

CIVL PLENARY 2011 – LAUSANNE

Report of the Aerobatics Subcommittee Meeting

Friday, 25th February 2011
Co-chairs: Iris Vogt, Dennis Pagen

1. PG Aerobatics Annex to Section 7b: Rule Change Proposals

Please see additional file “PGAerobaticsRulechanges2011.doc”

2. Judging Training:

a. Report on training & expenditure 2010

- 11 trainees in 2010 from 6 countries
- 3 from the USA, 8 from Europe (AUT, ESP, FRA, GER, NOR)
- 5 trainings took place during the season 2010 with 4 different trainers
- little problem with the selection of the trainees and the communication

Date	Competition	Place	Trainees	Expenses
15. – 18. July	Acrobatixx	Zell am See, AUT	3	2.892,00 €
06. – 08. August	Spanish Championship	La pobla del segur, ESP	2	0,00 €
14. – 16. August	Swiss Championship	Lugano, SUI	1	1.397,00 €
25. – 29. August	Acro Austria	Annenheim, AUT	2	0,00 €
11. – 14. September	French Championship	Savine le Lac, FRA	3	0,00 €
Total				4.547,00 €

b. **Budget request** for Judging Training in 2011 (50/50% funded by CIVL/ARISF): 6.000 €

Please see Annex 1 below: “Aerobatic Funding Request”

3. Report on progress in the discipline

General overview:

Most active countries are Austria, France, Italy, Norway, Spain and Switzerland.

Most active pilots are from:

- France: 33 pilots
- Norway: 28 pilots
- Spain: 22 pilots
- Austria & Switzerland: 17 pilots

Additional facts for the season 2010:

2010 217 pilots (total) took part in competitions
 182 pilots are listed from 28 countries in the WPRS ranking
 12 women are listed from 7 countries in the WPRS ranking
 80% Solo competitions, 20% Synchro competitions
 3 APWC competitions

Reasons why so few acro pilots are listed in the WPRS:

- At the APWC competitions is a limit of max. 40 pilots
 - Only the best are selected to take part
 - No local FAI CAT 2 events
 - Solo competition format is not very attractive for the public
 - Pilots are separated into 2 groups: Freestyle & Technical Competition Pilots
- Flying Acro is not legalised in some countries and it is not wished to talk about

Plans for this year:

2011 FAI CAT 2 APWC: Acrobatixx/Austria, Acro Austria/Austria
 FAI CAT 2: Acro Jam/Austria, Norwegian Cup/Norway (5 dates), Swiss
 Championship/Switzerland
 Shows: Sky Water Show/Switzerland, FreestyleAir/Switzerland,
 Sonchaux Acro Show/Switzerland, Robair Cold Water
 Show/Switzerland
 Planned FAI CAT 2 APWC: Acro Turkey/Turkey, Acro Albania/Albania,
 Acro Latino/Ecuador
 Planned FAI CAT 2: French Championship, Spanish Championship

Future Prospects:

- implementation of a new and more attractive Acro competition style for solo
- a consistent APWC circle of 5 events
- more local FAI CAT 2 events with national character (national championships)
- a FAI CAT 1 World Championship in 2014
 - participation at the next World Air Games

4. Report about accidents in aerobatic paragliding events from 2000 to 2010

Accidents that happen are 95% at the landing on or close to the raft. The „normal“ injuries are abrasions and bruises. The only case of an accident where a pilot came to death during a competition or event was in 2003 in Italy.

5. Legalisation of flying Acro

6. Web site development: Revision of CIVL Aerobatics web pages & synchronisation/ links with acroworldcup website information

- New website: www.acroparaglidingevents.com
- Facebook Site: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=120757714620928
- We will set up the CIVL page with new content

7. **Request:** Building a software & scoring system to display results immediately (like iceskating): Within CIVL Software WG or separately? How to fund it?

We will make a request for next year via the SW WG.

8. Discussion: Ideas on how to reduce costs to stage FAI CAT 1 events

- The work of the judges, the steward and the jury was displayed → there are some tasks for each that are almost the same

9. Sonchoux Acro Show Presentation

- A working group will be implemented to work on this topic for 2011
- No FAI CAT 2 event for 2011

10. World Records

- A working group will be implemented
- We will consult with the Records & Badges Subcommittee
- **Proposal:** Request Plenary to empower the Bureau to enable Records to be awarded in 2011, providing documentation is prepared.#

Annex 1

AEROBATIC FUNDING REQUEST for 2011

The CIVL aerobatic subcommittee requests the following funds for the development of the sports of paragliding and hang gliding aerobatics.

JUDGE TRAINING

The primary need of this request is to train judges. The money should cover the costs incurred by trainees for lodging and travelling.

The training of the judge trainees will be held at the FAI CAT 2 events in Austria in Zell am See at the Acrobatixx and in Kärnten at the Acro Austria.

The training seminars will be held at the competitions running through the season. And the trainees can train their skills there. To become a qualified judge a trainee has to attend minimum 3 competitions and learn from the judges. After that the senior judges have to qualify the trainee. The trainee can join any FAI CAT 2 competition in this season. He has to contact Iris Vogt to confirm the travel costs and lodging expenses.

The costs will be shared equally among the judge trainees who apply.

We request to share the costs in 2500€ for travelling and 1500€ for food and lodging.

Total of 4000€ for trainees training in Europe

In addition we ask:

To send a senior judge to spend time in the US to train new aerobatics judges attending the pilot training and competition that is planned for early June near Salt Lake City, Utah. At this event will be experienced aerobatic pilots, and pilots just learning to fly aerobatics, both in hang gliders and paragliders. The method of launch will be by towing over a lake. The plan is to hold judge training at the same time with evening review of films of the routines. Teaching potential judges without an experienced judge's input is nearly impossible. Therefore, we request a total of 2000€ to send a senior judge from Europe to the USA to oversee training. The breakdown of the funds is as follows:

Travel expenses	1,200 Euros.
Food and Lodging, 6 days	600 Euros.
Training materials & sundries	200 Euros.
Total for US training	2000 Euros

Total budget request from CIVL for 2011 = 6000€ of which 1050€ minimum will be covered by ARISF grant

Attendance List Aerobatics

Vogt	Iris	Austria	IV
Torkelsen	Scott	Denmark	ST
Caux	Raymond	France	RC
Ovuka	Zeljko	Serbia	ZO
Cattaneo	Claudio	Switzerland	CC
Pagen	Dennis	USA	DP
Berruex	Giles	Switzerland	GB