau proposal (annex 11-11-B) was discussed.

From 01.05.2016 only flight recording devices capable of recording both GPS and barometric altitude in the tracklog will be allowed in Category 1 XC competitions for scoring. It must not be possible to modify the barometric altitude once tracklog recording has started.

Bureau amendment to its proposal :

Implementation from 01.05.2015. Guidelines will be published for the implementation of the requirements in Cat 1 competitions.

Tracklog interval and devices

Issue raised by Roldanillo PG World.

The PG-C is proposing to amend the Bureau proposal Annex 11–11B, already amended by the Bureau (see paragraphs above).

The PG-C proposal was discussed.

The PG-C amendment will stand like this (modification in bold):

From May 1, 2015:

- Only flight recording devices capable of recording both GPS and barometric altitude in the tracklog will be allowed in Category 1 XC competitions for scoring. It must not be possible to modify the barometric altitude once tracklog recording has started.

Guidelines will be published for the implementation of the requirements in Cat 1 competitions.

- **The maximum gap in track log must be set at 5 seconds.**

- **SD cards alone are not accepted, flight recording devices has to be brought to the scorer.**

- **Track files without signatures from devices not able to put signatures shall be downloaded directly from the GPS.**

WPRS "Euro-centricity"

The HG & PG-C proposals (Annex 18) was discussed.

Proposal 1

Td (Time Devaluation): increase the time constant of 1096 days (three years) after which the result is devalued to 0%.

Proposal 2

Devaluate the importance of Pn (Pilot Number). Get a fixed number above which comp is fully "valid" (& Pn for lower). $P_n = \text{MIN}(\text{square root}(\frac{\text{participants}}{\text{median participants in competitions last 12 months}}))$. Improve the formula used for Pn: use median instead of average and use $P_n_{\text{max}} = 1$

Proposal 3

Increase the importance of Pq (Pilot quality).

It was underlined that Proposal 3 is not complete.

Proposals 1 and 2 stand as they are.

Proposal 3 is withdrawn by the HG-C and PG-C.

Rest day policy

Discuss the HG & PG-C proposals (Annex 18) was discussed.

Basically we give more power to the meet director. He does anything he wants but permits no more than 7 days of flying in a row.

Conflicting exchanges on the power of Meet Director. It was also underlined that "rest day"

and “non-flying day” are not properly defined.

The proposal is withdrawn by the HG-C and PG-C.

Official practice period

The HG & PG-C proposals (Annex 18) was discussed.

The mandatory practice task is replaced by a couple of days with organisation well in place before the competition starts.

Conflicting exchanges on the legitimacy of the proposal. Also some issues are not addressed.

The proposal is withdrawn by the HG-C and PG-C.

French proposal on WPRS

The French proposals (Annex 31) was not discussed (!).

Scoring proposals

Late proposals were received from the Software WG chairman.

- In every task, the winner’s score is day validity times 1000. The winner of a “1000 points day” does indeed score 1000 points.

- Altitude measurement. Suggestions on introduction of QNH as altitude measurement basis.

- As an interim solution, all distance measurements in our competitions should remain based on the FAI sphere, and the 0.5% tolerance for turnpoint cylinders should stay in place.

The Software WG chairman’s proposals were discussed.

The committees recommend that the matters should be discussed further by the relevant committees before implementation.

Barometric vs. GPS altitude

Andrej Kolar from Naviter (SeeYou) gave a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions.

Paragliders Pilots Worldwide

Martin Scheel presented statistics on the number of pilots and competition pilots worldwide. *(See the Paragliders Pilots Worldwide document).*