

CIVL PLENARY 2011 – LAUSANNE
Minutes for the combined
Safety, Hang gliding & Paragliding Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday 24th February, 2011
Co-chairmen: John Aldridge, Oyvind Ellefsen & Rob Aarts

1. Intro, Safety SC proposal/discussion

JA: Unfortunately, the SC chair elected last year has not been active and has effectively resigned. Bureau has proposed a change to the Internal Regulations to split Safety & Training functions, with a Safety SC which includes representatives from each discipline SC, and a Training Officer. Safety SC structure, as outlined in Annex 20. No dissent.

2. Major common safety issues

Action: Each discipline SC chair should select Safety representatives to look at all the information available on Safety issues (see Agenda, OCTWG report and elsewhere) and determine what is most relevant to them.

JA: HG SC has been moving forward on gathering information on Safety issues (lectures, videos etc) See CIVL website.

Discussion:

Covered issues such as: acquiring and analysing incident reports. Forms have been received from Cat 1s in 2010 and have been distributed to the relevant SC chairs. No analysis has been done. Many databases available and existing/past data can be useful to analyse to determine primary causes of incidents.

Action: SW WG to specify and implement a database by 1 June 2011 using volunteers already in place. If this is not possible, then budget will be used to outsource the project.

CB: Suggested asking for a single report from a competition Safety Director, listing the incidents, contributing factors, information, and notes from pilots. It was agreed that this should be mandated for Cat 1s, and is in addition to the collecting of the Incident Report Forms.

Action: Safety SC to identify how this should be done. And to determine what analyses should be made and how to disseminate the results. NB liaise with other organisations, such as DHV, and other commissions, such as IPC, on how they analyse safety.

3. Safety rule issues

i) *Mandatory Pilot Safety Briefing at Cat 1s:*

Action: Each discipline SC should consider the listings in S7 to see if it can be improved in content and format.

Action: PG & HG SCs should look at wording in S7 Ch17.1 to clarify that there can be some flexibility in the delivery of the MSB.

It was further noted that Stewards & organisers should give some consideration on presentation format & environment for the MSB to ensure content is memorable.

Further actions:

Steward & Jury handbook to be updated to reflect above actions.

ii) Flight reports:

Action: New wording to be prepared by S7 SC for appropriate rules in S7a and S7b such that landing verification forms are completed also for tasks that are stopped after pilots have flown a portion of the course.

iii) Safety/Incident Report Form:

Action: New wording to be prepared by S7 SC for all S7 sections to clarify availability of incident report form and that it is the responsibility of the organiser to ensure these are completed by pilots (or team leaders) after any incident at all Cat 1 events and submitted to the Steward or to CIVL.

iv) Turn direction:

Discussion: There may be cases where, for safety reasons, the turn direction is not alternated daily. It should be written on the taskboard. No need to change the rules.

v) Penalties:

Action: HG SC to consider adding a rule specifying that penalties can/should be applied to pilots conflicting with the stated turn direction. Rule already in place in S7b.

vi) *Cloud flying:* It happens, there are witnesses, but no witness statements are made and no penalties issued.

Discussion: None. Thorny problem, no new ideas.

vii) *Accidents:* Should the S7 rules specify that a pilot who has been involved in an accident with potentially serious implications (ie concussion, fractured vertebra etc), should not be allowed to continue in the competition without medical clearance. Also relevant equipment should be re-checked by Safety Director.

Discussion: Split views. Some consider that a rule is necessary to give stronger message/motivation to SD/MD of powers to stop a pilot flying after a serious accident without medical clearance. Some consider that enough rules are already in place, and that more should be done to educate SD, MD and Steward on the importance of ensuring pilots are fit to fly. RC reminded members that competition pilots often have a mindset of 'invincibility, laughing off potential incidents and putting it down to 'luck' rather than a 'mistake'.

4. Other common rule issues

i) Airspace infringements:

Action: Referred to S7 SC to determine suitably improved wording in S7a and S7b to cover 2.29.2.2, and to avoid implication of double penalties for horizontal & vertical infringements, and for application of penalties on last day of a competition.

ii) Glider conformity:

Action: S7 SC to clarify in S7a that it is the responsibility of the NAC to ensure that the glider the pilot intends to fly in the event conforms to the criteria for that class of hang glider.

iii) NAC Responsibilities:

Discussion: Members did not realise that the proposed checklist for NAC responsibilities was not introducing any new responsibility for NACs but

consolidating existing rules. It was noted that small NACs probably do not have the knowledge or resources to check glider documentation or classes and may not respond in a timely manner. Issue dropped

iv) Task Advisory & Safety Committees:

Action: Clarify rules in S7a, b, c that task and safety committee members can be changed. Wording such as: MD has the right to change a member of the committee during the competition should he deem it necessary. In agreement with other members present.

It was also suggested that more guidance could be provided to MD and SD on how the committees should be selected to ensure best mix of knowledge & experience, and that this should be considered well before the first team leader briefing.

Attendance List	Combined	HG & PG Meeting	
Barker	Hamish	Australia	HBA
Askirk	Niels J.	Denmark	NA
Rohlf	Rasmus	Denmark	RR
Torkelsen	Scott	Denmark	ST
Aarts	Robert	Finland	RA
Caux	Raymond	France	RC
Harris	Brian	France	BH
Joselyn	Louise	France	LJ
Malbos	Stéphane	France	SM
Mathurin	Didier	France	DM
Buntz	Harry	Germany	HBU
Gudmundsson	Agust	Iceland	AG
Oka	Yoshiki	Japan	OY
Dimiskovski	Goran	FYR of Macedonia	GD
De Keijzer	Koos	Netherlands	KDK
Ellefsen	Oyvind	Norway	EO
Jaxa-rozn	Jedrzej	Poland	JJ
Kociecka	Karolina	Poland	KK
Grigorescu	Leonard	Romania	LG
Erzen	Igor	Slovenia	IE
Ham	Steve	Spain	SH
Scheel	Martin	Switzerland	MS
Cici	Hakan	Turkey	HC
Aldridge	John	UK	JA
Burns	Chris	UK	CB
Coad	Peter	UK	PC
Pagen	Dennis	USA	DP
Sheldon	Jamie	USA	JS