

Paragliding Open Meeting Agenda Belgrade – February 20, 2015

Chairperson: Stéphane Malbos (France).

Present:

Agust Gudmundsson (CIVL President),
Hamish Barker (Australia),
Thomas Brandlehner (Austria),
Herbert Seiss (Austria),
Carlos Schmitz (Brasil),
Francisco Santos (Brasil),
Daniel Dimov (Bulgaria),
Han Zhaofang (China - Peoples Republic of),
Elsa Mai (Chinese Taipei)
Kamil Konecny (Czech Republic),
Niels J Askirk (Denmark),
Scott Torkelsen (Denmark),
Didier Mathurin (France),
Nicola Di Bernardo (France),
Goran Dimiskovski (FYR Macedonia),
Klaus Tanzler (Germany),
Emmanouil Andreadakis (Greece),
Wayyu Yudha (Indonesia),
Paolo Zammarchi (Italy),
Yoshiki Oka (Japan),
Violeta Masteikiene (Lithuania),
Koos de Keyzer (Netherlands),
Ovyind Ellefsen (Norway),
Andy Jaxa-Rožen (Poland),
António Fernandes (Portugal),
Ugljesa Jondzic (Serbia),
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Igor Erzen (Slovenia),
Andres Kolar (Slovenia),
Martin Scheel (Switzerland),
Semilt Sayir (Turkey),
Adrian Thomas (UK),
Jamie Shelden (USA),
Dennis

Pagen

(USA).

The Open meeting discussed all points of its agenda. It was not felt necessary to take minutes and report all exchanges. Said exchanges stayed well organised and very civilized. The meeting lasted three hours. It was decided to organize the following day two non-programmed meetings on the future of paragliding competition and on task setting.

Study of bids for the 2017 World championships.

Everyone was reminded that it is the delegates that make the decision, not the PG-C, not this Open meeting.

The PG-C has reviewed the bids extensively and asked complementary information which explain why some of the bids available on CIVL website document chapter are numbered as V2.

The PG-C think that all bids are basically sound and could provide safe, fair and satisfying championships. Strong opinions were expressed and preferences given, but the PG-C feels like it would be wrong to report on the PG-C individual exchanges and trust the Plenary to make the right choice.

Eligibility of pilots and exception to eligibility.

The PG-C proposals (Annex 17) was discussed.

World: top 500 or 40 pts.

Continents: top 500 (continent WPRS) or 20 pts.

Exception are possible.

Conflicting arguments were exchanged about eligibility criteria and safety, fairness, satisfaction, economical soundness of competitions.

Eligibility of pilots . No change.

Exception to eligibility. The PG-C wishes that to amend the proposal as follow:

Recommendation

Guidelines will define:

- **who is giving the exemption and on what bases,**
- **how and where the list of exempted pilots should be publish.**

Glider controls

(Issue raised by Roldanillo PG World)

Necessity to update risers material and measurement.

Necessity to forbid external aids for speed bar etc.

Current contract with Cortella ask for handbook and video on glider controls to be published.

.xls measurement files should be published.

A database of controls should be built.

D. Cortella, PG-C and Bureau should be trusted by the Plenary to act on the matter.

This discussion requires no specific proposal to the Plenary.

Airspace restriction and penalties

(Issue raised by Roldanillo PG World)

Some pilots do not like / understand the new rule penalizing them 20 m before they enter the restricted zone.

This issue will be addressed this year when we define common rules with the Hang-Gliding Committee (HG-C).

The steward and meet director will make sure that in this summer Macedonian PG Euro practice event, the rule and restrictions are well known; the height / boundary at which penalties begin will be prominently displayed on the task board as well as the one in the airspace file.

This discussion requires no specific proposal to the Plenary.

Adjustments of CCC requirements for years 2015 and 2016.

The mandatory weight range is kept as it is for 2016: 100kg-125kg. The 90-125 implementation in 2016 is disregarded.

It is underlined that a larger weight range should be a fundamental aspect of CCC requirements for the 2017-2018 period.

Additional Proposal to the Plenary:

Erase Note 2 of CCC requirements document Point 6.

Allow cleaning up of CCC requirements document.

Allow new definition of riser limiters and their controls.

Fixed Total Validity (FTV)

(Issue raised by Kopaonik Euro and Roldanillo World)

Most of PG-C want to keep it but agree that it is difficult to read for pilots and outsiders alike.

Most of the Open meeting participants agrees that FTV as it is the better solution (or the less bad), even if it is not perfect.

Most of the Open meeting participants agrees that FTV should apply without specific rule to a task where a pilot has been penalized (FTV applies to the penalized task).

This discussion requires no specific proposal to the Plenary.

Task setting

It is agreed that it is an essential part for having a safe, fair and satisfying competition. It is suggested that task setting guidelines be suggested, or that a handbook be written on the matter.

Not discussed for long. An extra meeting on this matter was programmed for the following day.

Speed riding competition and records

The Bureau was requested to give its advice on the matter. Its answer was that CIVL would take care of it internationally if before, nationally, there was implementation of a significant number of competitions and records

Long term evolution of competition and scoring rules

Real Leading points, multiple start gates, mandatory camera... Not discussed for long. An extra meeting on these matters was programmed for the following day.