

## **AGENDA ITEM 10.2**

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

#### **14<sup>th</sup> World Glider Aerobatic Championships & 2<sup>nd</sup> World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships**

**Toruń, Poland**  
**July 26 - August 7, 2011**



#### **Pavol Kavka**

Poland was always the country where flying was national sport. From that country came out the idea to organise world championships in glider aerobatic. This country had to wait twelve years for comeback of the highest title – world champion.

That was the decision of CIVA Delegates to organise 14th FAI World Glider Aerobatic Championships and the 2nd FAI World Advanced Glider Aerobatic Championships by the Aero Club Pomorski, the member of the AeroClub of Poland. Together three bulletins were issued contained all useful data informed every participant on WAGAC. Always the same problems for organiser: how many participants, gliders and so on.

**Arrivals** were planned for July 25th and almost all of participant arrived, we had no problem with any delay. The access to the airfield was simple and there were sufficient places for parking.

Torun has a large **airfield** with concrete and grass runways and is well known place in aviation as Organiser of FAI Championship in Precision Flying. The site is well equipped with a good infrastructure, capability and capacity. Manpower is at the excellent level. Area for public was large and suitable for spectaculars. Both of hangars had enough capacity for gliders.

**Registration** of participants was prepared very carefully with all necessary facilities and staff. Later on that room for registration had served as an Info Point, the centre of all information.

**Accommodation** for the Contest Officials and Pilots was arranged in centre of Torun. Judges were satisfied.

**Opening Ceremony** was prepared at the airfield. Variant one was outside in front of the hangar. The second variant was inside of the hangar in case the weather conditions are bad. Unfortunately the weather conditions were bad and there no possibility to stay outside due to

rain and drizzling. But hangar was full of gliders and pilots were not compliant to empty the hangar for 50 minutes for ceremony. They refused to do that with words that we could go to the tent for ceremony instead of reassembling of gliders. That tent was designated for Briefings so the decision was to go to the tent. The opening ceremony was shorter in chamber atmosphere but with all necessities, speeches official opening and anthem. All officials of local government were presented. Many of participants appreciated the short distance between pilots and officials, about four metres. A part of participants appreciated it and another said that it was less sumptuous. After that there was common dinner. After a participant came to the airport director's office and asked, "That was the opening ceremony? Shame on you!" I had a mixture of feelings. Anyway everyone can not be satisfied.

Official **web page** was renewed every day with new information and articles to describe the situation during the Event. For the WAGAC 2011 there were two photographers gathering photos and videos.

**Meals** were served in the Restaurant at the airfield. Judges had reserved room and later the tent.

**Opening Briefing** started exactly on time but the weather was awful and contest could not start. All necessary procedures were described and accepted by all pilots.

Traffic frequency was used for outside traffic. Chief Judge and competing pilot had another one as **Safety frequency**.

**Ground communication** was based on using of walky-talky radios. It did not worked good because of interference of crane workers.

**Official hours** of the Contest Office were every day from 7:30 until 20:00 or 20 minutes after landing of the last competition glider in that day depending what was later.

**Weather** during the Championship was bad weather with low clouds, changes of the wind direction and often rain. Due to numerous and regular excursions and trips to the near surroundings began the using of expression Trip Championship.

Finally pilots completed all four programmes with mandatory cutting of the number at the end. Wind direction and speed measurement was excellently provided military meteorologist. He was a professional and measured the wind very often.

**Performance zone** marking was good.

Together there were presented 23 contest unlimited **pilots** and 37 advanced, one of them independent.



## **Winners**

Unlimited category:

POL Jerzy Makula

RUS Georgy Kaminskiy

FRA Erik Piriou

## **Winners**

Advanced category:

FRA Benoit Merieau

ITA Luca Bertossio

FRA Aurelien Durgineux

The **Scoring Centre** was leading by Paweł Szczepanowski , he did perfect job.

## **International Jury:**

President of International Jury Madelyne Delcroix

International Jury Member Karl Berger

International Jury Member Manfred Echter

That was an excellent cooperation.

## **Board of Judges**

Philippe Kuchler, Chief Judge

Judges

Stanislav Bajzík

Bernard Courtois

Alain Dugas

Stephan Hau

David Kaftan

Jan Maxen

Peter Lambert

Jan Gawiecki

Under leadership of Chief Judge the Board of Judges worked hard and tireless.

The Chairman of **Technical Commission** was Stanislaw Kogut

**Organizers** together with helpers, about 25 people did their best.

**Awarding and Closing Ceremony** was in the town in the Old City and farewell party in the old fortress.



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To serve as a Contest Director was a pleasure for me and I am proud of the contest and the results that we produced. Thank all unnamed who helped me to bring that Event to a successful close. Thanks to CIVA Delegates for trust.

Pavol Kavka