

**Competitors Sub Committee (CSC) Minutes
2015 Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland**

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World Ranking List Keepers

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1. Roll call, accounting for absences

Present were: Andrew Baird, David Bareford, Thomas Fink, Paolo Oggioni, Gerald Sturzlinger, Maury Sullivan, Hiromori Soejima, and Uwe Schneider. Excused were Sabrina Handl, Tadas Gegevicus, and Sam Parks.

2. World Ranking List (WRL) update

a. WRL Listkeepers presented an update about the WRL.

- i. National Rankings are being entered but given the formula will not affect the placement of the top 100. Therefore updates can continue while the WAG selection process is still going.
- ii. Updates to the website are ongoing. Request from Hiromori to receive an archived pdf of 2014 results. Archives may be available on the website in future.

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- iii. According to the WRL formula, results from the World Air Games (WAG) should be included in the calculation. This was not done in 2009, because very few competitors were able to attend which would have unfairly changed the list. Because the number of competitors and number of countries are not yet known for the 2015 World Air Games, the CSC proposes to make a final decision about including the WAG results later this year, but before November 30th.
- 3. Review of any unresolved issues from Event Questionnaires, Evaluations and Jury Reports
 - a. No unresolved issues were identified, but jury reports were discussed as part of CSC survey discussion later in the agenda.
- 4. EDS: Invitation to chairman of EDS to speak to CSC regarding event issues
 - a. EDS Chair gave a report to the CSC indicating that the recommendations that CSC made to EDS in 2014 has been or are being implemented.
- 5. Rules / Scoring / Safety (Review any issues from 2014)
 - a. Evening Tasks – optional reduction in point value
 - i. Survey showed no action is necessary at this time. May need to re-evaluate at some future time.
 - b. Track Point or button-press for specific tasks – discussion
 - i. Survey shows that competitors believe that the ED should have the authority to decide if a particular task (perhaps based on location or weather conditions, for example) should be scored by logger button press, or by track point. This is already allowed under the rules so no action is necessary.
 - c. 2D/ 3D for PDG
 - i. Survey showed that pilots would like to be allowed to choose a goal in either the 2D scoring band or the 3D scoring band.
 - ii. Survey showed that to avoid unsafe conditions and big changes in results for small altitude differences, pilots feel that for 3D scoring, the calculation should be based on the vertical distance above the 2D scoring threshold, not the distance above the goal.
 - iii. Feedback from the Rules/AX-Working Group indicated that these rule can easily be adopted and both Mathijs de Bruin and Claude Weber have agreed to implement it in upcoming events.
 - d. Other
 - i. Team Championships: Proposed rules have been submitted to Rules/AX-WG, which will be reviewed during this year. Concept has been discussed over last three years and has been the subject of a CSC survey. CSC agrees to present motion to plenary to approve creation of a Team Championship (see motions)
- 6. 2014 World Hot Air Championships
 - a. World Championship – Brazil

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- i. Issues from this event discussed under item 7
 - b. Women's World Championship – Leszno
 - i. Issues from both this event discussed under item 7.
- 7. CSC pilot questionnaire results
 - a. CSC questionnaire results were reviewed at length. Resulting recommendations are listed under item 10
- 8. Competitor Issues for 2016 / Questionnaire topics
 - a. Resolved to produce a standardized survey for each World or Continental Championship to evaluate the event, and quality of competition. Survey results will be made available online.
 - b. We need to ask the Plenary's support to enlist the Event Director's help to distribute the survey to all the competitors and officials, directly (via email).
 - c. Survey Topics will be developed during the year. MdB suggests we get additional feedback from competitors about (a) the desired proportion of marker-drop tasks vs virtual tasks, and (b) competitors preference for a 'button-pushing' mark vs a 'best track point' mark.
 - d. Other 2015/2016 activities: Set up a CSC facebook page and develop a mailing list using an online service such as "mailchimp" to facilitate communication with competitors.
- 9. New business
 - a. Brazil No-Show decisions. Michael Suchy believes the no-show determination that was made in Brazil was unfair because there were exceptional circumstances and no competitors was excluded from competition by the pilots who did not show. The Jury commented that they applied the rules that exist regarding the no-show but were not in a position to comment on the fairness of the application of the no-show rule in this case.
- 10. Summary of CSC-Working Group recommendations
 - a. CSC asks that it be given the opportunity to comment on the selection of Event Director for World and Continental championships, early in the Sanction application process, and that any such recommendation be recorded as part of the sanction documentation. CSC further recommends that other subcommittees such as Officials, and EDS also consider providing similar recommendations as part of the sanction application process.
 - b. CSC ask to have cooperation of World and Continental Championship Event Directors to provide CSC with the email list for the event, or help distribute a standardized survey.
 - c. Recommendation to other Subcommittees and Working groups to consider expanding authority of Safety Officer to allow him to abort a flight independently if deemed imperative.

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- d. Recommendation to other Subcommittees and Working Groups, to create guidance information to make it clear that when making a decision to abort a flight, other factors such as air law weather minimums may be considered, not just safety.

11. Proposed Motions to the CIA Plenary Meeting

- a. Motion: To approve the creation of a Team Championship Category, in which teams are comprised of three members with no gender or age limitation.

12. CSC Members and Chairperson for 2015/2016

- Andrew Baird (USA)
- Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
- Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)
- Maury Sullivan (USA)
- Tadas Gegevicus (LTU)
- Hiromori Soejima (JPN)
- Sam Parks (USA)
- Sabrina Handl (GER)
- David Strasmann (GER)
- Sylvia Meinel (GER)
- Markus Kalousdian (BRA)
- Tom Miklousic (CRO)

Chairman: Andrew Baird

13. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 17:45 pm