Report of the committee: Parachuting for disabled

The Parachuting for Disabled committee was created in 2023 (Malmö)

The goals presented last year were:

- Identify the 2023 indoor competitions that will include a disabled event in their program.
- Evaluate the formulas proposed and the technical choices validated
- Formulate proposals to the ISC 2024 to
  - Integrate a Handi competition in the 1st Cat event program
  - Integrate one or more handi events into the current program
  - Let the Handi competitions be structured outside the ISC and negotiate a "Memorandum of Understanding".
- Work on the "handicap" classification file in conjunction with specialists and the medical profession, involving the FAI medical commission

The goals were exciting, but certainly beyond our capacity to work towards.

To be as honest as possible, the committee worked until July, trying to access its work on writing rules. It's a fact, clearly my responsibility, that in view of the scale of the work, and the impression that we've moved too fast (for which I take responsibility), the Handi dossier needs to be approached with more patience, for the following reasons: the rules already exist and operate under the responsibility of the Handifly system. Getting them to fit in with the ISC/FAI specifications is very complex and requires arrangements that take the project away from its initial direction. The most complex point remains "classification", with questions that are both structural and political:

- should we have "classification judges"
- are we ready to accept classification "judges" who are not FAI judges?
- what kind of classification appeal system should we set up at ISc/FAI level (like juries, for example)?

And many other questions........

We also need to face reality. In 2023, we have listed 4 competitions that follow the "Handifly Race" format, i.e. Indoor:

- Czech International Open in Prague Janvier 2023
- The French Championship at Aerokart Mars 2023
- French International Open in Tallard September 2023
- Italian International Open in Milan Octobre 2023

Twenty or so candidates on average, for 5 or 6 nations, and a total of some fifteen candidates taking part in all the competitions.
It has to be said that this is far from enough for the project to lead to a World Championship-type competition. By the way, to stay optimistic, we have the knowledge of project in other countries like Netherland.

Last year the committee wrote in his report:

*Nevertheless, among the investments made and which would no longer need to be made, there is all the work on CLASSIFICATION.*

It was a big mistake on my part! The classification system is constantly evolving and will only stabilize when many countries adopt it.

With the support of the FFP, a training course was scheduled in September during the international Handifly Race challenge in Tallard, and 2 German, 4 Italian and 2 French friends were able to take part. This enabled the Milan competition to free itself from the previous support of the FFP, but showed some few divergences, which will appear (quite naturally) with other Nacs in the adaptation of the classification system.

The model developed by the Handi fly race on the particular subject of classification is exportable but must also evolve with the contribution of many other organizers: a condition to be carried out well before the future competitions. This is still the goal of the FFP with countries interested in 2024: like Australia /UK/Slovaquia.

My thoughts are to postpone the cycle previously imagined, to 2025/2026, by working mainly on this matter.

Even if the time spent was too short, it was a pleasure to work with the other members of the committee who opened up with their means and their availability. Many thanks to you all.

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As foreseen by the ISC system, it will be time, before the next meeting in January, to build a new committee with the goodwill present within the Nacs.

My personal contribution to this project and this commission ends now. Time is running out for everyone, and it's time for me to leave the place of alternate to someone else. As well as member of this committee.

I wish a great success for the future.

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