

Competitors Sub Committee (CSC) Agenda 2013 meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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- David Bareford (UK)
- Thomas Fink (GER)
- Sabrina Handl (GER)
- Paolo Oggioni (ITA)
- Gerald Sturzlinger (AUT)
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World Ranking List Keepers

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1. Roll call, accounting for absences

Present were Andrew Baird, Paolo Oggioni, Maury Sullivan

Observers were:

<i>Mathijs De Bruijn</i>	<i>(NDL)</i>	<i>Rudy Paenen</i>	<i>(BEL)</i>
<i>Lindsay Muir</i>	<i>(UK)</i>	<i>Zyduinas Kazlauskas</i>	<i>(LTU)</i>
<i>Tadas Gegevcicius</i>	<i>(LTU)</i>	<i>David Levin</i>	<i>(USA)</i>
<i>Mark Sullivan</i>	<i>(USA)</i>	<i>Claude Weber</i>	<i>(LUX)</i>
<i>Michael Suchy</i>	<i>(CZR)</i>	<i>Anna Nociarova</i>	<i>(SLO)</i>
<i>Yasuhiko Katsuki</i>	<i>(JPN)</i>	<i>Sabu Ichiyoshi</i>	<i>(JPN)</i>
<i>Hiromori Soejima</i>	<i>(JPN)</i>		

2. Review of Event Questionnaires, Evaluations and Jury Reports

Reports have been reviewed during the year. No reports needed discussion at the meeting.

3. Invitation to chairman of EDS to speak with the CSC committee members about EDS issues

Paolo Oggioni addressed the committee to discuss current developments. Of particular note was the motion that will be presented to the Plenary this year eliminating the requirement for organizers to present bid with Observers.

It was discussed that the motion that was approved in 2009 requiring bids with Observers provided no incentive to provide a 'realistic' bid that it was in fact a moot point, and no debate was necessary.

Concerns were raised about bid packages that offer incentives to one country/region/or bloc of countries for example. This was identified as a concern, but work needs to be done to determine specific recommendations regarding this issue.

The timing of bid details in relation to bid voting was discussed. In general, it is desirable to make sure that Delegates know bid details in advance of the Plenary to allow time to consult with their Federations prior to voting.

4. 2014 World Hot Air Championship – discussion of competitor issues (given short time-frame)

Any concerns regarding the 2014 Worlds will have to be addressed after a decision is made regarding the location/sanction status

5. World Ranking List

Uwe presented an update regarding the current World Ranking List. A discussion was held about formalizing the update cycle of the list.

It was agreed that the list would be updated annually in April, which should allow delegates to provide their national ranking lists at the beginning of the year, and to identify any missing data during the Plenary.

Further it was agreed that in years where a World Championship or World Air Games is held, the ranking list will be updated shortly after the event – (typically within one month).

6. CSC pilot questionnaire results. General discussion

Results of the CSC questionnaire were reviewed. 200 people participated in the survey. The results will be available on line in the next 10 days, and a link will be provided to the Delegates.

7. Discussion of Proposals from JC Weber

a. *Proposal do reconsider and redefine FAI CAT2 events in aerostation*

This will be an active discussion during the next 12 months

b. *Proposal for the introduction of a mandatory CIA RANKING LIST*

In conjunction with other committees it is suggested that the AX world ranking list be used for the selection of pilots for anti-doping regulations. The CSC, suggests the following approach.

A pool of 100 pilots be selected using the top competitors in the AX world ranking list, the BX World ranking list and the Gordon Bennett competitors, for AA. The number from each should be in proportion to the total number of competitors in each list. For example, it may be 96 from AX, 2 from AA and 2 from BX, giving a total of 100. From this pool of the top 100 pilots, 2 will then be randomly selected. With such a random selection no attempt should be made to ensure that any specific category (AX, BX, or AA) is specifically represented.

c. *Proposal to make mandatory World-, Continental- and WAG Championship Test Events an integral part of the Championship sanction*

This is an active discussion item for the next 12 months. In general it is seen as positive to require a test event. However there was some debate about (a) whether or not it must be a CAT1 event, and (b) what criteria should be developed for allowing a championship to be approved without a test-event.

8. Logger and/or Observer updates

a. *Discussion of Possible Mandatory Logger Requirements*

Concerns were raised about the possibility of an approved-logger list that contains only one type of device. It was felt that there are at least a few devices that are of suitable

quality and reliability for world-class events, and that it would be better to delay approval of a list until it contains multiple devices.

In general the CSC supports the idea that such a list is beneficial to competition to prevent the use of unsuitable devices. However the CSC believes it is counter-productive to limit the list to one device at this time.

9. Standardized Questionnaire – review

It was suggested that this activity be coordinated with the Jury Committee. This will be done moving forward.

10. Review of tasks and scoring / measuring issues

No significant issues were identified

11. Competitor Issues for 2014 / Questionnaire topics

Committee members will develop the list of questions during the 2013. The 2013 survey did not reveal serious issues that need to be explored further in 2014. However some issues, such as safety, will likely be a part of the survey annually.

12. New business

a. Team Events

Two styles of team events have been discussed in other committees the CSC supports both these concepts. As stated in previous minutes, the CSC fully supports the development of team competition which will lead to better communication between competitors, better mentoring of new pilots and new/exciting possibilities for competition.

13. Summary of CSC-Working Group recommendations

- a. Recommend that complete sanction application bid details be made available well in advance of the plenary and that significant changes less than 48 hours prior to the meeting be discouraged. This is to allow sufficient time for delegates to discuss the bids with their competitors or federations.
- b. For compliance with anti-doping regulations, the pool of pilots should be created from the top competitors in the AX World Ranking List, BX Worlds Ranking list and Gordon Bennett competitors. The number from each list should be determined by the relative size of each list, but ensuring that each category (AX, BX, AA) is represented.

14. 2013/2014 CSC and WG Members, CSC Chairperson

All members of the committee have agreed to stay on. In addition we are adding two new members to provide better global feedback

15. Proposed Motions to the CIA Plenary Meeting

None

16. Members and Chairperson for 2013/2014

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17. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 17:40