

Paramotor Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

19/11/2021

1. Introductions

Present – voting members:

Wojtek Domanski (POL) - Chair

Barney Townsend (GBR)

Wolfgang Lintl (GER)

Luis Matos (POR)

Martin Carpio (ESP)

Riccardo Maciel (BRA)

Daniel Spring (SUI)

Jana Bobkova (CZE)

Noel Mazaudier (FRA)

Aref Al-Shammari (KSA)

Igor Puchach (UKR)

Normunds Paulis (LAT)

Endre Molnar (ROU)

Leah Catullo (USA)

Ryoya Igarashi (JAP)

GER proxy for (AUT)

(16 votes maximum)

Present - Observers :

Agust Godmondson (FAI exec and ISL)

Omar Al-Khayat (QAT)

Petr Jonas (CZA)

Rob Hughes (GBR)

Krzysztof Romicki (POL)

Han Zhaofang (PRC)

Marcio Bilu (BRA)

2. Matters arising.

None

3. Competitions

a) WPC2021 Brazil

Presentation from Ricardo Maciel. New location and dates but for an excellent new site much closer to the port of entry in Rio de Janeiro. Propose a survey to gain level of interest in late Jan / early Feb.

Will we be able to travel in time by June? We cannot say but bureau will work with organisers to set a cut-off date. If it were to be postponed to Autumn, the weather would be unstable – very windy in August / September.

Spain are looking forward to it. But had issues with the postponement from last year.

b) WPSC2021 Czech Republic

Open championship took place in CZE this year with 15 tasks on the same site, several international pilots also attended. Water rescue service was tested. Weather is very stable in September so was perfect in morning and afternoon. Cannot be earlier in the summer because it is a busy summer vacation area so all the campsites are full and noise would be a problem.

c) Asian Beach Games 2021

Update from Han Zhaofang. Games were all prepared and are postponed to 2021. Technically the federation is strong. But still awaiting news as COVID19 develops. Any news updates will be on website. Wolfgang updates that the RMH as liaison is very much involved with the organisers.

d) Possible 7th EPC 2022

There is no formal bid for these from the countries that previously expressed an interest.

e) 5th WPSC Spain 2022

Martin Carpio updates on proposal. 9th -18th June. South of Spain in Bornos lake. 2 Boats this time instead of one in the safety team. Open to PF1 and PL1 pilots male and female. 3-4 pilots plus 1 reserve. Deadline would be around the 10th April. Pilots who attended last event said it went really well.

f) Endurance Championship 2022

GBR have run another successful endurance type event for their national championships in 2020. They have a strong organisation team in place and are keen to run a championship but do not have a site confirmed so are not able to make a formal bid this year.

g) 12 WPC 2023

KSA are not able to confirm a bit.

h) 6WPC 2023

France are considering bidding for this one.

4. S.10 Proposals

- a) Proposal 1: Continental records. As per the Microlight subcommittee, a vote was made to postpone this decision and task the CIMA bureau to investigate further.

<i>Vote</i>	For	Against	Abstain	Approved ?
Postpone this decision and task the CIMA bureau to investigate further	10	0	1	YES

- b) Proposal 2: Normalisation of time in championship records

<i>Vote</i>	For	Against	Abstain	Approved ?
Normalisation of time in championship records	11	0	1	YES

- c) Proposal 3: Requirement for water rescue services in all categories of FAI slalom championships

<i>Vote</i>	For	Against	Abstain	Approved ?
Requirement for water rescue services in all categories of FAI slalom championships	12	0	0	YES

- d) Proposal 4: Change distance of pylon grid from 80m to 100m.

Noted: Longer distance will encourage pilots to choose faster gliders so might have safety implications. But it advantages heavier weight pilots.

<i>Vote</i>	For	Against	Abstain	Approved ?
Change distance from 80m to 100m	6	5	1	YES

5. WLC 2020/21

77 Pilots and 15 countries. 3 valid competitions. But because two more proposed competitions were postponed to 2021, the competition will not have enough valid events in 2020; Wojtek proposes to extend this year's season into 2021. Luis proposes that it might be better for the sport to award it anyway to show people that events are still happening.

Vote	For	Against	Abstain	Approved ?
Combine WLC2020 into 2021	10	3	0	YES

6. Ann Welch Diploma

Two eligible records this year in Paramotors

Romicki / Strzyżakowski RPL2T. Distance over a closed circuit without landing. 280.41km (new record)

Carpio RPL1T. Distance over a closed circuit without landing. 249.9km (beating previous record of 222.4km)

Vote	For
Krzysztof Romicki & Wojciech Strzyżakowski (POL)	8
Martin Carpio (ESP)	4

7. There is a copy and paste error on the TC proposed for Bornos about national teams scoring. There should be an editorial update to A7 to match gen section on team scoring.

8. Discussion of flying during COVID.

POL: Problems to get to airfield as it does not count as travel to shops and work

BRA: Covid lockdown and people not working led to more people learning paramotoring.

FRA: Was not allowed to fly paramotors for leisure, only professionals.

UK: was banned for a while; also stigmatised in social groups that people should not risk accidents that would take up time of medical personnel.

PRC: Lots of national events cancelled by the federation but is opening up again now that COVID is mostly gone.

ROU: flew all summer but less in spring.

CZE: Was banned in spring but allowed now.

JAP: All events were stopped but local flying was fine.

POR: was never forbidden. Federated athletes have the same rights as any worker.

QAT: Good situation and allowed to fly. Just opened a huge paramotor centre.

SUI: People asked not to do anything dangerous so not to risk medical services.

ICE: No restrictions on flying.

GER: During first period some airfields were closed and there was no private flying possible. Currently not allowed to meet another couple but you can fly and train with masks.