JURY DISCUSSION GROUP—SHORT REPORT TO PLENARY

The Extended Bureau Meeting (“EBM”) in Moscow 2020 agreed that the high cost of Juries (~€30,000 PA) should be examined. The EBM further requested that an informal, volunteer group, the Jury Discussion Group (“JDG”) be commissioned to examine the selection and structure of Juries to remedy other perceived issues. The Moscow Plenary was informed of this investigative and reporting group. In November 2020, the Extended Bureau accepted the solutions proposed by the JDG.

JURY DISCUSSION GROUP

The JDG together has over 131 years in all relevant roles, having attended in excess of 150 ISC Category 1 events. It comprised Aliya Ananina, Gail Bradley, (Group Leader), Patrice Girardin, Alberto M. Paracuellos and Gernot Rittenschober. It worked for the full year exchanging over 55 email trails and holding two ZOOM meetings. It recently has worked closely with the R&R Committee to propose rule changes in keeping with the agreed solutions now being reported to the Plenary.

WORK CONDUCTED

All FAI Air Sport Commissions were surveyed, four ISC First Vice-Presidents were surveyed, all IPC/ISC Jury notices back to 2007 collected (=108 decisions) and analysed, Sporting Codes of other ASCs studied, our own rules forensically examined, many email meetings, group Zoom meeting, one presentation to the discipline Committee Chairs and Bureau by Zoom and rule changes written in consultation with the Rules & Regulations Committee which submits the relevant rule changes in an Appendix to this Report.

SUMMARY

The Extended Bureau Meeting agreed that the majority of solutions, proposed by the JDG should proceed into ISC’s rules. The five agreed solutions are listed here. The following pages contain all detailed rule changes.

1. The third Juror will work remotely from their home country by internet, Zoom or other electronic tools for all competitions, unless agreed to be needed, in exceptional circumstances, to work on site at the competition. Saves ~€10,000 pa.

2. The FAI-Controller will become a Jury Member, but not the Jury President, when the competition is ready to begin. Conflicts of interest are managed as detailed in the proposed rule changes. Saves a further ~€10,000 pa.

3. The Jury therefore comprises a Jury President on site, the FAI-Controller/Jury Member on site, another Jury Member working remotely and a Reserve Jury Member if required. Extensive rule changes are proposed to address the perceived “what if” situations. See rules herein.

4. Competitors will be required to use a Complaint Procedure before making a Protest. This process should serve to solve many issues working with the relevant party and must occur before taking a problem to a formal Protest.

5. The existing Jury List will be supplemented by the addition of Jurors nominated by Committee Chairs. All Jury Members on the Jury List will obtain then renew their Jury applications and NAC approvals every three years from 2021.
OTHER KEY POINTS

- The Protest Fee is proposed to increase to €150 to update it.
- A ZOOM Jury Training Webinar is a project for future volunteers.
- Selection of all Officials ideally shall be done in consultation to create a good working environment of benefit to competitors.

Please feel free to ask questions of the Jury Discussion Group’s members.
Please add your support for this proposal.

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