

**CIVL 2014 Plenary
Paragliding Accuracy Open Meeting
February 20-21**

Present:

Dr. John Grubbstrom (FAI President), Agust Gudmundsson (CIVL President), Igor Erzen (Slovenia), Jamie Sheldon (CIVL Secretary), Elsa Mai (Chinese Taipei), Kamil Konecny (Czech Republic), Scott Torkelsen (Denmark), Wayyu Yudha (Indonesia), Yoshiki Oka (Japan), Igor Virshki (Kazakhstan), Violeta Masteikiene (Lithuania), Mohd Arif Ibrahim (Malaysia), Gimas Hussin (Malaysia Alternate), Han Zhaofang (Peoples Republic of China), Ugljesa Jondzic (Serbia).

Observers:

Abdul Mustopa, Arif Eko Wahyudi, Bima Putra, Bodhi Asoka Suprana, Hary Pria Utama, Koesnadi Bohon, Kian Kong Teh, Teong Kheng Tang, Poobalan S Krishnand, Lyudmila Shvagerus, Ekaterina Virshki, Tata T Sukmana, Aldamanda A Lubis, Cherry Bonaria

Chairperson: Violeta Masteikiene (Lithuania)

Agenda of the meeting can be found in Annex 20

1. Opening words by President of FAI – Dr John Grubbstrom

Dr John Grubbstrom welcomes all the delegates, alternate delegate and observers for attending the meeting.

2. Self introduction of the Chairperson – Ms Violeta Masteikine

Ms Violeta Masteikine welcomes all the members attending the meeting, introduction of her involvements for the past years in FAI/CIVL especially in Paragliding Accuracy, her past records as active official in many international events and her commitment for the next 2 years in promoting Paragliding Accuracy through FAI/CIVL to the world paragliding community.
Detailed report are added.

3. Review of the Agenda for the meeting

Reference are made to CIVL 2014 Plenary – Annex 20
Changes made and new proposed topics added.

4. Review of the competitions and events during year 2013:

Ugljesa Jondzic (Serbia)

Report from Bosnia and Herzegovina, World Championship. Consider championship as safe and successful competitions, not depending on changeable conditions.

Violeta Masteikiene (Meet Director) - World Games Cali

WG paragliding accuracy championship attracted 29 highest ranking pilots from 16 countries. The maximum number of 36 was not reach because of high travel costs or last minutes force major. 6 rounds (plus 2 - one practice round and one was drawn after 5th rounds) were flown during the competition. The weather conditions for flying were changeable, during all days, but all chances

to fly were used. The same time canopy piloting competitions was held, the operating time of both competitions was proposed by parachutist, the changes was not accepted and conditions for paragliding was not the best during all days. Early mornings with best conditions was used by canopy piloting. The work of the international organizers team was good, all of us were open for suggestions for improvements, and did all that possible things in short time. This was the second time in history of paragliding accuracy championships where pilots were pulled to the air using winches. There were one incident but no accidents. There were only 7 women pilots from 7 different countries, but with permission of bureau, women championship was held as well. Results were scored only in individual categories.

Violeta Masteikiene (Steward) - Asian PG Accuracy Test Event

The FAI Asian paragliding accuracy Test Event attracted 41 pilots from 8 countries. 10 of the pilots were female from 5 countries.

6 rounds were flown during the competition. The weather conditions for flying were changeable but mostly stable, during all competition days. The work of the organizing team was effective and they were open to suggestions for improvements. Next year it will be almost the same positions for officials. There were 3 incidents but no accidents. The results were scored in individual and team categories. Following the requirements of Section 7c, the new launch site and target area were prepared (with height difference more than 150 m.). It was tested by pilots before the start of the competitions. Safety committee was appointed from pilots and officials of different nations. The new launch and landing sites were considered suitable for experienced pilots but very much depended on weather conditions. So the old launch (Start Nr.1) was used. For next year's Cat 1 event, the steward recommends using the original launch (Start Nr.1) as it is safer for different levels of pilots and more suitable to use in changeable conditions. The new one (Start Nr.3) may be used as reserve. (S7c rule about minimum height difference for Cat 1 competitions needs to be reviewed. It currently specifies a height difference between launch and target of 150 m. In Malaysia, using the original launch (Start Nr.1) the difference is about 110 m.). LR already approved by CIVL. FAI 2nd Paragliding Accuracy Asia Championship in Ranau Sabah, Malaysia in 12-19 March 2014.

Violeta Masteikiene (Steward) – European Accuracy Test Event.

The European Paragliding Accuracy test event attracted 57 pilots from 14 countries. 8 of the pilots were female (from 6 countries). Test event of FAI European PGA championship was also PAWC round (both rules were used). Competition took 2 days, recommended improvements were made immediately with no delay, the work of the organizing team was effective and they were open to suggestions, so in general they are ready to organize Cat 1 event. But 2 days is a short period to make an impression about overall organization, and for the future it would be good to set the duration for a Test competition of at least 3 days.

3 (plus 1 training round) rounds were flown during the competition. The weather conditions for flying were changeable but mostly stable, during all days. There were no incidents or accidents. The results were scored in individual and team categories.

5. Bids review for 2016:

5th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship (Lithuania) and
3rd FAI Asian Paragliding Accuracy Championship (Kazakhstan).

Sub-committee supports both countries bids, and consider it as safe and suitable places and organization for Cat 1 competitions.

6. Discussions on proposed S7c Changes

Proposed and agreed changes

Change formulation to:

2.18.1 Radio

Voice radio transmitters are allowed for reasons of safety and communication between the organizer, team leaders and the pilots. Safety frequencies must be used for a safety reasons only.

Allowed radios frequencies shall be specified in the LR.

2.21.5 Definition of final approach

Proposed changes not accepted, to leave as it is in S7:

The competitor is deemed to have started a final approach when, having turned to face the target, the Event Judge considers that the competitor has made his final commitment to making an approach to the target and is not expecting to have to make any significant changes in direction. Any further maneuvers undertaken by the competitor from this position will not detract from above factor.

2.21.6.4 Safety reasons

Changes agreed:

The competitor changes his flight plans for safety reasons, and then does not attempt to land on the target.

2.21.6.6 Judges discretion

Proposed changes not accepted, to leave as it is in S7:

At the Judges discretion on the grounds of a technical problem or abnormal conditions. This may be a failure with equipment which is not a result of the pilot's poor pre-flight check, or massive sink such that a pilot is unable to reach the target or arrives with insufficient height to make a reasonable final approach. A re-launch may be authorized provided that the pilot does not attempt to fly at the target.

5.5.1 Location – guideline for hill launch setting

Changes agreed:

< ...The minimum height difference is to be 200m...> - **exclude this sentence at all.**

5.5.2 Location – guideline for tow/winch launch setting

<...The minimum recommended height 150m...> - **exclude this sentence at all.**

5.5.3 Measuring Device

Changes agreed:

The centre of the target must be an automatic measuring device with a dead centre disc of 2cm in diameter in a contrasting color. The automatic measuring device must be capable of measuring to a minimum distance of 15cm in increments of not more than 1cm. The device must be set on a solid base plate. It must be fixed and kept as flat as possible at the level of the measuring field. The same diameter of dead centre must be used throughout the whole competition.

A 2cm or 3cm DC can be used in any cat.2 competitions till 31.12.2015. Device and DC diameter will be specified in LR.

Proposed information to include to S7c :

Changes agreed:

Defending Champions

Current Champions, male and female (world and continental) shall be allowed a discretionary entry to defend their title if not selected for their national team by their NAC but they shall not score for their nation.

Comment: Every current Champion should be allowed to defend his/her title.

Official Interpretation by CIVL president on proposed discussion topic about pilots on continentals championships. Information will be send for organizers and active subcommittee members.

3.1. and 3.2. GS :

Pilots on Continentals Championships

In Continental Paragliding Championships, if any suitable spots remain available one month before the start of the competition, CIVL will accept entries from suitable pilots from other continents. Such pilots will have to fit the general qualification criteria of the meet and will be selected in their WPRS order. The pilots from the same continent need NAC approving to take part on competitions. Selection criteria and quotas will be specified in LR. Individual pilots from the same continent may be nominating as Continental champions.

The target & 5.5.3 :

Discussed but do not agree about changes:

Review wording to consider if a more precise definition of 'the target' is required, differentiating it from the 'measurement field'. The target is, essentially, the 2 or 3cm dot in the centre of the measurement field.

7. Ongoing questions

Proposition to use two targets, on competition. (Igor, Kazakhstan).

Discussed and decided to try use it in Cat 2 competitions, and then share the practical information.

Records and badges (Igor, Slo).

Discussed and agreed about PG Accuracy records (More S7D):

World Games Invitation Scheme

Background

We are delighted that Paragliding is one of the sports that competed in World Games. We expect to have this for the next World Games. However, the scheme of invitation for those who are able to join this game, is for athletes as an individual, not for country.

Proposal

Invitation should be based on country, not based on pilot as an individual. Therefore, we will have more countries, and country will choose the best pilot for joining the game. Quota is applied, based on the country ranking, not based on the athletes ranking.

Discussed and solution

Leave selection criteria based on ranking, but be open for arguments of NAC.

Albania and China for the next World Championship 2017

Subcommittee was informed about intentions.

Proposition extend the teams till 5 members plus 3.

Discussed but not accepted.