

## **AGENDA ITEM 8.2**

### **REPORT OF THE CONTEST DIRECTOR**

#### **13<sup>th</sup> World Glider Aerobatic Championships 10-19 July 2009**

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#### **General**

The 13<sup>th</sup> World Glider Aerobatic Championship was held from July 10th to 19th at Hosín, the home airfield of the Aeroclub České Budejovice, the City of the South Bohemia Region 150km South from Prague.

After the French Federation canceled their organization of the 13<sup>th</sup> WGAC, the Czech National Aeroclub (AeCR) was asked to undertake this task. AeCR with respect to continuity of World Championships agreed, despite the late date, and entrusted the Aeroclub České Budejovice with organization of the championship. On February 26<sup>th</sup> an organizing team was established and preparation of championship has started.

#### **Contest Site**

The Airfield Hosín (LKHS) has a good facility for organizing such a championship and it is frequently exploited for contests, either domestic or international, by all sorts of aviation activity.

In the main building there was a briefing room large enough for 50 people, offices for contest officials and scorers as well as restaurant and necessary sanitary facilities with sufficient capacity.

LKHS has two parallel runways available: 06/24 – 800m asphalt, 1000m grass.

During the championship all airplanes has been stored in the main hangar.

Meals for participants were provided by a catering company in the large tent and in the restaurant on the airfield as well.

#### **Box**

We paid much attention to proper alignment of the box. Finally we built the box with the



main axis along the RWY 06/24 into the heading of prevailing west wind. Crazy weather of recent times has changed our intention and the wind changing its heading mostly to North and South forced us to use what was originally the cross axis 15/33 as the main one. It created the necessity to move the judges position during a day due to race of the sun.

### **Accommodation**

All contest officials and judges of the championships were accommodated in the hotel „U Budvaru“. Competitors found their accommodation in several pensions and small hotels in a close vicinity of the airfield Hosin. Some competitors used a camping facility at the airfield.

### **Transport**

We had two official cars provided by sponsor. One mini bus for eight people and one pick-up. Both cars were used for transport of judges to their position and for transport to the hotel as well.

### **Personnel**

A sufficient number of voluntary helpers were available all the time. I highly appreciate the team of members of the Aeroklub České Budějovice, led by chairman of the Aeroclub, Mr. Pavel Pigl. They were every time willing to do all what was necessary with a smile and on time!

A professional military meteorologist should have provided daily weather briefings. Unfortunately he was called by his commander for special duty just before the contest has started. Meteo briefing was then provided by Flight Director of the WGAC, Mr. Ludek Kluger. He is an experienced cross-country glider pilot and his weather briefing was accepted by all pilots.

The wind was measured by balloon by Mr. David Kaftan on demand of the Jury. David Kaftan provided this service also by EAC 2008 in Hradec Kralove and he was asked to serve by the WAC organizers at Silverstone this year as well.

### **Statistics**

Organizing Committee obtained 41 preliminary entries. From this number finally arrived to Hosin 34 competitors from 11 countries. Two women took a part on the championships: Andrea Fenzau-Lehmann from Germany and Ekaterina Antonova from Russia.

Five programmes were completed.

There was no protest given during the championship.

At this point I would like to thank all pilots for wonderful and safe flying. Only one pilot was

penalized. Jaroslaw Rudzinsky from Poland was disqualified from Programme 5 for dangerous flying.

## **Public Relations**

We built up the official website [www.wgac2009.com](http://www.wgac2009.com). There were two bulletins published as well as other useful information for competitors and audience. Each day of the championship was commented on this website by Flight Director Ludek Kluger. On this website there was also published every day a short movie with commentary of the events as well as interviews with competitors and participants of the WGAC. These short movies were shot by Miroslav Oros and Michael Johanides from Czech LAA (Amateur Aviation Association) who did the same job at WAG in Torino. At the end of the Championship each participant was provided with DVD from this team.

Despite the reduction of our budget for public relations due to payment for the HMD system, several TV staffs from Czech and one from England and Germany made reports from the contest. There were also several articles published in regional newspapers.

## **Conclusion**

It was a great honour for me to serve again to best pilots of the world as a Contest Director. There was an excellent organizing team built up from members of the Aeroklub Ceske Budějovice, led by Ludek Kluger and Pavel Pigl, that made my task easier. My thanks belongs to each member of this group of people of different ages but following the same heading!

I cordially thank to the International Jury led by Mr. Jerzy Makula and which consisted of Mrs. Madelyne Delcroix and Mr. Manfred Echter. I highly appreciate their approach to me as a Contest Director. Their advice was for me very helpful.

Judging team led by Philippe Kuechler did a very good job. There were no protests against judging and the service on the judging line was "with a smile!"

My special thanks belongs to the scoring team consisted of Martin Goetz from Switzerland and his assistant Milos Vrkoc from Czech. They did their exhaustive job extremely well.

## **Note**

It is good CIVA paid stipends for contest officials and for judges and their assistants. This job is provided mostly on volunteer basis and this amount of money is a kind of appreciation of their activity. I understand the rule that only CIVA selected judges and assistants may obtain the stipends. But what about an assistant of the Chief Judge? Usually it use to be somebody from the organizing country. He is not elected by CIVA and despite his/her job being at least as important, may be more, for the proper running of the contest as the job of judges assistant,



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he/she does not receive the stipends. It does not look good on judging line if someone from the team, doing the same job, is avoided.

CIVA should also think about paying stipends to the scoring team as well. There is no doubt it is most exhaustive job of the contests.

At the very end allow me to thank to all pilots and people participating by WGAC for wonderful friendly atmosphere that we experienced at Hosin and to the Czech National Aeroclub for nominating me as a Contest Director for this Aviation Fest!