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After the plenary in Lisbon the IPC Bureau re-opened the bidding process for the 2nd World Cup in Canopy Piloting. The Bureau awarded the USPA the right to host the 2nd World Cup of Canopy Piloting 2004 in Lake Wales Oct. 29 – Nov. 03, 2004. The Hurricane Charley however hit the Florida Skydiving Center very hard on 13 August and the organizer had to ask the Bureau to postpone the event.

The Bureau gave the organizer and USPA the permission to postpone the event until 7-12 February 2005.

Committee activity in 2004

During the year the committee has been monitoring Canopy Piloting events in several places and gathered comments from organisers and competitors. The committee has actively been looking into future electronic scoring equipment to use in competitions and taken special interest in one set of equipment used in several competitions in Europe in 2004. This set will be used in Lake Wales. It will be tested and developed and may be used in the World Games in Duisburg in July 15th – 17th 2005.

Changes to the Competition Rules

The 2004 rules have been used in several events in 2004 and the committee will continue to refine and review them. Some changes have been proposed and will be discussed at the Open Meeting in Poland. The proposed changes include:

1. A number of revisions to clarify the Canopy Piloting Competition Rules and to reduce tautology.
2. Rewarding stand up landings in Accuracy
3. Narrowing the accuracy zones towards the penalty zones in Accuracy
4. Introduction of Canopy Piloting World Records.

Future events

The 2nd World Cup of Canopy Piloting will be held in Lake Wales in February 2005. The event will use the 2004 set of Canopy Piloting Competition Rules.

I want to thank the members and advisors in the Canopy Piloting Committee for their work and for being active during the year in developing the discipline.

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