

CIVL Safety & Training SSC
Minutes for SC Meeting, 19 February 2009, Hall in Tirol, Austria

Attendance: See attached list

Welcome/intro: ST. New issues have arisen since Agenda was written. Want to cover these and other issues, and review after SC meetings.

SafePro

Revision needed. Discuss and set Action plan.

Request that HG SC looks at this and reports back before next year.

ParaPro

Progress report following last year's Plenary recommendations. Revision needed.

Also action from ESTC Minutes (*contact S&T chair*).

This has been revised. New version is on the web.

Training

Discussion of key issues & plan of action. Review of actions/discussion from ESTC.

All subcommittees reminded they must review and comment on the revised Incident database form. Annex 28 in Agenda pack.

IPPI

Discussion of scope and need to validate standards.

Countries participating can update or enter their details on CIVL website by contacting ST.

Accident database

Progress report. Feedback to/from Subcommittees on Incident Report Form (*see Annex 28 in Agenda Pack*). Action plan

Delegates are requested to ensure competition organisers provide information on incidents to the SC using the revised Incident Report Form.

Accidents/incidents

Review of accidents & safety-related incidents from Jury & Steward reports & Team Leaders.

See discussion on Safety below.

Pitch stability

Review/cross reference to HG Pitch Stability WG report & proposals

To be reviewed after HG SC meeting.

Cat 1 competition bids

Review all bids for safety issues. Cross reference to relevant discipline SSC

To be reviewed after HG, PG & PG Accuracy SC meetings.

New Safety issues arising from World Championships, Mexico

Need to specify minimum standards for helmets and back protection for harnesses.

Will be discussed in PG SC meeting.

Gliders: Some discussion started with manufacturers and test bodies on testing standards for competition gliders.

New safety items from HG SC post Greifenberg (Dennis Pagen)

Pitch stability: has been ongoing for 3 years now. Once again a key point on HG SC Agenda.

General discussion on introducing regulation at Cat 1 events

Martin Scheel: Pilots like to have a certain level of risk & excitement. Need some regulation of development and some flexibility to ensure safety & enjoyment.

Klaus Tanzler: Old (pre-EN) Afnor 'competition' certification – could help.

CB: Some manufacturers talking about doing tests 'at trim speed' rather than accelerated, to provide some basic certification. Also report is available from Alan Zoller on improving line strength tests which he considers to be flawed.

MS: Once testing is specified, always problems in certification.

KT: Manufacturers can sign certification according to different standards

Raymond Caux & others: Self certification works in parachuting. What about mistaken or unscrupulous manufacturers? Liability issues?

ST: Helmets – there are standards. We should mandate them in the rules.

MS: EN966 We need a working group to look into this. To report back within 1 month in case not appropriate for competition pilots?

The rules currently state helmet must be worn. Next stage is to specify a 'certified' helmet.

XM: Some pilots wearing 'designer' helmets which are good for nothing. Some pilots designing and making their own – presumably uncertified helmets.

ST: Harnesses: issues to discuss in terms of thickness, back & sides, material, etc.

Same issue: must decide if we want to mandate a standard, then set up a WG to assess existing standards, talk to manufacturers, certification bodies etc.

Decision: Make a work group from participants of this SC and look into helmet and harness manufacturers and testing bodies like the DHV, and come with a proposal before the next plenary meeting suggesting a norm for both acceptable harness protection (thickness) as well as helmets used at Cat 1 competitions.

ST: Cloud flying?

FA: Setting altitude limits in accordance with predicted cloudbase. Issue of absolute measurement of altitude.

DP: Difficult to assess if pilots in cloud.

HM: Penalties too severe to apply, so it gets ignored and unreported. A sliding scale would make it more acceptable for pilots to report cloud flying.

ST/FA: But this sends wrong messages – it is against the FAI rules and air laws if flying by VFR.

MS: In reality, it would also severely restrict task setting, especially in the Alps.

HM: Only sure way is to have video camera on every glider.

KK: One pilot ran out of space on form when reporting cloud flying.

Give zero and pilots will stop doing it.

DP/CB: But difficult to prove. It will be protested and thrown out if cannot be proved categorically.

Didier Mathurin: Must work out how to prove it, before can talk

Goran – PWC: zero penalty not strong enough. Should exclude the pilot. Then they will stop cloud flying. Cameras on every pilot not practical/feasible. Have to rely on witnesses – motivate them!

JA: Comes back to proof. Penalty is less relevant. Irrespective of Section 7. Cloud flying is illegal.

MS: Reality is that pilots will sometimes be sucked into cloud. For top pilots, zero penalty is huge, similarly, not such a big penalty for lower ranking pilots (and he might be lucky if he gets away with it).

Rasmus Rohlf: surely if pilot is very near the cloud he is already breaking the rules?

ST: How can we move forward? We have to get pilots to start thinking differently.

Similarly Aggressive flying – how can this be addressed? Must be addressed with due diligence in SC meetings.

FA: In Mexico, pilots were still flying when helicopters were trying to get in to injured pilot. Another example of possible danger/safety issue.

MS: Mental pressure on pilots selected to score in the team – another safety issue.

ST: Closed meeting

**CIVL Safety & Training Subcommittee Attendance,
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Scott Torkelsen – Denmark Delegate – Safety & Training SC Chair
Louise Joselyn – UK – CIVL Secretary
Brian Harris – France – CIVL Comps Coordinator
Agust Gudmundsson – Iceland Delegate
Niels J Askirk – Denmark Alternate Delegate
Rasmus Rohlf – Denmark
Stein-Tore Erdal – Norway
Martin Scheel – Switzerland Delegate
Karolina Kociecka – Poland
Hakan Cici – Turkey Delegate
Adem Hasgul - Turkey
Xavier Murillo – France – PWC Secretary
Leonard Grigorescu – Romania Delegate
Harry Buntz – Germany Alternate Delegate
Murat Baygora – Turkey Alternate Delegate
Wayne Sayer – US – CIVL Treasurer
Klaus Tanzler – Germany Delegate
Raymond Caux – France
Thomas Senac – France – Environment WG chair
Vicki Cain – Australia
Jonny Durand – Australia
Stéphane Malbos – France Delegate
Didier Mathurin – France
Oyvind Ellefsen – Norway Alternate Delegate
Chris (Calvo) Burns – UK Alternate Delegate – PG SC Chair
Dennis Pagen – US Delegate – HG SC Chair
Koos de Keijzer – Netherlands Delegate
Yoshiki Oka – Japan Delegate
Raimund Kaiser – Austria Alternate Delegate
Rob in't Groen – Netherlands
Thomas Brandlehner – Austria Alternate Delegate
Heather Mull – Australia Delegate
Paula Sayer – UK – CIVL Comps Coordinator
John Aldridge – UK Delegate – Sporting Code SC Chair
Esa Alaraudansoki – Finland Delegate
Fernando Amaral – Portugal Delegate
Goran Dimistovski – FYR Macedonia Delegate – PWC chair
Elsa Mai – Chinese Taipei Delegate