

CIVL Bureau Minutes

Pléguien, France, 19-21 November 1999

1. Present:

Olivier Burghelle (OB, President), Riikka Vilkkuna (RV, Vice President), Dennis Pagen (DP, Vice President), Noel Whittall (NW, Secretary), Sarah Fenwick (SF, Public Relations).
Michael Zupanc (MZ, Vice President)

Apologies: Howard Travers (HT, Vice President), Jim Bowyer (JB, Treasurer)

2. Review of 1999 Competitions

World Paragliding, Bramberg, Austria

See Jury President's report (Thomas Maechtel). The following points arise:

- How many tasks for a Championship?

Bureau suggests that rules be revised to permit Championship title to be awarded after one valid task (4 at present). To qualify, the task would have to score at least a day quality of 0.2 according to the GAP formula.

- Serial Class

Bureau wishes to promote Serial Class paragliders. Proposes that for future Cat 1 PG events there should be Championship titles in both Open and Serial Classes. At present, a Serial glider is a catalogued model on sale to the general public, which complies with AFNOR 'Performance' rating or DHV '2-3'. It must be unmodified.

The following proposal will allow both classes to compete, while leaving flexibility for countries to choose the make-up of their teams within practical overall size:

- In the table below the first figure shows the overall number of competitors that are permitted to participate from each country. The figures in brackets show how the entry must be shared between the sexes. e.g. Where the permitted national team size is 7, no more than 5 can be from one sex. The figures in the second column are the number of pilots whose scores are counted towards the team score each day, in each class. There are separate team awards for Open and Serial classes.

At Championships, countries may enter competitors as follows:

Overall permitted national entry (total of both classes), divided between sexes as shown.	Numbers scoring each task
3 (2+1)	1 from each class
4 (2+2)	2 " "
5 (3+2)	2 " "
6 (4+2)	2 " "
7 (5+2)	2 " "
8 (6+2)	3 " "
9 (7+2)	3 " "
10 (8+2)	4 " "

The Female Championship will be awarded for each class, provided that the entry comprises a minimum of eight pilots from four countries.

- Safety

Proposed changes to ensure safer conduct of Championships were discussed. These will affect Section 7 as follows:

5.6.3

Safety group: renamed as 'Task Advisory Committee (TAC)'. This shall be a small committee which will include at least one elected pilot and an FAI Steward. Task setting and selection remains the ultimate responsibility of the Meet Director, but a task will not be flown without prior reference to the TAC.

Note to Zupy: Please include this in your list of proposed rule changes.

5.19.7 Amend fourth sentence to read: 'If launching is suspended for short periods, the Director need not cancel the task.'. Previously it read 'If flying is suspended...'

Bureau are concerned that meet directors and others may not always take their responsibility for safe conduct of tasks sufficiently seriously. This will be an item at the 2000 Plenary Meeting, and will be covered in more depth at the training session to be held directly after the meeting.

For example, the attention of Jury Presidents is drawn to item 4.3.2.4 of the General Section of the Sporting Code. This empowers them to halt an event at any time to allow full Jury discussion. Section 7 (5.8.2) is to be amended to clarify the responsibility of Stewards to keep the Jury President informed of infringements or lack of application of the rules.

- Overcrowding

Bureau are concerned about the large concentrations of aircraft (particularly paragliders) in recent Championships. These must be reduced and Organisers are free to run the tasks in such a way as to keep numbers reasonable. A new item for Section 7 is proposed: 5.6.7

'The competition organisers must avoid dangerous overcrowding in the air

As a guide, tasks shall not be organised in a way that groups of 100 pilots or more would be together in the air. The details shall be covered in the Local Regulations. If the competition organiser wishes to exceed this limit, he/she must substantiate the reasons why this will be safe to the CIVL plenary.'

Pilot qualifications

Until 31/12/2000, pilots will be admitted to Championships only if they have previously placed in the top 2/3 at a Category 1 or Category 2 event.

From 1/1/2001 the requirement will be to have competed in a Category 1 event or have placed in the top 2/3 of pilots in a category 2 event.

CIVL will accept qualification in classes other than those the pilot wishes to enter. Exceptions will be permitted for Women's Hang Gliding, for which the previous cross-country flight requirements will continue to be accepted.

Where there is any doubt about whether a pilot qualifies, CIVL will decide according to the recommendations of the staff operating the Ranking System (currently Sarah Fenwick). **Note**

to Sarah: Please devise a procedure for approval by Plenary, for circulation with the Agenda)

- Dangerous flying

Bureau unanimously endorsed the Jury recommendation that José Henrique Herrera (Mexico) be excluded from FAI competition because of his dangerous flying at Bramberg. He will not be permitted to re-apply for a competition license until 1/1/2002. OB will contact the President of the Mexican Aero Club to ensure this.

World Hang Gliding, Classes 1 & 2, Monte Cucco, Italy

Dennis Pagen reported. Flying was good. The only significant problems arose through translation difficulties.

The Stewards' report, prepared jointly by DP and Flip Koetsier, is attached.

2 Review of Pre-World Championship Events

European Hang Gliding, Classes 1 & 2, Innsbruck, Austria

A comprehensive Steward's report of the Pre-event was received from Heather Strieck-Mull. Items to resolve concern the scoring of guest pilots and the extent of insurance cover for helicopter rescue, etc. The Local regulations should indicate the minimum duration for launch windows to be open.

Accuracy landing, England

Riikka Vilkkuna reported that the pre event had been conducted satisfactorily. FAI is concerned that we do not accept competitors in the Championship who have competition licenses issued only for parachuting.

Bureau comments that CIVL philosophy is to develop accurate landing as a part of gliding sport. We will actively encourage rule changes to do this.

Pan American Hang Gliding Championships 2000, USA

DP had a number of questions from G W Meadows, all of which were resolved.

Speed Gliding, 2000 Mt Olympus, Greece

Prize-money from the 1998 event in Greece remains unpaid. This is not the fault of the current organisers of the 2000 Championships. However the sanction fee for 1999 is also still outstanding, which is their responsibility. There is still some hope of recovering the 1998 cash via the Greek National Sports Association.

DP reported that there is good local support for the event. The courses are fine and the local regulations will be available for approval at the Plenary meeting.

Female World Championships, 2000, Greece

These are to go ahead in spite of the lack of entries for the Pre event. The sanction fee is to be negotiated according to the entry size.

3. World Air Games 2001

OB reported that the HG sites were not as good as Monte Cucco, but would be satisfactory provided that promised work was done at the western launch site at Algodonales. There are possibilities for good tasks. Sea breeze can be a problem, but it is recognised and can be avoided by careful task-setting.

Speed Gliding will take place during the XC practice days and on day of opening ceremony.

Paragliding will be at Granada. The site has been used for two satisfactory PWC events. The PWC in 2000 will serve as the Test Competition for the WAG.

There are problems with availability of maps for the Spanish sites, but OB is confident these can be overcome.

4. Jury and Steward appointments

The following provisional appointments were made:

Event	Steward	Jury Pres	Jury 2	Jury 3
Female HG Worlds	Heather Streik-Mull	NW	tba	tba
Speed Gliding	Murray Rose	John Aldridge	tba	tba
World Accuracy	Riikka Vilkuna	Pia	Slovenia 1	tba
Euro HG, Austria	Heather Streik-Mull	Thos Maechtel	Riikka Vilkuna	tba
Euro PG, Germany	Zlato Vanic	NW	Declan Doyle	tba
Pan-Am HG	Sara Fenwick			

Please note that the persons named have not necessarily agreed at the time of writing.

5. Championships to be awarded at Plenary meeting

2002:

European HG
European PG
Pan-American HG
Pan-American PG
PG Accuracy

It is considered desirable to run the PG Accuracy in odd-dated years. This would mean the next event in 2001 or 2003. OB to check preference with Slovenia.

Bidders at Plenary are requested not to occupy the meeting's time with 'tourist-style' video presentations.

Declaration of interest

World PG 2003 France (Chamonix)

6. Local regulations

Final approval of local regulations for these events will be given at Plenary, 2000. Organisers are advised to circulate them to the relevant personnel well before the meeting:

European PG

European HG

Women's World HG

Speed Gliding

Accuracy PG

7. CIVL Finances

The Treasurer reported that the income and expenditure almost balance after the contribution to the WAG joint venture project is extracted. The accounts were accepted.

A paper from Joint Venture 2000 has been received. This indicates that organisers should contribute substantial sums to the production costs of TV programs about their events. Without guaranteed revenue from distribution contracts, this seems unrealistic. OB will contact Srecko Medven requesting details of TV distribution contracts which the Joint venture has achieved so that we can begin to assess the financial outcome.

Bureau considered the possibility of payment for officials (Steward and Jury) at Championships because of difficulty in ensuring representation of a high standard and the hardship it imposes on the volunteers. This is considered desirable but would be too much of a drain on the reserves at present.

8. Matters affecting Section 7

The following topics affecting Sporting Rules were discussed. MZ will circulate detailed proposed revisions for approval at Plenary.

1. Interim definitions for Serial Class PG, pending harmonization of test standards
2. Checking requirement for HG safety. See DP's paper.
3. Use of GPS for flight verification in Championships.
4. Use of GPS for flight verification in records
5. Adoption of principle of scoring distance achieved by aerial 'best point' on GPS track.
6. Class definitions. A technical group to be set up. proposed personnel are: Dennis Pagen, Michael Zupanc, Miroslav Rodsewicz (Poland) and Noel Whittall. No immediate changes to Class Definitions are proposed, but pilots or manufacturers of 'marginal' aircraft will be required to demonstrate or otherwise provide clear evidence of eligibility. This will be at the expense of the applicant.

MZ will provide detailed proposed revisions for circulation with the Agenda.

9. Guidelines for Organisers

The Guidelines will be updated as follows:

1. Add chapter on 'Budget'. (OB)
2. Add chapter on 'GPS for flight verification' (MZ)
3. Add chapter on 'Opening and Closing Ceremonies' (NW)
4. Update according to 1999 Stewards reports (OB)
5. Add chapter on 'Public relations' (SF)

10. CIVL Internal Rules

Delegates to Plenary are reminded that decisions cannot be taken at Plenary unless the relevant item appears on the agenda.

11. Organiser Agreement

Agreements for 2000 events must be signed at or before the Plenary meeting.

12. Future of WHGS

The World Hang Gliding Series has failed to meet CIVL's expectations.

Bureau receives little information and the Website is not current. We are unclear as to who its members are. Unfortunately, as HT was unable to join the meeting, no accounts were available to Bureau. CIVL has received some sanction fees in connection with WHGS events. DP explained: he is President and Murray Rose (MR) Vice President. Howard Travers is Treasurer. DP has no influence on budget etc.

OB stated that although the original contract had been for 10 years, it has been breached in so many respects that it is now void. A new one will only be considered if much closer liaison is possible. It is appreciated that HT needs more time to devote to the Treasurer's job, and so Jim Bowyer has agreed to take over. A meeting is to be arranged between MR, OB and JB to try and resolve the future. Whatever happens, it will be necessary to have separate contracts between WHGS and Airsports Associates (MR's company).

13. Third-party insurance

Enquiries for world-wide cover continue to arise. It is a very complex problem because of the different cover required in different places. RV will provide more information from Finland and enquiries are also under way via the FAI insurers.

14. Agenda for 2000 CIVL Meeting, Sitges, nr Barcelona, Spain

Items for the agenda must be notified to CIVL Secretary by 7 December 1999

Timetable and Provisional Agenda

Thursday Feb 24: 1400 hrs: Bureau

Friday Feb 25: Plenary opening. Plenary and Working Group activity until

Sunday Feb 27. 1200hrs, Plenary close.

Sunday: 1400-1600 hrs Jury and Steward workshop

Sunday evening. Bureau review (dinner)

Section 7 sub-committee

Chairman: MZ

Accuracy: RV

HG Comps: DP

PG Comps: HT

World Air Games: OB
Safety: Tanzler

Draft agenda

1. Minutes of last meeting: **! Will only be available on Website. NOTE**
 2. Report of CIVL President
 3. Report of FAI Sec General
 4. Written reports from subcommittee chairmen: will be available at meeting
 5. Treasurer's report
 6. Review of past championships: **Will only be available on Website. NOTE**
 7. Bids, 2002 and advanced notices of intent
 8. Budget etc
 9. Competition schedule
 10. Presentation of FAI medal
 11. PR Officer's report
 12. GAP and RACE reports
 13. WHGS report
 14. Diplomas
 15. Elections
 16. Date and venue of next meeting
 17. AOB
- President's closing remarks

15. Training session for Jury and Stewards

This will take place at Sitges, directly after the CIVL Meeting. Feb 27th, 1400-1600hrs.

16. CIVL Pilot Ranking System

SF reported: The database now covers 19 Class 1 HG competitions and 4 Class 2 ones. Also, 25 PG comps. Of 1466 pilots overall, currently 503 HG (Class 1), 26 HG (Cl.2) and 575 PG pilots are ranked. The formula has been modified slightly as experience has grown and the results can now be considered fair. The results now show male/female.

SF reported that in some cases where bad weather had made it impossible for a competition to be scored, the organiser requested refund of the sanction fee. This is not permitted.

A Ranking for HG Closed Circuit Racing (e.g. Speed Gliding) is already established. Bureau voted to introduce a further ranking for events in which PG precision flying is a major element. This will include 'beach racing' and precision landing.

17. RACE scoring program

Development is good. Bureau welcomed Martin Brunn's report.

18. Preparations for CIVL 2000

OB reported that preparations were going smoothly. All Delegates and Alternates will be contacted directly as well as the usual notifications being made via the NACs. **Deadline for Agenda items is December 15!**

19. Hosting CIVL 2001

Advance notification of intention to bid for CIVL 2001 are welcomed, rather than being announced from the floor at the Plenary meeting.

20. FAI Hang Gliding Diplomas

Bureau proposes to authorise the award of two Diplomas annually; one for HG, one for PG. Additionally, Bureau decided to award one FAI Airsports Medal in recognition of special services to the sport. The recipient will be announced at the Plenary meeting.

21. Environmental Code of Conduct

RV reported. She is in touch with the Environmental Commission and will report at Plenary in February 2000.

22 Sundry matters

1. DP questioned the penalty for loss of height in record attempts of more than 100km. In the current version of Sec 7 there is no penalty, so the problem is resolved.
2. NW will send details of bid procedure and Organiser Agreement to Brasil.
3. OB will contact Klaus Tanzler concerning the matter of accident statistics as raised by Fred T Wilson.
4. OB will contact Per Arne Soldal for an update on the barogram verification situation.
5. Women's World HG Championships. We will monitor, but as long as organisers remain interested, we will support.

NW, approved OB 5/12/99