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CIAM Subcommittee F3 Radio Control Pylon Racing Report 2023

The composition of the F3 pylon sub committee remains largely the same as that which I inherited on taking on the role of SC Chairman in 2021, like many other sub committee's there are a few active active and useful members and a lot on non participating members.

I have bought in one much younger and active sub committee member and he has proved to be very good and is a real 'breath of fresh air'.

2023 saw the F3 pylon group get back onto a proper World Championship cycle of being on odd numbered years, the 2023 event was held in Drachten Holland and was successful despite mother natures best efforts to spoil the event with high winds and rain. The jury performed an exemplary job at this event and had to deal with a complicated issue with the race timing system. No protest were made at this World Championship which is the normal for RC pylon racing. Entry levels for the World Championship were acceptable but we must try to get back to the levels seen of approx one decade ago.

F3 pylon group was very late in organising World Cup events with the first event taking place in 2021 (our first official World Championship was in 1985). Five F3 pylon World Cup events were held in 2023, we are trying to get World Cup events in North America and Australasia , maybe we can make progress on this in 2024 and 2025? We did have a great success with a World Cup event held in Qatar in late November, this event had large cash prizes but taking that away the event was extremely well run and will likely lead to a Cat 1 bid soon.

The F3 pylon rule book remains very stable, there are just minor tweaks being required. These rule changes were submitted at the required date and will be presented to Plenary in due course.

All technical meetings of the F3 Pylon sub committee are held using the CIAM Zoom account and this is the preferred way of organising such meetings, in fact at F3 pylon level the sub committee 'face to face' meetings in Lausanne should now be considered redundant.

With our new younger sub committee member we have done major revisions to the F3 Pylon website and now also have every single competition flight every made by every competitor in every World Championship tabulated into a results table, this a great piece of work.

Barrie Lever F3 Pylon sub committee Chairman