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5th WPC ARTISTIC EVENTS, BOITUVA, BRAZIL, 2004 IPC CONTROLLER REPORT

According to SC-S5, para 4.1.1.(7) the 5th WPC artistic events was controlled by an IPC controller. The IPC controller need not control to the IPC, unless issues have arisen that require consideration or a decision by the IPC at its next Plenary Meeting.

History

The 5th WPC was granted to Brazil at the 2003 IPC meeting, location Campinas. At the 2004 IPC meeting the organiser (CBPq) asked for relocation of the event to Brasília. This was granted. I made a pre inspection visit to the site in June 2004. In the middle of August, a test event was held on site. The pre inspection and the test event proved satisfactory.

August 27th news reached me the organiser cancelled the event in Brasília due to unforeseen loss of financial and material government support. This was unacceptable to the IPC, after which an alternative location was proposed by Paulo Zanella (delegate to the IPC for Brasil). After signing of the Organisers Agreement (a modified 2003 version with the relevant deposit, agreed to be USD 5000) the IPC bureau decided to sanction the event in Boituva. All NAC's, competitors, judges, etc. were informed of the change and were advised to change travel plans.

The judges training course was proposed to be cancelled by the organiser due to lack of entries. The IPC Bureau agreed on this.

Event organisation & execution

I arrived September 9th in Boituva. Preparation was in progress, many teams were already training. Training took place at the DZ from the competition aircraft. The competition site was on the other side of the airfield. Judging and all staff was located in a new unfinished building. The APF had provided a PAL digital dubbing station. I reported to the Jury that the requirements for starting the competition were met, although some at minimum standards. The judging tapes were non digital, NTSC copies, through a transcoder, from the PAL digital dubbing station. This resulted in loss of quality, which gave rise to one protest.

The organiser interpreted the OA and SC-S5 as such that the official training jump was not to be paid by him. The Jury debated this and agreed on that part. The relevant paragraphs need clarification for the future as considerable cost is involved.

As IPC controller I reported to the Jury that the competition was finished according to the SC-S5 and the competition rules. With the positive report of the Chief Judge, the Jury declared the event finished and valid. Taking the very short preparation time of the event into account, things in general were better than expected.

I approve of the costs made by the Jury members attending the event. I have communicated as such to the IPC treasurer.

Notes & recommendations

- Training jumps (SC-S5, para 1.1.2 (2); competition rules AE, para 5.15.1; Organiser Agreement). In the past, organisers have paid for 1 official training jump. However, the Jury ruled that this jump is not to be considered a competition jump, according to the definition of a competition jump in SC-S5). This needs to be clarified to future organisers.
- SC-S5, para 4.1.4. When I left the competition site, the travel expenses of the Chief Judge had not been paid by the organiser yet. The CJ agreed to settle this issue later. I trust the organiser will meet this requirement.
- SC-S5, para 4.3.1. There is no reference to the quality or number of TV's (or monitors, or beamer, or else) for the judges. There must be in the future. This is up to the Judging Committee.
- SC-S5, para 4.3.2. Judges conference. This paragraph states a Judges conference can be a maximum of 3 days. However, there is no reference as to when the organiser should start

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paying exactly food/lodging/transport for the Judges. We assume it is maximum 3 nights, but it could also be 2 nights, depending on arrival time of Judge. There should be a more specific description, up to the Judges Committee.

- SC-S5, para 4.4.2. (4). States the National Anthem should be on audiocassette. This should be updated to CD. (or another digital standard)
- SC-S5, para 4.6.6. The number of Judges was 13, 1 was injured and the CJ of training did not need to travel as the Judges Training Course was cancelled. (as asked by organiser and agreed upon by IPC bureau)
- SC-S5, para 4.9.5. Preservation of documents. There is no reference to the time an official 1st Category Event website should remain online. There should be one, with a time limit.
- The established sanction fee for this event is USD 5400.
- I advise the IPC to make a decision on the return of the deposit of USD 5000 at the 2005 Plenary Meeting.